The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Organisational Behaviour and Management

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HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 080307

STAFFING
Examiner: Cec Pedersen
Moderator: Bernadette Lynch

SYNOPSIS
This course provides students with a management perspective on organisational behaviour. Organisational behaviour is a field of study that specifically focuses on the impact that people have on organisational effectiveness and efficiency. The impact of behaviour is considered at three levels. First, at the level of the individual, attributes and processes such as personality, motivation, perception, job satisfaction and job performance are identified and the managerial implications for motivating employees are considered. Second, at the group level, the important attributes of group dynamics are identified and the managerial implications for motivating employees are considered. Second, at the group level, the important attributes of group dynamics are identified and the managerial implications for developing teams, influencing outcomes, and resolving conflicts are considered. Third, at the organisation-wide level of analysis, structure, culture and change are considered as major challenges to managers for achieving quality outcomes. At the three different levels of analysis, managers are concerned with the behavioural implications for achieving goals on the one hand, and adapting goals so that organisations are relevant to their environments on the other hand. Students are concerned with understanding these behavioural implications. The study of organisational behaviour must thus be seen as an essential foundation for professional business education.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course students will be able to:

- describe, apply and critique theory and strategies that managers and other professionals use to enhance individual employee performance and satisfaction;
- describe, apply and critique theory and strategies that managers and other professionals use to enhance team and group performance and satisfaction; and
• describe, apply and critique theory and strategies that managers and other professionals use to enhance employee performance and satisfaction at the system or organisation wide level.

TOPICS

Description Module No. 1 Introduction to organisational behaviour and management 5.00

1. INTRODUCTION Module No. 2 Foundations of individual behaviour Module No. 3 Motivation 35.00

2. INDIVIDUAL LEVEL Module No. 4 Groups and teams Module No. 5 Communication, conflict and power 35.00

3. GROUP LEVEL Module No. 6 Organisational structure and work design Module No. 7 Organisational culture 25.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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NOTES:

. The CMA tests 1 and 2 are not compulsory. Technically speaking, students can pass this course without completing the CMAs. It is however recommended that all students complete the CMAs. Students who do not complete the CMAs will disadvantage themselves in two ways. First and foremost they risk not being familiar with the requirements for the written assessment in this course. Further, students who choose to not complete the CMAs will automatically lose the 20% allocated for these assessment items that would otherwise contribute to their total mark and the grade allocated in this course.

. The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   If you are an International student in Australia it is a requirement of your student visa that you attend all classes at your campus. For all other students, there are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete the written assignment satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the written assignment. To complete the examination satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination.
3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% for written assignment 1, achieve at least 50% in the examination and at least 40% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
Subject to students having met the requirements to be awarded a passing grade in the course, the final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
This is a closed examination. Candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination. Students are not permitted to take mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic means of communication into the examination room.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL: http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook. Students should also read The Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL: http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/2003/title663.html or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (ii) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (iii) The Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. Students may apply for an extension through the DEC before the due date or by including an application with the submitted assignment after the due date. Such applications should be in writing and include supporting documentary evidence. The authority for granting extensions rests with the relevant Examiner. (iv) The Examiner will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media. (v) The Examiner will not accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (vi) Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should...
contact the Examiner to negotiate such special arrangements. (vii) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.