



Western

DAN Department of Management
& Organizational Studies

**Faculty of
Social Science**

Fall 2025 Course Syllabus

MOS 3316A Section – 001&002 Investment Management (In-Person)

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1. Course Information:

1.1 Class Location and Time:

Section 001: See Brightspace Site for details

Section 002: See Brightspace Site for details

1.2 Course Description:

This course examines the major theories of investment finance and the pricing of bonds, stocks and options. Portfolio construction using both passive and active management strategies is also discussed.

Antirequisite(s): Economics 2121A/B, Economics 3346A/B

Prerequisite(s): MOS 2310A/B or MOS 3310A/B and enrollment in BMOS.

Senate Regulations state, “unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”

1.3 Accessibility:

DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies strives at all times to provide accessibility to all faculty, staff, students and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities.

Contact Academic Support & Engagement at <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/> for information about Western's Accessible Education.

More information about “Accessibility at Western” is available at: <http://accessibility.uwo.ca>

1.4 Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (Ah-nish-in-a-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) and Chonnonton (Chun-onk-ton) Nations, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous

Peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching, research and community service.

2. Course Materials

Required textbook: Zvi Bodie, Alex Kane, Alan J. Marcus, Lorne Switzer, Dana Boyko, Christine Panasian, Maureen Stapleton, **Investments**, 11th Canadian Edition, McGrawHill, ISBN: 9781265657338

Textbook cost information can be found at https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=W2025A&courses%5B0%5D=001_UW/MOS3316A

Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.

- This course **requires** an online stock trading simulation account from STOCKTRCK.COM that costs [up to \$34 USD per team]

- StockTrack account registration link:
<https://app.stocktrak.com:443/members/register?sessionid=342375>

Students are responsible for checking the course OWL site <https://westernu.brightspace.com/d2l/login> regularly for news and updates. This is the primary method by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class.

If students need assistance with the course OWL site, they can seek support on the [OWL Brightspace Help](#) page. Alternatively, they can contact the Western Technology Services Helpdesk. They can be contacted by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

3. Course Objectives and Format

The DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies as a whole draws upon an evidence-based management approach. Evidence-based management is the systematic process of gathering evidence from multiple sources, critically appraising the evidence, and using that evidence in making and evaluating management decisions to improve organizational performance.

3.1 Course objectives

The course surveys major investment problems and the purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the concepts, theories, tools, and terminology associated with the investment environment.

3.2 Course format

This course will include weekly lectures. Lectures are intended to be interactive and students are responsible for material covered in the lectures as well as the assigned readings. In addition, it is important that students regularly monitor email and OWL communication to stay up to date.

Key Dates:

Classes begin: September 4, 2025

Truth and Reconciliation Day: September 30, 2025

Thanksgiving: October 11-13, 2025

Fall Reading Week: November 3-9, 2025

Classes end: December 9, 2025

Exam period: December 11 – 22, 2025

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of MOS 3316 Investment Management, students will

- Familiar with key investment terminologies and concepts used in financial markets and portfolio management.
- Explain the key principles and theories related to investment management and portfolio construction.
- Identify various types of financial instruments, including equities, fixed income, derivatives, and alternative investments.
- Be able to analyze the risk-return characteristics of different asset classes.
- Evaluate the performance of investment portfolio using industry-standard quantitative metrics.

5. Evaluation

Assignments	15%	[Throughout the term; to be announced in class]
Bloomberg Market Certification	5%	[See Brightspace Site for details]
Stock Market Simulation Project		
/Take home Final	20%	[See Brightspace Site for detail]
Term Test 1	30%	[Saturday, October 4th, 2025 @ 1:00 pm]
Term Test 2	30%	[Saturday, November 15th, 2025 @ 1:00 pm]
Total	100%	

All term tests are closed books, in short answers, and numerical/calculated questions format. Dictionaries are NOT allowed in tests/exams.

Students are **REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS** of this course. There are no exceptions to this. Extra assignments to improve grades **will NOT** be allowed.

