

School of Marketing and International Business

IBUS 309 NEGOTIATING ACROSS BORDERS

Trimester 2, 2015

COURSE OUTLINE

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Trimester Dates

Teaching Period: Monday 13th July – Friday 16th October

Withdrawal from Course

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 24th July 2015.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 25th September 2015. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an 'Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late' form including supporting documentation. The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks or [online](#).

Class Times and Room Numbers

Tuesday 12.40pm – 3.30pm Government Buildings, GB LT3

The first seven weeks of the semester will involve 3 hours of face-to-face time. Tutorial timing and allocation will be explained in week 1.

Course Delivery

The aim of this course is to allow you to develop professional skills of negotiation. The emphasis in this course is *experiential* learning which means you will do an exercise in the class and then we discuss the exercise and make the links to theoretical frameworks. This experiential process gives

you a chance to reflect on and learn from what you have done. To engage in this type of learning, you have to be **in** the class. Even with the best intentions, you cannot do the exercises on your own and you cannot reflect on or discuss an experience you haven't had. This approach to learning cannot succeed without your **active participation**. Success in this course requires you to make a commitment to attend classes (all of them!), to read and think carefully, to prepare adequately and to stretch yourself.

Negotiation simulations are a significant learning tool in the course and students will be given confidential role notes to prepare for negotiations. The aim of a simulation is both to maximise your gain from the negotiation and to learn as much as you can from doing the exercise. Because any self-respecting negotiator will use all available information, it is contingent on you to maintain confidentiality of role notes you are given. If role notes are left lying around or open on top of your notebooks, then you can expect that your enterprising classmates may well read them. Your opportunity to participate in a negotiation simulation will be forfeited if role notes are left lying around. Also, you will forfeit your entitlement to participate if you are not in class to collect role notes when they are handed out.

Your participation in the simulations (after thorough preparation!) will directly influence both your own grade and the learning experience of your classmates. If you don't prepare adequately for a negotiation, not only do you miss out on the learning contained within the simulation (and so are unable to write in your reflective journal), the classmate who has been allocated to be your counterpart will also miss out on the experiential component of the course and will have more of a challenge writing their reflective journal.

Your professional reputation and integrity as a negotiator will be formed during the course. Just like the workplace, it will be how you behave, communicate and your appearance that will influence your classmates and me as we form an opinion about whether you are worthy of our respect as a negotiator. It wouldn't be appropriate to suggest guidelines about your appearance – though don't underestimate the power of looking and smelling nice in a negotiation. However, it is appropriate to ask that you show me and your classmates respect by always turning off your mobile phone during class, tutorials and in my office. As one of my esteemed colleagues at Otago University (Associate Professor Ian McAndrew) has noted: “research at a leading university confirms that texting during class is practiced only by the desperately dateless. And that is not a look or reputation you want or have, or that you want me to point out to others. Almost nothing you need to know happens outside of the classroom during the 3 hours we spend together.”

Expected Workload

In addition to classroom hours (lectures and tutorials) you should expect to spend about 10 hours per week on independent or group exercises/preparation for the course.

Attendance at classes (including tutorials):	2-3 hours per week
Reading and reviewing:	4-5 hours per week
Meeting with colleagues outside of class:	2-3 hours per week
Individual assignment:	2-3 hours per week

Prescription

Negotiation theory and cultural value theories provide the theoretical framework in this course. Experiential learning of negotiation practices and cross-cultural adaptation are used to develop skills for international business negotiations.

Course Learning Objectives

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1.	Analyse negotiations by applying an understanding of the negotiation process and negotiation theory
2.	Apply the main theories of culture to analyse how culture influences the negotiation process and perceptions of issues
3.	Practice more effective negotiation by creating negotiation plans; selecting the appropriate strategy; analysing the needs/ interests of the negotiating parties, maximising leverage through use of appropriate tactics; and analysing the macro and micro negotiation environment
4.	Demonstrate and explain how negotiation reputation is established

Course Content

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Details of the topics covered appear in the table below:

