



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2005/2006

GRA 2231 Stress and Productivity in Organizations

Program

Advanced Specialization Course (MSc), Master of Business and Economics Program, Master of Science in Business, Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Psychology, Master of Science in Business (Organization Psychology)

Responsible for the course

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Leadership and Organizational Management

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Objective

Unhealthy work practices create enormous human and financial costs. Well-being and work-related health are now of major managerial and financial concern within organizations. As organizations and businesses today are faced with increased demands to become leaner, less hierarchical, and more adaptive, corporate restructuring and downsizing become more common. This course will address how to prevent or minimize work-related stress and health problems, how to build work engagement and commitment so that workers continue to be productive and effective in their jobs, and how to enhance organizational revitalization. The course will prepare students to assess or advise on work organization and health-promotion programs that will protect the individual from stress and enhance organizational performance.

Prerequisites

SIV 7101 and SIV7010 or equivalent, GRA 2205

Compulsory literature

Books:

Cooper, Car L., Philip J. Dewe and Michael P. O'Driscoll.. 2001. Organizational Stress: A review and critique of theory, research, and applications. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
Gowing, Marilyn K., John D. Kraft and James Campbell Quick, eds.. 1998. The new organizational reality: Downsizing, restructuring, and revitalization.. Washington, D. C., American Psychological Association.

Recommended literature

Course outline

The changing nature of work

Psycho-social factors at work

- Work and health psychology

- Stress and productivity

- Work stress and coping

- Burnout and work engagement

- Dealing with work conflicts

- Problems and interventions

- Case studies of organizational restructuring

- Strategies for revitalizing organizations

Computer-based tools

Power-Point Presentations, Blackboard/homepage

Course structure

36 hours. The course is structured as a combination of lectures, discussions, in-class activities,

and compulsory student presentations. It requires a substantial amount of preparation by the students and active involvement during class.

Evaluation

20% - Class contribution (graded individually)

30% - Student presentations (one or two students) of cases or research articles

50% - Term paper written by up to 2 students

Evaluation code(s)

GRA 22316 (100%)

Aids at the examination

All aids allowed

Makeup exam

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When course evaluation consists of class participation or process elements, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.