Managing Human Resources
HRMG-5000

Meeting Times

Wednesday, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, St. Petersburg Campus

Contact Information

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Description

This course is a comprehensive view of personnel policy development with emphasis on the interdependence of personnel and operating functions. Students analyze personnel functions of recruitment, development, training, compensation, integration into the workforce, and maintenance of personnel for the purpose of contributing to organizational, societal, and individual goals.

Requisites

None

Outcomes

1. Students will know and explain the important terminology, facts, concepts, principles, analytic techniques, and theories used in the field of human resources management.
2. Students will be able to effectively apply important terminology, facts, concepts, principles, analytic techniques, and theories in the field of human resources management when analyzing complex factual situations.
3. Students will be able to effectively integrate (or synthesize) important facts, concepts, principles, and theories in the field of human resources management when developing solutions to multifaceted human resource management problems in complex factual situations.
4. Students will be able to develop appropriate strategies for implementing solutions to human resources management problems that reflect their knowledge and explaining of the interrelationships among training, staffing, compensation, and employment law.
5. Students will be able to evaluate the quality of their proposed solutions to human resources management problems against appropriate criteria, including organizational constraints.
6. Students will be able to use basic statistical techniques to analyze human resources management issues.
7. Students will be able to explain basic financial and accounting information used by human resources managers.

Required Textbook

Human Resource Management
Author: Mathis
Publisher: ITP
Materials

Deliverables

Reading
Each student will be expected to carefully review the text material assigned. Students are expected to master the material and bring any questions to class.

Student Led Learning
Each student will select a section of the text to read, analyze and present to the class. Presentations require additional academic sources and an experiential learning activity.

Case Studies
The class will review several business cases related to Human Resources. Students will work in groups in class to analyze the case and recommend potential interventions.

Final Project
Each student will be required to complete a paper on a Human Resources topic. This would preferably have something to do with the organization where the student works or had worked in the past. The paper will be approximately 12 pages in length with APA style required.

MidTerm Examination
The midterm examination will be short essay questions applying the concepts learned in the first five weeks.

Evaluation

Criteria
Weighting of Assignments [100%]:

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The assignment of grades is as follows:

- **A** 93%-100%
- **A–** 90-92%
- **B+** 87-89%
- **B** 83-86%
- **B–** 80-82%
- **C** 70-79%
- **F** <70%

The GRADUATE catalog provides these guidelines and grading options:

- **A/A–** Superior graduate work. Instructors may choose not to use the pluses and minuses.
- **B/B+/B–** Satisfactory graduate work. Instructors may choose not to use the pluses and minuses.
- **C** Work that is barely adequate as graduate-level performance.
- **CR** Satisfactory graduate work. Used for Counseling practicums and internships.
- **NC** Unsatisfactory graduate work. Used for Counseling practicums and internships.
- **F** Work that is unsatisfactory.
- **I** Incomplete work.
- **ZF** An incomplete which was not completed within one year of the end of the course. ZF is treated the same as an F or NC for all cases involving GPA, academic warning, probation, and dismissal.
- **IP** In progress.
- **W** Withdrawn from the course.
- **WF** Unofficial Withdrawal: A student enrolled for the course, did not withdraw, and failed to complete course requirements. Used when, in the opinion of the instructor, there is insufficient completed work to evaluate academic performance. WF is treated the same as an F or NC for all cases involving GPA, academic warning, probation, and dismissal.

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**Schedule**

**Week 1 - Human Resources in Organizations**

* Read Chapters 1 & 2
* Review syllabus and logistics
* Case Study in class
Week 2 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Job and Workforce Analysis
* Read Chapters 3 & 4
* Read and Be Prepared to Discuss Case Study

Week 3 - Org. Relations, Retention and Recruitment & Selection
* Read Chapters 5, 6 & 7
* Case Study in class
* Final Paper Topic Due

Week 4 - Training and Development
* Read Chapters 8 & 9
* Case Study

Week 5 - Performance Management
* Read Chapter 10
* Case Study
* Mid-term exam

Week 6 - Total Rewards and Benefits
* Read Chapters 11 & 12
* Case Study

Week 7 - Risk Management and Employee Rights
* Read Chapters 13 & 14
* Read and Be Prepared to Discuss Case Study

Week 8 - Union Management Relations
* Read Chapters 15

Week 9
* Final Paper Presentations
* Final Paper Due

Course Policies
This syllabus may be revised at the discretion of the instructor without the prior notification or consent of the student.

Class meetings are to be treated as important business appointments.

Because so much of the value of this course comes from class discussion, attendance is required.

There are no excused absences; if you miss a class, appropriate academic penalty will be enforced. Missing one class will require a make-up paper in APA style on an instructor assigned case study related to the content of the class missed. Missing 2 classes will result in a reduction of 5% from the overall grade. Missing more than 2 classes will result in being dropped, withdrawn or assignment of a punitive grade dependent on when second class is missed (i.e. within drop period, within withdrawal period, after withdrawal period). YOU are responsible for what takes place or is announced in class.

Students are expected to take in-class examinations during the scheduled class period. In extraordinary circumstances (e.g. illness, unavoidable work-related travel), the instructor may at his/her sole discretion and with instructor’s advance approval, grant an accommodation to the student by allowing the student to take the exam on an alternative date.

Assignments, such as written assignments and papers, are to be submitted to the instructor not later than the beginning of class on the date due and MUST be submitted via the Webster WorldClassRoom (Canvas). Absence from class does not excuse late submissions (e.g. Assignments submitted after the aforementioned due date/time will receive an automatic letter grade reduction. However, no assignments will be accepted beyond 24 hours after the due date/time and the student will receive a zero for the assignment.

