



College of Business and Technology  
Department of Technology  
Course Syllabus

TECH 5308 Strategic Sourcing  
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**Course Description:**

This is a 3 semester hour course oriented toward the graduate student in technology. The quality of products and services directly affects a company's market share, profitability, and reputation for responsibly serving the interests of its customers and the public as a whole. This course will provide coverage of how these companies acquire their resources (people, equipment, materials).

**Required Textbook:**

Xavier, M. C. (2010). *Strategic Sourcing- Suppliers are from Mars, Customers are from Venus*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)

**Course Objectives:**

- A. instill within the student the concept of strategic sourcing
- B. to develop the understanding of how to implement strategic sourcing.
- C. to identify the stages of strategic sourcing.
- D. to become proficient in strategic sourcing principals.

**Statement of Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

Program Outcomes	TECH 5308
A Make application of strategic sourcing in their place of employment	X
B Compare in quality design and function of products and services	X
C Perform strategic sourcing functions.	X
D Recognize the need for strategic sourcing and implement in their service industry.	X

**Course Competencies:**

- A. Communication skills - The student will conduct and write a term project related to strategic sourcing.
- C. Interpersonal skills - Students will work in teams to experience the process of implementing strategic sourcing.
- D. Problem-solving - Each student will interpret strategies to determine the best

- scenario of using strategic sourcing.
- E. Personal accountability for achievement - Each student will follow the designated suspense dates for course work as listed in the course syllabus.

**Course Requirements:**

A. Assignments

1. complete assigned outside work (written & computer)
2. complete midterm exam
3. complete final exam
4. complete mini case

B.	<b><u>Grading and Evaluation:</u></b>	<b><u>Points:</u></b>
	Homework assignments ~10	705
	Exams	100
	Business Case	200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1005</b>

C. Students are required to log on and use Canvas Learning Management Software at least twice a day to access their electronic gradebook, related course materials and other information that the instructor may post.

D. Suspense Dates:

Class Start Date	Mon, Jan 11
Homework Assignments	as scheduled
Final Exam	TBD
Business Case Presentation	TBD
Final Exam Week	April 27-30
Final	April 27-30

E. Expectations and Policies:

1. You have the prerequisite knowledge, skills, and dispositions to participate in this course.
2. You will participate in all discussions, activities, and assignments.
3. You will complete and submit all assignments on time. **(Late assignments will not be accepted, for any reason. Technology related issues are not acceptable excuses, submit early!)**
4. You will communicate promptly with the instructor concerning any issues related to the course.
5. You will adhere to The University of Texas at Tyler academic honest policies.
6. You will not ask for “sympathy points.” (i.e. give me an “extra” assignment to increase my grade.)

7. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus and will communicate this to the students in a timely manner of the modifications.
8. **You are required to be present from 6:00 pm to 8:45 am every Wednesday (face-to-face sections).** If a student is more than 5 minutes late without an excuse, it counts as an absence. Three absences is an **automatic** reduction of a letter grade in the class.
9. Absolutely NO Cell Phones (**face-to-face sections**)
10. Students are required to log on and use Canvas Learning Management Software at least twice a day to access their electronic gradebook, related course materials and other information that the instructor may post.
11. **No retakes of quizzes or exams for "technical difficulties or internet interruptions".**
12. No excuses to leave the country and miss final exams or final presentations in class. A zero for these **and any other assignments** will be given.

**You will complete and submit all assignments on time. (Late assignments will not be accepted, for any reason. Technology related issues are not acceptable excuses, submit early!)**

#### **Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories**

Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by <https://www.uttyler.edu/reboot/files/ut-tyler-fall-2020-procedures-rev-07-14.pdf>. The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its Honor Code (<https://www.uttyler.edu/center-for-ethics/>) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email [saroffice@uttyler.edu](mailto:saroffice@uttyler.edu).

#### **Recording of Class Sessions**

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

#### **Do I have to wear a mask?**

Students, faculty, staff, and visitors are **required** to wear face coverings when inside University buildings, and face coverings are strongly encouraged when outdoors and physical distancing is difficult. Face coverings are not required when alone in an office or in assigned residence hall

4rooms. Accommodations will be available for individuals with religious, medical, or other concerns, which will be processed through the Office of Human Resources for faculty and staff and the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources for students.

**What should I do if I may have been exposed to or test positive for COVID-19?**

Students, faculty, and staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who test positive for Covid-19 should immediately self-report this information. If you have recently been on campus, report via the COVID-19 hotline, 903.565.5999, so that steps can be taken to prevent any possible spread. If you have NOT recently been on campus, report by completing this form:

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofTexasTyler&layout\\_id=32](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofTexasTyler&layout_id=32). (Read more on page 3 of the Procedures Document <https://www.uttyler.edu/reboot/files/ut-tyler-draft-fall-2020-procedures.pdf>.)

**IDEA Statement**

If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request disability support services/accommodations(s), please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. In order to assure approved services the first week of class, diagnostic, prognostic, and prescriptive information should be received 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester services are requested. For more information, call or visit the Student Services Center located in the University Center, Room 282. The telephone number is 566-7079 (TDD 565-5579). Additional information may also be obtained at the following UT Tyler Web address: <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>.

**Academic Honesty Statement**

“Academic dishonesty, such as unauthorized collusion, plagiarism and cheating, as outlined in the Handbook of Operating Procedures, University of Texas at Tyler, will not be tolerated. University regulations require the instructor to report all suspect cases of academic dishonesty to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. In the event disciplinary measures are imposed on the student, it becomes part of the student’s official school records.” Also, please note that the handbook obligates you to report all observed cases of academic dishonesty to the instructor.

**Grade Replacement Statement**

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to file an intent to use grade forgiveness will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. A student will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three (undergraduate student) or two (graduate student) course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler. (2006-2008 Catalogue, p. 35).

**University Policies Regarding Academic Processes:**

The following University policies must appear on each course syllabus or be provided as an informational sheet (web-links to these policies may be used in the print or electronic syllabus) <http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/syllabuspolicies.pdf>

### **Students Rights and Responsibilities**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.html>

### **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the 12th day of class (See Schedule of Classes for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule include, but are not limited to, the following: totally withdrawing from the university; being administratively dropped from a course; dropping a course for a personal emergency; dropping a course for documented change of work schedule; or dropping a course for active duty service with the U.S. armed forces or Texas National Guard. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Registrar's Office and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.

### **Disability Services**

In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office in UC 282, or call (903) 566-7079.

### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second-class meeting of the semester.

### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do Not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

### **License Holder Responsibilities**

We respect the right and privacy of students who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

### **UT Tyler Resources for Students**

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu)
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu)
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

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