



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

GRA 2205 Organizational Behaviour

Program

Master of Science in Business and Economics, Master of Science in Business and Economics (Organizational Psychology), Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Psychology, Specialization Course

Responsible for the course

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Leadership and Organizational Management

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

English

Objective

The objective of the course is to give students a basic understanding of contemporary research based knowledge in organizational behavior. The students will be guided through the most important topics within organizational behavior with a particular focus on how OB research is conducted. After having completed the course, the students should have learned the most central concepts and contributions within organizational behavior, along with skills in applying research based knowledge to "real life situations".

Prerequisites

A Bachelor degree in Business or eq. qualifying for admission to the MSc Program

Compulsory literature

Books:

Huczynski, Andrzej A. and David A. Buchanan. 2007. Organizational behaviour : an introductory text. 6th ed. Harlow : Prentice Hall/Financial Time

Collection of articles:

A collection of research articles will be made available at the start of the course

Recommended literature

Course outline

- Social perception, attribution and learning
- Motivation in organizations
- Work-related attitudes
- Group dynamics and team work
- Leadership in organizations
- Communication in organizations
- Prosocial and deviant behavior in organizations
- Influence, power, and politics in organizations

Computer-based tools

Presentation software, Blackboard/homepage

Course structure

The course is structured as a combination of lectures, discussions, in-class activities, and compulsory student presentations. It requires substantial amount of preparation by the students and active involvement during class.

In this course class attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absence can result in a lower score. Specific Information regarding student evaluation will be provided in class.

Evaluation

Your course grade will be based on the following activities and weights:

20% - Class contribution (graded individually)

30% - Student presentations cases or research articles (group)

50% - Term paper (group) The termpaper must be handed in both electronically and in paper

Evaluation code(s)

GRA 22051 accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA 2205.

Aids at the examination

Not applicable

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 me re-evaluated when a student wants to retake a exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.

Honor Code

Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and represent values that are encouraged and promoted by the honor code system. This is a most significant university tradition. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ideals of the honor code system, to which the faculty are also deeply committed.

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