

COMPSCI 3377B/SCIENCE 3377B W26 Course Outline

1. Course Information

Course Information

Software Project Management, W26, Fridays, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, 3 hours.

List of Prerequisites

CROSS-LISTED WITH SCIENCE 3377B.

REQUISITES: Registration in third or fourth year of any module offered by the Department of Computer Science.

ANTIREQUISITES: Science 3377A/B, SE 3351A/B.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may 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.

2. Instructor Information

Instructors	Email	Office	Phone	Office Hours
Sherry Parker (Lecturer)	Sparke33@uwo.ca	NA	NA	Before/After class
				Zoom meetings can be booked via email with professor

Students must use their Western (@uwo.ca) email addresses when contacting their instructors. Students can meet with the lecturer after class.

3. Course Syllabus, Schedule, Delivery Mode

The software development life cycle; resourcing, scheduling and estimating techniques for software project management; project management organizational concerns, including project economic analysis, human resources, proposal development, risk management, software implementation, and technology-strategic alignment.

Weekly three-hour lectures – **Tentative** Schedule

Week	Topic	Assigned Week & Due Date (11:55pm)
1	Introduction	
2	Project Life Cycle and Organization	Asg 1 (IND) due Jan 26
3	Project Scope Management & LEAN Project Management	Asg 2 (IND) due Feb 2
4	Project Time Management	Asg 3 (IND) due Feb 9
5	Project Cost Management	
6	Project Risk Management	Asg 4 (GRP) due Mar 2
7	Project Integration Management	
8	Project Human Resources Management	
9	Project Communications Management	Asg 5 (GRP) due Mar 16
10	Agile Project Management	Group Project due Mar 30
11	Agile Project Management	
12	Special Topics in Project Management	

Term Dates

Classes begin: January 5, 2026

First 3377B class: January 9, 2026

Spring Reading Week: February 14 to 22, 2026

Last 3377B class: April 3, 2026

Classes end: April 9, 2026

Exam period: April 12 to 30, 2026

Contingency plan for an in-person class pivoting to 100% online learning

In the event of a university-declared emergency during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, affected course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will **not** change. Any remaining

assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

4. Course Materials

1. Mandatory text: Project Management - Gray and Larson 8th Edition - Mandatory to purchase ISBN978-1-260-57043-4. Electronic versions are available from McGraw Hill.
Cost: \$119.00 CAD for paperback on Amazon, \$67.75 USD for 180 Days Access Rental for e-Book on ... <https://www.mheducation.com/highered/product/project-management-a-socio-technical-approach-larson.html>
2. Recommend: Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) 6th edition & 7th edition – suggested for purchase – explore the possibility of low cost / no cost internet download if ethically obtainable. Consider if you believe you will work toward a PM certification.
3. Recommend: MS Project Software

All course material will be posted to OWL: <https://westernu.brightspace.com/>

Students are responsible for checking the course OWL site (<https://westernu.brightspace.com/>) 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.

Technical Requirements

Laptop computer

5. Methods of Evaluation

The overall course grade will be calculated as listed below (due dates noted above):

3 Individual Assignments/2 Group Assignments	40%
Major Group Project	30%
Final Exam	30%

Note: the final exam will be closed book. Use of any electronic device is strictly prohibited. The date, time and location of the final exam will be released by the Registrars Office.

Use of Generative AI Tools

AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini) are prohibited for all assessments.

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:

- Examinations scheduled during official examination period
- Major Group Project

****Due to the built-in flexibility for the assignments, there is no component for which an Academic Consideration request without supporting documentation will be accepted.**

Coursework with Assessment Flexibility

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

Assignments: Deadline with a 48-hour No-Late-Penalty Period

Students are expected to submit each of the assignments by the deadline listed. Should extenuating circumstances arise, students are permitted to submit their assignment up to 48 hours past the deadline without a late penalty. Should students submit their assessment beyond (48 hours) past the deadline, a late penalty of 20% per day will be applied. Academic Consideration requests may be granted only for extenuating circumstances that started before the deadline and lasted longer than the No-Late-Penalty Period (48 hours), and must include documentation.

