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School: Management Course Number: HRMT600 Course Name: Human Resources Management Credit Hours: 3 Length of Course: 8 Weeks Prerequisite: MGMT500

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## **Course Description (Catalog)**

This course serves as an advanced course in human resource management with particular emphasis on the strategic planning process for each of the functions. Students will explore the historical evolution and philosophical foundation of the field as well as examine the current practices that are being used to support Human Resources in the workplace. Future human resource management challenges will be examined and the emerging concept of strategic Human Resource professionals as business partners will be highlighted.

## **Course Scope**

This course is divided into 8 weeks and is organized into three sections:

- Introduction and overview
- Core concepts and analytical tools
- Conceptual and experiential approaches to human resources (HR).

Text Book Readings, Textbook Chapter Exercises, Practical Exercises, and Online Interaction and Participation will be the catalyst for learning in this course.

#### **Course Materials**

**Required Course Textbooks** 

DeCenzo, D. A., & Robbins, S. P. & Verhulst, S.L. (2013). *Fundamentals of human resource management (11th ed.)*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons

# **Required Readings**

See assignments for weekly reading assignments.

# Additional Resources

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.)*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. ISBN: 1-4338-0561-8 **Websites** 

In addition to the required course texts the following public domain Websites are useful. Please abide by the university's academic honesty policy when using Internet sources as well. Note Web site addresses are subject to change.

| Site Name                  | Website URL/Address  |
|----------------------------|--|
| APA Writing Style          | www.apastyle.org   |
| Society of Human Resources | www.shrm.org   |
| Management                 |  |
| Managing Human Resources   | http://humanresources.about.com/od/glossarym/g/manage_humans.htm |

# **Course Objectives**

# After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- Analyze human resources management and the changing role of human resources from past to present
- · Evaluate the challenges human resources face in modern organizations
- Differentiate between the major HRM functions (Recruitment and Selection, Compensation and Benefits, Employee Relations, Performance Appraisal, Training and Development, Employee Discipline, and Organized Labor)
- · Assess the legal and ethical aspects of HRM in decision making
- Demonstrate the linkage between theory and practical application of HRM through case scenarios
- Conduct a basic job analysis and apply the understanding of job requirements to the HRM systems of selection, compensation, training, and performance management
- Examine the role of HRM as a strategic partner in different contexts, companies, and globally
- Compare contrasting roles of HRM in organizational change efforts
- Synthesize relevant knowledge of the effective use of human resources into a concise plan for implementation within an organization

# **Course Outline**

The course is designed to introduce you to the core and advanced concepts of HRM and through conceptual and experiential approaches we will explore this subject and learn to apply the theories you discover in class to your current, previous, or future organization(s).

#### **Course Delivery Method**

This course delivered via distance learning will enable students to complete academic work in a flexible manner, completely online. Course materials and access to an online learning management system will be made available to each student. Online assignments are due by Sunday evening of the week as noted and include Forum questions (accomplished in groups through a threaded forum), examination, and individual assignments submitted for review by the Faculty Member). Assigned faculty will support the students throughout this eight-week course.

## Policies

Please see the <u>Student Handbook</u> to reference all University policies. Quick links to frequently asked question about policies are listed below.

Drop/Withdrawal Policy Plagiarism Policy Extension Process and Policy Disability Accommodations

## **Grading Scale**

Please see the <u>Student Handbook</u> to reference the University's grading scale.

## **Citation and Reference Style**

Attention Please: Students will follow the APA Format as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of coursework to the University. Assignments completed in a narrative essay or composition format must follow the citation style cited in the APA Format.

#### Late Assignments

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. The due date for each assignment is listed under each Assignment. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. We all know that "life happens" but it is important to adhere as closely to the deadlines in the class as possible.

Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me before the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution. If arrangements are not made in advance, a late penalty of 10% will be assessed for any assignment submitted

1-7 days past the due date. Assignments will not be accepted after the 7th day. No work will be accepted past the final day of class.

# <u>Netiquette</u>

Online universities promote the advancement of knowledge through positive and constructive debate – both inside and outside the classroom. Forums on the Internet, however, can occasionally degenerate into needless insults and "flaming." Such activity and the loss of good manners are not acceptable in a university setting – basic academic rules of good behavior and proper "Netiquette" must persist. Remember that you are in a place for the rewards and excitement of learning which does not include descent to personal attacks or student attempts to stifle the Forum of others.

- **Technology Limitations:** While you should feel free to explore the full-range of creative composition in your formal papers, keep e-mail layouts simple. The Sakai classroom may not fully support MIME or HTML encoded messages, which means that bold face, italics, underlining, and a variety of color-coding or other visual effects will not translate in your e-mail messages.
- Humor Note: Despite the best of intentions, jokes and <u>especially</u> satire can easily get lost or taken seriously. If you feel the need for humor, you may wish to add "emoticons" to help alert your readers: ;-), : ),

# **Disclaimer Statement**

Course content may vary from the outline to meet the needs of this particular group.

# Academic Services

The Online Library is available to enrolled students and faculty from inside the electronic campus. This is your starting point for access to online books, subscription periodicals, and Web resources that are designed to support your classes and generally not available through search engines on the open Web. In addition, the Online Library provides access to special learning resources, which the University has contracted to assist with your studies. Questions can be directed to <u>librarian@apus.edu</u>.

- **Charles Town Library and Inter Library Loan:** The University maintains a special library with a limited number of supporting volumes, collection of our professors' publication, and services to search and borrow research books and articles from other libraries.
- *Electronic Books:* You can use the online library to uncover and download over 50,000 titles, which have been scanned and made available in electronic format.
- *Electronic Journals:* The University provides access to over 12,000 journals, which are available in electronic form and only through limited subscription services.

- Tutor.com: AMU and APU Civilian & Coast Guard students are eligible for 10 free hours
  of tutoring provided by APUS. <u>Tutor.com</u> connects you with a professional tutor online
  24/7 to provide help with assignments, studying, test prep, resume writing, and more.
  Tutor.com is tutoring the way it was meant to be. You get expert tutoring whenever you
  need help, and you work one-to-one with your tutor in your online classroom on your
  specific problem until it is done.
- **Disability Accommodations**: Students are encouraged email <u>dsa@apus.edu</u> to discuss potential academic accommodations and begin the review process.

# Request a Library Guide for your course (<u>http://apus.libguides.com/index.php</u>)

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- Program Portals contain topical and methodological resources to help launch general research in the degree program. To locate, search by department name, or navigate by school.
- Course Lib-Guides narrow the focus to relevant resources for the corresponding course. To locate, search by class code (e.g., SOCI111), or class name.

If a guide you need is not available yet, please email the APUS Library: <u>librarian@apus.edu</u>.

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