

## **A Review of Middlesex County College**

Written by Nicholas Higgins

I attended Middlesex County College for four semesters (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015). I decided to take a break from MCC for Spring 2015 to re-evaluate what exactly what I wanted to do, and I ended up changing majors. Now, the first thing I'd like to admit is that I was not a perfect student. I made just about every mistake in the book. What the college did to me, however, was just inexcusable.

In my first semester (FA '13), I took Business Organization & Management with Professor Ken Dorflauer. At the end of the semester, I had a C+ in the course, and that was reflected in the gradebook shown online. Fast forward to the end of summer 2015: I went back to Middlesex to get a new schedule made for the upcoming semester. I went to see the advisor, then went back to the library to pick my schedule. While I was on the computer there, I happened to take a look back at my past grades just to double check what classes from my old major could be used toward my new major. When I went back to Fall 2013, the grade I had gotten in Business Organization had changed from a C+ to an F. I printed out a copy, went back to the advising office and showed them what happened. They said to gather any evidence I had and take it to the dean, so I did just that. Luckily, I'm kind of a file and document hoarder, so I still had an original print of my grades from 2013, along with every test and quiz we got back. I only had one of the article analysis papers we had to do, however. I don't know where I stored the others and they were probably thrown away accidentally. Nevertheless, I made copies of everything I had and handed them in to the dean's secretary to have everything looked over.

After a so-called "investigation", I met with the dean (Jeffrey Herron) to discuss his findings. He told me that there was no record of someone changing my grade and that the instructor (who is apparently "either retired or no longer living", according to other sources that work at the school) said that the grade was never supposed to be anything other than an F. It doesn't make any sense, because all of my test grades and homework grades add up to a C+ (see attachments for details). When I told him this and showed him the papers, he stated that he didn't have to change my grade, because according to college policy, all grade appeals must be filed within one year of the end of the class. Of course, in my case, there would have been no reason for me to file an appeal right after the class ended, because the grade was originally correct, and I don't know at what point the grade actually changed.

Needless to say, it was my last semester there. MCC put me through a lot even before this, with many incompetent or rude staff members who didn't seem to care one bit about the students who attend. They aren't all bad, though. Some of my professors were actually very good at what they do, and are genuinely nice people (Francis Burke, Virve Lane, Nicholas Archer and Jayne Kinder, to name a few). It's a shame they had to work at such a terrible school. If you're just starting out looking for a college, do yourself one big favor and stay far away from Middlesex County College! If I can convince even one person to stay away from this school, then this review will have been worth it.

Nicholas Higgins

**Advisor**

Jeffrey Herron

Term GPA 1.350

Course Section	Title	Grd 1	Grd 2	Grd 3	Grd 4	Grd 5	Grd 6	Final Grd	Credits	CEUs
BUS-101-01	Business Org & Management	S						F	3.00	
MAT-014-09	Algebra II	S						QB	4.00	
ENG-121-05	English Composition I	S						B-	3.00	

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## Grades

To view grades, select a term and click the SUBMIT button.

**Early Warning Grades** - See **Grd 3** Column Below

**Midterm Grades** - See **Grd 1** Column Below

**Final Grades\*** - See **Final Grd** Column Below

**\*Please note that grades for course withdrawals ("W" and "QW") are not viewable on this page but may be viewed through the WebAdvisor Unofficial Transcript and will appear on the MCC Official Transcript.**

For information on MCC Grades, please visit the [MCC website](#).

**NOTE: Grade Reports are not automatically mailed; all grades can be viewed and printed through CampusCruiser/WebAdvisor**

Nicholas Higgins

**Advisor**

Dorothy Steinsapir

Term GPA 2.500

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Business Organization & Management  
Fall, 2013

Ken Dorflauer

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Text: Business

Pride, Hughes & Kapoor

12th edition

**Course Description**

The course is designed to introduce the student to the concepts of business and various topics that comprise the business curriculum.

