



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/2014

MAN 1674/1675 Project Management

Programme

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Leadership and Organizational Behaviour

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

30

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

The objective of this course is to make the participants well equipped to manage projects and use the project as a way of working in their own organizations. They shall learn about the premises that have to be in place for a project to be successful. Common mistakes made by leaders when setting up and implementing projects will be discussed, and there will be an in-depth discussion of methods for how to plan, organize and control projects. The course presupposes that the participants have a certain amount of practical experience from project work already.

Learning outcome

Knowledge outcomes

By the end of the course the student will have developed the following knowledge outcomes:

- have knowledge of vital topics and problems within the field of project management, linked to planning, organizing, executing, and control of projects
- have knowledge of relevant ethical problems within the field of project management
- have knowledge of basic theories, methods and concepts within the field of project management
- know about research and development works within the field of project management
- have knowledge about the history of project management and its traditions and distinctive character

Skills outcomes

By the end of the course the student will have developed the following skills outcomes:

- be able to conduct an economic analysis of a project
- be able to conduct an uncertainty analysis of a project
- be able to facilitate a good start-up of the project and create a good foundation for the project work
- be able to plan the project in a suitable way
- be able to organize the project and divide roles, responsibilities and authority
- be able to conduct stakeholder analysis and choose suitable strategies for handling the different stakeholders
- be able to control and evaluate projects
- be able to analyze the development of the project team
- be able to evaluate different leadership styles
- be able to analyze and evaluate the project maturity of an enterprise
- be able to analyze the project from a strategic viewpoint

Value/attitudes outcomes

By the end of the course the student will have developed the following value/attitudes outcomes:

- be able to keep oneself updated on the development of vital knowledge within the field of project management and further develop his/hers knowledge and skills within the area
- be able to take a critical view on the development and focus of the field of project management
- wish to reflect on his/hers own execution of projects, be able to adapt theories and tools to the factual situation, and struggle to better his/hers own performance
- wish to behave responsibly and take care of and distribute learning experiences from project work

Prerequisites

Bachelor degree, corresponding to 180 credits from an accredited university, university college or similar educational institution.

The applicant must be at least 25 years of age.

At least four years of managerial work experience.

Motivation evidence to accomplish study requirements.

At least upper intermediate level of English.

Compulsory reading

Recommended reading

Course outline

1. *The project's foundation*

Definition of a project. Project management success factors. The context of a project. Strategies and selection of projects. Project management functions, processes and stages. Types of projects. Scope management. The project mandate. Mission and goals.

2. *Project planning*

Global planning (milestones, milestone planning). Detailed planning (activity planning, network planning, work breakdown structure, project scheduling, resource management, cost management, project budgeting). Uncertainty management (risks and opportunities).

3. *Project organization*

External organization (matrix organization, pure project). Internal organization (project owner, steering group, quality assurance, flat structures, authoritarian structures). Stakeholder management. Decision making and delegation.

4. *Project control and project learning*

Control (time, cost, quality, earned value, holistic methods). Review of project learning methods and success factors.

5. *Project leadership and team work*

Human resource management. Leadership styles. Team formation and development. Communication. Motivation and learning.

6. *The project-oriented enterprise*

Project portfolio management. Program management. Project management office. Projects and organization strategy. Project management tendencies in Lithuania and the world. Project in the context of management. Project oriented company.

Computer-based tools

None.

Learning process and workload

The program is conducted through 16 course modules, a total of 128 lecturing hours.

Supervision will consist of personal tutorials and tutorials given in class. Generally the students may expect consulting tutorials, not evaluating tutorials.

Examination

The students are evaluated through a term paper, counting for 10 credit hours and a five hour individual written exam, counting for 20 credit hours. Both evaluations must be passed to obtain a certificate for the program. The term paper may be written individually or in groups of maximum three persons.

Examination code(s)

MAN 16741 - term paper; accounts for 100 % to pass the program MAN 1674, 10 credits.

MAN 16751 - written exam; accounts for 100 % to pass the program MAN 1675, 20 credits.

Both evaluations must be passed to obtain a certificate for the program.

Examination support materials

All support materials allowed

Re-sit examination

At the next ordinary exam

Additional information

Compulsory literature (1789 pages)

Books

1. Andersen, E.S. (2008). *Rethinking Project Management: An Organisational Perspective*, Pearson Education Limited, Harlow (345 pages).
2. Maylor, Harvey. (2010). *Project management*. 4th ed. Financial Times Prentice Hall, Harlow (414 pages).
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1. Andersen, E. S. 2003. Understanding your project organization's character. *Project Management Journal* 34(4): 4-11.
2. Helm, J. & K. Remington. 2005. Effective project sponsorship: An evaluation of the role of the executive sponsor in complex infrastructure projects by senior project managers. *Project Management Journal* 36(3): 51-61.
3. Kreiner, Kristian. 1995. In search of relevance: Project management in drifting environments. *Scandinavian Journal of Management* 11(4): 335-346.
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