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School of Business
TLMT 311
Introduction to Transportation Management
3 Credit Hours
8 Weeks
Prerequisite(s): None

Please see the **Lessons** area in the classroom for additional course specific information

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Course Description (Catalog)

This **TLMT 311 Introduction to Transportation Management** course introduces the student to the transportation sector from a supply chain perspective. Students will examine the world of transportation emphasizing its role within supply chain management. More specifically, the course addresses the various providers such as motor carriers, railroad, airlines, water and pipeline carriers; users (shippers, customers, etc.); government agencies; regulation/deregulation; public policy; outsourcing (3PLs); pricing; and issues and challenges facing the global supply chain to include effective planning and execution strategies. Ultimately, this course is for those seeking an overview of the world of transportation.

Course Scope

This **TLMT 311 Introduction to Transportation Management** course is an overview of the role and importance of the transportation sector with an emphasis on management. This course covers the contemporary environment of the transportation industry, the modes of transport, management perspectives, and the impacts of technology on providers, users and government agencies. Transportation is tightly woven into all aspects of current logistics practices. We will examine the various components of transportation management and how they all work together to form our modern intermodal transportation system.

Course Materials

Required Readings

Please visit http://apus.libguides.com/er.php and search by the course number (ex: LITR210) to access your required resources.

E-books

- Cole, S. (2005). *Applied transport economics: Policy, management & decision making.* London: Kogan Page. Chapters 4-7.
- Dilger, R.J. (2003). *American transportation policy*. Wesport, CT: Praeger. Chapter 1, 2, 3, & 5.
- Hall, R.W. (2003). Handbook of transportation science. Boston: Kluwer. Chapters 1, 16, 17, & 18.
- Leinbach, T. R., & Capineri, C. (2007). *Globalized freight transport: Intermodality, e-commerce, logistics and sustainability.* Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
- Lowe, D. (2005). *Intermodal freight transport*. Oxford: Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann. Chapters 1, 6, & 7.

Articles

- Button, K. (2009). Air transportation. In K.A. Reinert & S.R. Ramkishen (Eds.), *The Princeton encyclopedia of the world economy* (pp. 57-61). Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Lieb, K.J., & Lieb, R.C. (2010). Environmental sustainability in the third-party logistics (3PL) industry. International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management, 40 (7), 524-533.
- Smith, D.M. (2010). Logistics: Is key during pre-design for linear pipeline. *Underground construction, 65* (11), 22-25.
- Urso, J., Colpo, J., & Sheble, N. (2006). Oil and gas supply chain peril. InTech, 53 (5), 12-16.

Course Objectives

After successfully completing this course, graduate students will fulfill the following **Learning Objectives (LO):**

LO1: Explain the impact transportation has on the environment.

- LO2: Summarize the social and political issues related to transportation.
- LO3: Differentiate the impact of regulatory reforms on the four major modes of transportation (motor, rail, air, pipeline).
- LO4: Compare the features (capacity, accessibility, cost, speed) of each major mode of transportation (air, surface, pipeline, rail).
- LO5: Analyze the different types of pipeline carriers, commodities, and examine pipeline companies in relation to limited intermodal competition.
- LO6: Analyze and assess transportation planning and execution strategies within a global supply chain.
- LO7: Describe the impact of the buyer seller relationship on the effectiveness of the supply chain.

Course Outline

| Week | <u>Topics</u> | <u>Learning</u> <u>Objective(s)</u> |
|------|---|--|
| 1 | Transportation | LO-1 LO-2 |
| 2 | Motor Carriers And Railroads | LO-3 |
| 3 | Costs Analysis | LO-4 |
| 4 | Air Carriers | LO-5 |
| 5 | Pipeline Transportation | LO-4 LO-5 |
| 6 | Global Transportation | LO-6 |
| 7 | Third Party Logistics Private Transportation and Fleet Management | LO-7 LO-8 |
| 8 | Final Assignment and week | Review all LOs |

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.

<u>Drop/Withdrawal Policy</u> <u>Plagiarism Policy</u> <u>Extension Process and Policy</u> <u>Disability Accommodations</u>

Grading Scale

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

<u>Citation and Reference Style</u>

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.

Netiquette

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: ;-),:), ©

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

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- *Electronic Journals:* The University provides access to over 12,000 journals, which are available in electronic form and only through limited subscription services.
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- 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: librarian@apus.edu.

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