**Mission Statement**

"We are accounting, business, and legal professionals, who as educators, put student success first by offering an education of enduring value. We are dedicated to helping our students achieve their education and career goals by providing opportunities to prepare for transfer to institutions of higher education and employment."

**Student Responsibilities and Requirements**

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared to discuss the subject matter set forth in the attached syllabus.

1. There will be four (4) exams during the semester
  2. Each student will be required to submit an analysis of four (4) business related articles which must be a minimum of two (2) typed pages.
  3. Each student will be required to participate and contribute in class.
- All submitted assignments must be typed. Handwritten work will not be accepted.

Assignments must be submitted on the designated date. Late assignments will not be accepted.

If a student cannot be present for an exam it is his/her responsibility to arrange for a makeup. Only one (1) make up is allowed. Failure to take an exam will result in a zero grade.

Students are expected to write at college level. Grading is holistic, grammar, spelling and content will be considered.

Cheating on an exam will result in a zero grade and possible failure for the semester.

**Grading Guidelines**

**Grading Criteria**

Exams	50%	90 -100 A	78-79 B-	60-69 D
Analysis	40%	88 - 89 A-	75 - 77 C+	0 - 59 F
Participation	10%	85-87 B+	70-74 C	
		80-84 B		

College information contact number: 732-906-2555



Nicholas Higgins

Professor Dorflauer

Business Org & Management

23 September 2013

## Article Analysis 1

### 1. Summary:

Darden, the parent of many casual restaurant chains including Red Lobster, Olive Garden, and LongHorn Steakhouse, experienced a thirty-seven percent drop in profits. Due to this, they plan to cut costs by about \$25 million in 2014. Darden CEO Clarence Otis blames the slow and uneven recovery in the economy as the main reason for the loss in profit. Darden's profit was affected by a 9.6% increase in total costs and expenses to \$2.07 billion and an increase in labor costs by 9.9%. Darden also announced the retirement of the company's president and Chief Operating Officer, Drew Madsen. Darden's stock dropped by 4.26% to \$47.20 on Friday morning. This threatens to "cut into Darden's 9% gain so far in 2013".

### 2. Academic Topics:

Darden's loss of profit is related to the profit equation, supply and demand, and the circular flow of money.

### 3. Relationship between article and academic topic

Darden's profit loss is related to the profit equation ( $\text{profit} = \text{revenue} - \text{expenses}$ ), because they had a 9.6% increase in their expenses and a decrease in revenue from the customers due to the slow economic recovery.

The loss of profit is related to supply and demand because consumers are going



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① The Consumer Buying Decision Process is a process that people go through before making the decision to purchase a product. The process starts with the consumer identifying <sup>1. stimuli</sup> a product that they need or want. The consumer then does <sup>2. information</sup> research about the product and compares it to similar products and based on <sup>3. evaluation</sup> that research will make a decision. The more risk there is in buying a product, the more time is spent in the decision-making process. An example of this is buying a new computer. The first thing I will do is identify that I need a new computer. Next, I will ~~research~~ research the companies that make computers and compare



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Theres notes

- ① The three major economic systems are Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism. Capitalism is a free market system. There are three major components to Capitalism: the right to keep what you earn, the right to have your company compete, and the right to limited government. The right to keep what you earn is what drives Capitalism. If people want to earn money, they know they have to work harder. One country with Capitalism is the United States. Socialism is similar to Capitalism, except in Socialism, ~~then~~ critical industries are controlled by the government. Canada is a country that uses Socialism.



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① The three leadership styles are autocratic, democratic, and participative. In an autocratic style of leadership the manager makes all the decisions and tells the workers what to do. This style of management could be useful in a factory environment. The manager would give each worker a specific job and the worker would be required to carry it out.

In a democratic style of leadership, decisions are made by people voting on the best solution. This style is useful in government, where we have elected representatives voting on new laws.

In a participative style of leadership the manager takes input from their employees

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