CALCULATORS:

Only non-programmable calculators will be allowed into the tests/exams. If you are unsure, please ask your Instructor.

Electronic devices of any other kind (including cell phones, smart watches and programmable calculators) are NOT permitted at tests/exams.

Students are responsible for material covered in the lectures as well as the assigned chapters/sections in the text. Tests/Exams will not be returned to students but may be reviewed by contacting your instructor.

If a student wishes to dispute a grade and/or request that an assignment/test/exam be remarked, they must wait for at least two days after receiving the grade before requesting that the grade be changed and/or the assignment/test/exam be remarked. Students must also provide a written document that outlines: a) the part of the assignment/test/exam the student wishes to have remarked; and b) a detailed discussion why the grade should be changed and/or the assignment/test/exam be remarked. This discussion should include course material that supports the student's reason why the grade should be changed and/or the assignment/test/exam be remarked. Requests to have grades changed and/or an assignment/test/exam remarked must be made within two weeks of receiving the grade. The instructor reserves the right to regrade the entire assignment/test/exam in addition to the question(s) in dispute. The instructor also reserves the right to adjust the grade upward or downward as a result of regrading.

5.1 General information about missed coursework

Students must familiarize themselves with the *University Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs* posted on the Academic Calendar:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration_Sep24.pdf.

This policy does not apply to requests for Academic Consideration submitted for **attempted or completed work**, whether online or in person.

The policy also does not apply to students experiencing longer-term impacts on their academic responsibilities. These students should consult [Accessible Education](#).

For procedures on how to submit Academic Consideration requests, please see the information posted on the Office of the Registrar's webpage:

https://registrar.uwo.ca/academics/academic_considerations/

All requests for Academic Consideration must be made within 48 hours after the assessment date or submission deadline.

All Academic Consideration requests must include supporting documentation; however, recognizing that formal documentation may not be available in some extenuating circumstances, the policy allows students to make one Academic Consideration request **without supporting documentation** in this course. However, the following assessments are excluded from this, and therefore always require formal supporting documentation:

- **Stock Market Simulation Project/Take home Final** (Designated by the instructor as the one assessment that always requires documentation when requesting Academic Consideration)

When a student mistakenly submits their one allowed Academic Consideration request **without supporting documentation** for the assessments listed above or those in the **Coursework with Assessment Flexibility** section below, the request cannot be recalled and reapplied. This privilege is forfeited.

5.2 Evaluation Scheme for Missed Assessments

If a student misses regularly scheduled Term Test 1, the weight of midterm will be redistributed to the Term Test 2. There is **NO** make-up Term Test 1.

When a student misses the Term Test 2 and their Academic Consideration has been granted, they will be allowed to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Exam). See the Academic Calendar for details (under Special Examinations), especially for those who miss multiple final exams within one examination period.

The date and time of the make-up examination will be determined by the department and the University Special Examination dates as outlined in the Academic Handbook:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/definitions.pdf.

The make-up test/exam for the missed term exam will be held **after the first Thursday in January following the beginning of classes**

The date and time of the make-up examination will be set by the instructor, who will communicate the date to the student.

If a student is unable to meet the scheduled make-up, then the student is responsible for obtaining new accommodation from Academic Counselling, and will take the make-up final exam/term test until the next time the class is offered [noting this may need to be with a different instructor].

Essential Learning Requirements

Even when Academic Considerations are granted for missed coursework, the following are deemed essential to earn a passing grade.

- **Students must earn a passing grade (i.e. 50% or greater) on Term Test 2** in order to receive a passing grade in the course. Failure to do so will result in a course grade of 48%. There are no exceptions to this.

Coursework with Assessment Flexibility

By policy, instructors may deny Academic Consideration requests for the following assessments with built-in flexibility:

Deadline with a No-Late-Penalty Period

Assignments. Students are expected to submit each of the assignments by the deadline listed in each assignment instruction (on Brightspace). Should extenuating circumstances arise, students do not need to request Academic Consideration and they are permitted to submit their assignment up to one week (7 days including Saturday and Sunday) past the deadline without a late penalty. Should students submit their assessment beyond the one week past the deadline, the assignment will get zero. Academic Consideration requests may be granted only for extenuating circumstances that started before the deadline and lasted longer than the No-Late-Penalty Period (one week).

Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important to monitor your performance in the course. Remember: *You are responsible for your grades in this course.*

The DAN Department has a grade policy which states that for courses in the 3000 range, the class average must fall between 70% and 77% for all sections of a course taught by the same instructor. In very exceptional circumstances only, class averages outside this range may be approved by the Undergraduate Chair or Chair. Class averages are not grounds for appeal.

6. Lecture and Examination Schedule

See Schedule on Brightspace

7. Student Responsibilities

Students should familiarize themselves with Western University Senate Regulations, please see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html.

Material covered in lectures will not always be the same as material covered in the textbook. These two sources should be viewed as complimentary and not redundant. As such, students who want to do well in this course are **strongly encouraged** to attend lectures on a regular basis. Please note that the instructor will not be providing copies of lectures notes or overheads. Therefore, if you miss a lecture, you should try to obtain this material from another student.

7.1 Respect

Please act respectfully towards the classroom, the instructor and your fellow students. Acting respectfully means arriving on time, turning off phones, avoiding private discussions during lectures, refraining from viewing non-course material on your laptops, and cleaning up after yourself. Acting respectfully provides a better learning experience for everyone.

Private in-class discussions are distracting to students and the instructor. If other students are distracting your attention from the material, you should ask them to be quiet. If you feel uncomfortable doing this (or the problem persists), please see your instructor.

Late arrivals are also distracting. Please try to arrive on time for classes.

Student Code of Conduct <https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>

7.2 No Recording of Classes

Students are not permitted to record any portion of a class, audio or video, without the prior written permission of the instructor.

7.3 Copyright Notice

Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. You may take notes and make copies of course materials for your own educational use. You may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or

distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without the written consent of your instructor.

8. Exam Policies

- Bring student identification to tests and exams.
- Nothing is to be on/at one's desk during a test/exam except a pencil, an eraser, and the individual's student card
- Do not wear baseball caps to tests/exams
- Do not bring or wear smart watches, music players, cell phones, beepers, or other electronic devices to exams

9. E-mail Policies

The following policies apply to all emails between students and the instructor. Please respect the fact that your instructor receives hundreds of emails from students and must deal with those emails in a fair and organized manner. Unacceptable emails will receive a reply saying only "Please see Email Policies on the course outline".

9.1 UWO.CA Email Addresses Only

For privacy reasons, students must use their Western email accounts to contact their instructor. The instructor will not respond to emails from non-uwo.ca addresses (e.g. hotmail.com, gmail.com, etc.).

9.2 Subject Line Must Include Course and Section Number

The subject line of emails must contain the name or number of the course, and the section number in which the student is enrolled. The instructor teaches different courses and sections and cannot properly respond to questions if they do not know which course or section you are enrolled in.

9.3 Acceptable Emails

- questions about the course content or materials
- asking to set up an appointment to ask questions or review an exam
- notification of illness or other special circumstances
- providing constructive comments or feedback about the course

9.4 Unacceptable Emails

- questions that may be answered on OWL or on this course outline
- asking when grades will be posted
- asking what grade a student received
- asking where or when an exam is scheduled or the material covered on an exam
- requests for grade increases, extra assignments, or reweighting of course components

10. Attendance

IN-PERSON: It is expected that students will attend all classes. The instructor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

10.1 Short Absences.

If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lectures notes from a classmate.

10.2 Extended Absences.

If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. The Academic

Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed about your difficulties.

11. Grade Fairness

Fairness requires that all students be treated equally and be evaluated using the criteria set out in this course outline. The evaluation criteria are based on actual achievement and not on how hard a student has tried.