Course Schedule		
<i>Week (lecture date)</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Session Topic</i>
1 (14 Jul)	3 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to negotiation. <i>The final 20 minutes will be dedicated to students writing their reflective journal..</i>
2 (21 Jul)	3 hours	<i>Prisoner's dilemma simulation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of negotiation – how to tell the difference <i>Exercise - Your negotiating style (questionnaire)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for Distributive negotiations: BATNAs, range setting Role notes for next week's simulation will be distributed.
3 (28 Jul)	3 hours	<i>Negotiation simulation</i> Students to submit their planning notes as part of their log book (on-going assessment) <i>Completion of feedback forms. Give feedback.</i> Students to submit feedback forms as part of their log book (on-going assessment). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrative Negotiation Planning: needs analysis; obtaining information from the other side <i>Exercises on how to obtain information</i>
4 (4 Aug)	3 hours	Assessment Item 1, Negotiation Simulation prepared and conducted in class today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners for Assessment Item 1 allocated • Role notes handed out Students have one hour to prepare negotiation plan that must be submitted for Assessment Item 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will negotiate with their counterpart for 45 minutes. Debrief of negotiation done in lecture. <i>Completion of feedback forms. Give feedback.</i>
5 (11 Aug)	3 hours	Students to submit Assessment Item 1 in lecture and via Turnitin. Culture in Cross-Border Negotiations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forces that influence cross-border negotiations (<i>exercises</i>) The influence of culture on process and issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process- Phases of Negotiation Understanding cultural values / introduction to Gesteland's theories. Introduction of real-world negotiation – Assessment Item 2 (due Week 7) Types of Issues <p>Students to complete first round of reputation index by Friday 5pm and email it.</p>
6 (18 Aug)	3 hours	<p><i>Discussion of real-world negotiation, approval of topics and guided planning for it.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tactics in negotiation: recognising tactics, responding. Ethically ambiguous tactics, <i>Tactic use in negotiation exercise</i> <p><i>Students received their reputation feedback.</i></p>
<p>Mid-trimester Break Monday 24 August – Sunday 6 September</p>		
7 (8 Sep)	3 hours	<p>Students to submit Assessment Item 2 in class today and via Turnitin.</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Italian Ambassador.</p> <p><i>Analysis of cross-cultural negotiation problems</i></p>
8 (15 Sep)	2 hours	<p>Planning for Cross-cultural Negotiation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of cultural values on issues Impact of cultural values on process <p><i>Exercises on planning for cross-cultural negotiation submitted on departure for inclusion in log book</i></p> <p>Possible Guest speaker on negotiating in an overseas market</p> <p><i>Students will be given cross-cultural negotiation simulation role notes to plan for next week.</i></p>
9 (22 Sep)	2 hours	<p><i>In-class negotiation simulation</i></p> <p>Debrief</p> <p>Intergroup Negotiations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture and teamwork Negotiation dynamics in teams <p><i>Students will be given role notes and teams for team negotiation next week. Students allocated to (different) teams (culturally mixed if possible) for a team-on-team negotiation next week.</i></p>
10 (29 Sep)	2 hours	<p>Students to submit their essay on culture and negotiation in class today and via Turnitin.</p> <p><i>Students must prepare in their teams and come to class ready to commence the negotiation.</i></p> <p><i>Fish bowl class negotiation – final meeting, allocation of negotiation order.</i></p> <p><i>Negotiation simulation</i></p> <p>Debrief of negotiation. Improving team dynamics</p>
11 (6 Oct)	2 hours	Emotions in Negotiations & Gender in Negotiation
12 (13 Oct)	2 hours	Overview of course

Readings

Readings will be provided to students (as references or papers on Blackboard).

Materials and Equipment

The Course Coordinator will suggest additional sources of information to help you research your assignments.

Assessment

The Assessment Handbook will apply to all VUW courses: see <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>.

All the assessments in this course are internal. There is no final examination in the course.

Assessment	Learning Objectives Addressed	Weight	Due Date
1 Planning, analysis and feedback of negotiation simulation 1,000 – 1,500 words	1, 3, 4	10%	Negotiation done in Week 4 lecture and tutorial. Analysis due Week 5 at start of class, & via Turnitin (Tuesday 11 th August, 4.30pm).
2 Write up of real world negotiation 1,500 – 2,500 words	1, 3, 4	25%	Week 7 at start of class, & via Turnitin (Tuesday 8 th September, 4.30pm)
3 Essay about influence of culture on negotiation 2,000 – 3,000 words	1, 2	30%	Week 10 at start of class, & via Turnitin (Tuesday, 29 th September, 4.30pm)
4 Reflective log book and reputation Various exercises 2,500-3,500 words	1, 2, 3, 4	35%	On-going weekly. Summary reflection due Week 12 at start of class.

Further information on these assignments will be provided on Blackboard

Penalties

Late assignment submissions will be penalised at -10 marks (out of 100) per day or part thereof (timed from the beginning of the lecture when submissions are due).

Extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances (such as bereavement of a very close relative, *serious* illness, etc.) **after** consideration by the Course Coordinator where documentation is provided and the extension is agreed ahead of submission. It is incumbent on students to manage their time and workload in order to deliver all work in a timely fashion. Please treat all assignments like participation in a multi-million dollar negotiation for your workplace – if your reason would not be appropriate for your boss in such a circumstance, then don't expect me to grant you an extension.

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and submitted to Turnitin. A copy of submitted materials will be retained on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to obtaining an overall course mark of 50% or better, students must receive no less than 40% on any assessment item.

Any student who is concerned that they have been (or might be) unable to meet any of the MCRs because of exceptional personal circumstances, should contact the course coordinator as soon as possible.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made available to VUWSA, the course coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the course coordinator on behalf of students.

Communication of Additional Information

Additional information will be communicated via Blackboard and students should go to the Blackboard page at least once each week.

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php

Link to general information

For general information about course-related matters, go to <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/studenthelp/general-course-information>

Note to Students

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and academic audit. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of VBS programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.