No assignments will be accepted one week after the stated deadline. A grade of 0 will be assigned to those without accommodation for the missing assignment at that time.

Absences from Final Examinations

If you miss the Final Exam, please contact the Academic Advising office of your Faculty of Registration as soon as you are able to do so. They will assess your eligibility to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam).

You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a “Multiple Exam Situation” (e.g., more than 2 exams in 23-hour period, more than 3 exams in a 47-hour period).

If a student fails to write a scheduled Special Examination, the date of the next Special Examination (if granted) normally will be the scheduled date for the final exam the next time this course is offered. The maximum course load for that term will be reduced by the credit of the course(s) for which the final examination has been deferred. See the Academic Calendar for details (under [Special Examinations](#)).

Note: missed work can only be excused through one of the mechanisms above.

6. Additional Statements

6.1 Religious Accommodation

When conflicts arise with a religious holiday that requires an absence from the University or prohibits certain activities, students should request an accommodation for their absence in writing to the course instructor and/or 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>

6.2 Academic Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Accessible Education, which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The policy on Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities can be found at:

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

6.3 General Academic Policies

The website for Registrar Services is <https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>.

Use of @uwo.ca email: In accordance with policy, https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf, the centrally administered e-mail account provided to students will be considered the individual’s official university email address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that emails received from the University at their official university address are attended to in a timely manner.

Requests for Relief (formally known as “appeals”)

Policy on Request for Relief from Academic Decision:

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

Procedures on Request for Relief from Academic Decision (Undergraduate):

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

Procedures on Request for Relief from Academic Decision (Graduate):

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

6.4 Scholastic Offences

Policy on Scholastic Offences:

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

Procedures on Scholastic Offences (Undergraduate):

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

Procedures on Scholastic Offences (Graduate):

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

Use of Electronic Devices During Assessments

In courses offered by the Faculty of Science, the possession of unauthorized electronic devices during any in-person assessment (such as tests, midterms, and final examinations) is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: mobile phones, smart watches, smart glasses, and wireless earbuds or headphones.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise in advance by the instructor, the presence of any such device at your desk, on your person, or within reach during an assessment will be treated as a *scholastic offence*, even if the device is not in use.

Only devices expressly permitted by the instructor (e.g., non-programmable calculators) may be brought into the assessment room. It is your responsibility to review and comply with these expectations.

Use of Generative AI Tools

Unless otherwise stated, the use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, or similar platforms) is **not permitted** in the completion of any course assessments, including but not limited to: assignments, lab reports, presentations, tests, and final examinations.

Using such tools for content generation, code writing, problem solving, translation, or summarization—when not explicitly allowed—will be treated as a **scholastic offence**.

If the use of generative AI is permitted for a particular assessment, the conditions of use will be specified by the instructor in advance. If no such permission is granted, students must assume that use is prohibited. It is your responsibility to seek clarification before using any AI tools in academic work.

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 The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

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

In the event of a health lockdown, for example, tests and examinations in this course will be conducted using a remote proctoring service. By taking this course, you are consenting to the use of this software and acknowledge that you will be required to provide **personal information** (including some biometric

data) and the session will be **recorded**. Completion of this course will require you to have a reliable internet connection and a device that meets the technical requirements for this service. More information about this remote proctoring service, including technical requirements, is available on Western's Remote Proctoring website at:

<https://remoteproctoring.uwo.ca>.

6.5 Support Services

Please visit the Science & Basic Medical Sciences Academic Advising webpage for information on adding/dropping courses, academic considerations for absences, requests for relief, exam conflicts, and many other academic-related matters: <https://www.uwo.ca/sci/counselling/>.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<https://uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Western is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced sexual or gender-based violence (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at

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.

Please contact the course instructor if you require lecture or printed material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. If you have any questions regarding accommodations, you may also wish to contact Accessible Education at

http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessible_education/index.html

Learning-skills counsellors at Learning Development and Success (<https://learning.uwo.ca>) are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counselling.

Western University is committed to a thriving campus as we deliver our courses in the mixed model of both virtual and face-to-face formats. We encourage you to check out the Digital Student Experience website to manage your academics and well-being: <https://www.uwo.ca/se/digital/>.

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, <https://westernusc.ca/services/>.