Am erican Public University System

The Ultimate Advantage is an Educated Mind

School: Business
Course Number: MGMT201
Course Name: Organizational Fundamentals
Credit Hours: 3
Length of Course: 8 Weeks
Prerequisite: None

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

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Course Description (Catalog)

Students taking this course should not take RTMG150. This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the challenges that arise for managers in organizational settings and to provide an introduction to the concepts and theories that can be useful in facilitating organizational effectiveness. Students will have the opportunity to review and critique the latest research on obstacles facing the modern workplace, motivation of employees, organizational justice, and implementing the best systems, processes and procedures for efficient workflow.

Course Scope

This course is designed for students to receive an introduction to fundamental management principles, including the latest concepts and practices. Additionally, students will discuss issues of small and large companies, e-business, and other issues important to managers in the 21st century. Students will gain an understanding of key organizational issues by major functional area, and review current practices in the private, public, and military sectors.
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Course Materials

Required Course Textbook


Please visit [http://apus.libguides.com/bookstore](http://apus.libguides.com/bookstore) for more information.

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.

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<td>The Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)</td>
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Course Objectives

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

- Illustrate knowledge of managing individuals within an organization
- Demonstrate effective communication skills
- Identify several approaches to leadership
- Compare the culture and structure of various organizations
- Analyze a management issue related to motivation, personality, diversity and/or power within an organization

Evaluation Procedures

Grading for the course will be based on the following:

- Eight Forum Assignments
- Seven Quizzes
- Two Written Assignments

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<th>Grade Instrument</th>
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<td>Forums (8) 100pts each</td>
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<td>Quizzes (7) 100 pts each</td>
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<td>Written Assignments (2)</td>
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<th>Learning Objective(s)</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Introduction; Culture and Diversity; Self-Awareness, Personality, Emotions, and Values</td>
<td>• Demonstrate effective communication skills</td>
<td>Chapters 1, 2 and 3</td>
<td>Introductory Forum Week 1 Forum Quiz</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Perception and Attribution; Motivation and Engagement</td>
<td>• Illustrate knowledge of managing individuals within an organization</td>
<td>Chapters 4 and 5</td>
<td>Week 2 Forum Quiz</td>
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<td>Managing Stress; Fostering Creativity</td>
<td>• Illustrate knowledge of managing individuals within an organization</td>
<td>Chapters 6 and 7</td>
<td>Week 3 Forum Quiz Paper #1</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Decision Making; Communicating Effectively with Others</td>
<td>• Demonstrate effective communication skills</td>
<td>Chapters 8 and 9</td>
<td>Week 4 Forum Quiz</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Working in Groups and Teams; Managing Conflict and Negotiation</td>
<td>• Illustrate knowledge of managing individuals within an organization</td>
<td>Chapters 10 and 11</td>
<td>Week 5 Forum Quiz</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Leadership: Classic to Contemporary; Organizational Power and Politics</td>
<td>• Identify several approaches to leadership</td>
<td>Chapters 12 and 13</td>
<td>Week 6 Forum Quiz</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Organizational Strategy, Structure, Culture and Change</td>
<td>• Compare the culture and structure of various organizations</td>
<td>Chapters 14 and 15</td>
<td>Week 7 Forum Quiz</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Final Thoughts</td>
<td>• Analyze a management issue related to motivation, personality, diversity and/or power within an organization</td>
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<td>Week 8 Forum Paper #2</td>
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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 Student Handbook 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 Student Handbook 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
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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.

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 especially 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 librarian@apus.edu.

• 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.
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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.
- **Tutor.com:** AMU and APU Civilian & Coast Guard students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. Tutor.com 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 to email dsa@apus.edu to discuss potential academic accommodations and begin the review process.


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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: librarian@apus.edu.

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