



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

## DRE 6002 Human Resource Management

### Program

### Responsible for the course

Bård Kuvaas

### Department

Department of Leadership and Organizational Behaviour

### Term

According to study plan

### ECTS Credits

6

### Language of instruction

To be decided

Management is basically about getting things done through human resources. This course is intended to address how organizations can and actually do manage human resources. The course will expose the participants to the intersection between Human Resource Management (HRM) and strategy, other main functions of the organization, and micro research on employees' behavior, motivation, attitudes, and performance (from fields such as organizational behavior and organizational and industrial psychology)

### Objective

This course has four main objectives: 1) To give insights into perspectives and theories used to understand HRM and ways to study it; 2) to clarify main traditions and central issues in the existing body of research; 3) to identify and present research frontiers; and 4) to focus on how to teach or otherwise communicate HRM research to a wider audience (i.e. students and practitioners).

### Course schedule fall 2008:

Day 1: September 15th

Day 2 - 4: September 23rd - 25th

### Prerequisites

Admission to a PhD Programme is a general requirement for participation in PhD courses at BI Norwegian School of Management.

External candidates are kindly asked to attach confirmation of admission to a PhD programme when signing up for a course with the doctoral administration. Candidates can be allowed to sit in on courses by approval of the courseleader. Sitting in on courses does not permit registration for courses, handing in exams or gaining credits for the course. Course certificates or conformation letters will not be issued for sitting in on courses

### Compulsory literature

### Recommended literature

### Course outline

Topics covered are:

- Overview of the field and strategic HRM
- HRM and organizational performance
- Best practice HRM
- Single HR-practices
- HR outcomes
- International Human Resource Management
- HR in practice and teaching and communicating HRM

### Computer-based tools

### Course structure

Preparation for the first session: Pick an article (that is not included in reading list) or a book that you find particularly interesting or important and that has relevance for the field of HRM. Prepare a brief presentation of the article (or book) and describe why it is relevant for research or practice within HRM (approx. 15 minutes).

The course will be organized over 4 whole day sessions (7,5 hours each). Each session will cover main topics and will consist of three basic parts: 1) student presentations; 2) lectures; and 3) class discussions and group work.

### **Evaluation**

Individual paper that should contain a review of a particular topic or a proposal for an empirical study including hypotheses or propositions, consisting of 15 pages, plus references/appendices. The paper must be submitted directly to the Doctoral Office in two paper copies - including declaration form.

Deadline for submitting paper is one month after the last day of the course.

The paper should be original work, and be written specifically for this course.

### **Evaluation code(s)**

DRE 60021

### **Aids at the examination**

### **Makeup exam**

### **Honour Code**

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