Claims by students of an excellent academic history, good attendance record, need to obtain or maintain a scholarship, desire to be admitted to lvey or graduate school, or other personal issues, cannot be used to justify a higher grade in the course or a reweighting of course components. There is no extra work or assignments available for extra credit or to “make up” for a course component that was missed or performed poorly.

You, the student, are responsible for the grades earned.

12. Posting of Grades

Midterm exam grades will be posted on OWL once the grades are available. Final exam grades and final course grades are not posted on OWL and are available once they have been posted by the Registrar under “Academic Summary” at the Student Centre website.

13. University Policy Regarding Illness, Absence and Accommodation

13.1 Illness

Students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty Academic Counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

For privacy reasons, students should also note that individual instructors should not receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.

For details on the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness, go to:

https://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration_Sep24.pdf

Students can download the Student Medical Certificate (SMC) here:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medical_certificate.pdf

13.2 Religious Accommodation

When conflicts with a religious holiday that requires an absence from the University or prohibits certain activities, students should request accommodation for their absence in writing to the Academic Advising office of their Faculty of Registration. This notice should be made as early as possible but not later than two weeks prior to the writing of the examination (or one week prior to the writing of the test).

Please visit the Diversity Calendars posted on our university's EDID website for the recognized religious holidays: <https://www.edi.uwo.ca>.

14. University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_offences.pdf

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offenses. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offenses in the Academic Calendar.

Note that such offenses include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

Within this course, students are permitted to use AI tools exclusively for information gathering and preliminary research purposes. These tools are intended to enhance the learning experience by providing access to diverse information sources. However, it is essential that students critically evaluate the obtained information, exercise independent thinking, and engage in original research to synthesize and develop their own ideas, arguments and perspectives. The use of AI tools can serve as a starting point for exploring a topic, with students expected to uphold academic integrity by appropriately attributing all sources of information and avoiding plagiarism. Essays, written assignments and/or lab reports should reflect the student's own thoughts and independent written work. Students should also generate their own figures (e.g., graphs, diagrams) rather than using AI generated ones. By adhering to these guidelines, students contribute to a responsible and effective learning environment that promotes critical thinking, independent inquiry and all them to produce original written contributions with integrity. The same principles also apply to the use of translation software to support the writing the essays and other written assessments. When used, any such AI or translation tool should be used ethically and responsibly, and students must cite or credit the tools used in line with the expectation to use AI as a tool to learn, not only to produce content.

A copy of guidelines about how to avoid cheating can be obtained from the Office of the Ombudsperson, Room 3135 WSSB, (519) 661-3573, ombuds@uwo.ca.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be Course Outlines subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses. Looking at the test of another student, allowing another student to view your exam, or obtaining information about a test in advance are all examples of cheating. A number of safeguards will be employed to discourage cheating. For example, examination supervisors (proctors) of the tests may ask students to move to another seat during the exam, cover their paper, avert their eyes from other students' papers, remove baseball caps, etc. This is not meant as a personal affront nor as an accusation of cheating, rather as vigilant attempts at proctoring.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offense may include a zero grade on the assessment, refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

15. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations

1. In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation).

2. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Undergraduate Chair of the Department of Management and Organizational Studies via the DAN Help Portal. <https://help.sci.uwo.ca/servicedesk/customer/portal/10>
3. If the response of the Undergraduate Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then appeal to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate of the Faculty in which the course of program was taken.
4. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the [Office of the Ombudsperson](#).

16. Support Services

16.1 Support Services

The Registrar's office provides you with information on services, courses, student finances, resources, latest news, as well as Student Central's hours of operation at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services (***including the services provided by the USC listed here***) can be reached at: <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Academic Support & Engagement can be reached at: <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca>

Western is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence (GBSV) and providing compassionate support to anyone who is going through or has gone through these traumatic events. If you are experiencing or have experienced GBSV (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at the following website: https://www.uwo.ca/health/student_support/survivor_support/get-help.html
To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness: <https://www.uwo.ca/health/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

16.2 Academic Concerns.

If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your [academic counsellor](#).