The use of cell phones and similar electronic devices is not permitted in class and their use is considered to be a class disturbance. Such devices should be turned off or on vibrate at all times while in class. Urgent calls should be returned outside of the classroom.

Course Attendance:

The University reserves the right to drop students who do not attend class the first two weeks of the term/semester. Students are expected to attend all class sessions of every course. In the case of unavoidable absence, the student must contact the instructor. The student is subject to appropriate academic penalty for incomplete or unacceptable makeup work, or for excessive or unexcused absences.

Conduct:

Students enrolling in a degree program at Webster University assume the obligation of conducting themselves in a manner compatible with the University’s function as an education institution. Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline may be divided into the following categories:

1. All forms of dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
2. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities or of other authorized activities on University premises.
3. Classroom disruption. Behavior occurring within the academic arena, including but not limited to classroom disruption or obstruction of teaching, is within the jurisdiction of Academic Affairs. In case of alleged campus and/or classroom disruption or obstruction, a faculty member and/or administrator may take immediate action to restore order and/or to prevent further disruption (e.g. removal of student[s] from class or other setting). Faculty members have original jurisdiction to address the immediacy of a situation, as they deem appropriate. When necessary and appropriate, Public Safety and/or the local [or military] police may be contacted to assist with restoring peace and order. Faculty response is forwarded to the academic dean (or his or her designee) for review and, if necessary, further action. Further action might include permanent removal from the course. Repeated offenses could lead to removal from the program and/or the University.
4. Theft of or damage to property of the University. Students who cheat or plagiarize may receive a failing grade for the course in which the cheating or plagiarism took place.

Students who engage in any of the above misconducts may be subject to dismissal from the University on careful consideration by the executive vice president of the University or his designee. To the extent that penalties for any of these misconducts (e.g. theft or destruction of property) are prescribed by law, the University will consider appropriate action under such laws.
Academic Policies

Academic policies provide students with important rights and responsibilities. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with all academic policies that apply to them. Academic policies for undergraduate students can be found in the Undergraduate Studies Catalog; graduate students should review the Graduate Studies Catalog.

Undergraduate Studies Catalog

The Undergraduate Studies Catalog contains academic policies that apply to all undergraduate students. The academic policies and information section of the catalog contains important information related to attendance, conduct, academic honesty, grades, and more. If you are an undergraduate student, please review the catalog each academic year. The current Undergraduate Studies Catalog is at:

http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/undergraduate-catalog/

Graduate Studies Catalog

The Graduate Studies Catalog contains academic policies that apply to all graduate students. The academic policies section of the catalog contains important information related to conduct, academic honesty, grades, and more. If you are a graduate student, please review the catalog each academic year. The current Graduate Studies Catalog is at:

http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/

Grading

The Grades section of the academic catalog outlines the various grading systems courses may use, including the information about the final grade reported for this class.

Undergraduate

http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/undergraduate-catalog/academic-policies.html#grading

Graduate

http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/academic-policies.html#grades

Incomplete

There are important policies that govern grades of Incomplete (I), including the circumstances under which Incomplete grades are granted, deadlines for completion, and consequences should the remaining course work not be completed. It is the responsibility of a student who requests an Incomplete to ensure that he/she understands and follows the policies.

Grade Appeals

Instructors are responsible for assigning grades, and student should discuss grade issues with the instructor. Policies and procedures for appealing grades are available in the appropriate catalog.

Academic Honesty Policy

Webster University is committed to academic excellence. As part of our Statement of Ethics, we strive to preserve academic honor and integrity by repudiating all forms of academic and intellectual dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism and all other forms of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is unacceptable and is subject to a disciplinary response. Students are encouraged to talk to instructors about any questions they may have regarding how to properly credit others’ work, including paraphrasing, quoting, and citation formatting. The university reserves the right to utilize electronic databases, such as Turnitin.com, to assist faculty and students with their academic work.

The University’s Academic Honesty Policy is published in academic catalogs:
As a part of the University commitment to academic excellence, the Academic Resource Center provides student resources to become better acquainted with academic honesty and the tools to prevent plagiarism in its many forms:

http://www.webster.edu/arc/plagiarism_prevention/ (http://www.webster.edu/arc/plagiarism_prevention/)

Statement of Ethics

Webster University strives to be a center of academic excellence. The University makes every effort to ensure the following:

- The opportunity for students to learn and inquire freely
- The protection of intellectual freedom and the rights of professors to teach
- The advancement of knowledge through scholarly pursuits and relevant dialogue

To review Webster University's statement of ethics, see the Undergraduate Studies Catalog and the Graduate and Studies Catalog:

Undergraduate

http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/undergraduate-catalog/overview.html#ethics (http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/undergraduate-catalog/overview.html#ethics)

Graduate

http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/ethics.html (http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/ethics.html)

Contact Hours for this Course

It is essential that all classes meet for the full instructional time as scheduled. A class cannot be shortened in length. If a class session is cancelled for any reason, the content must be covered at another time.

Important Academic Resources

Academic Accommodations

Webster University makes every effort to accommodate individuals with academic/learning, health, physical and psychological disabilities. To obtain accommodations, students must identify themselves and provide documentation from a qualified professional or agency to the appropriate campus designee or the Academic ADA Coordinator at the main campus. The Academic ADA Coordinator may be reached at 314-246-7700 or disability@webster.edu (mailto:disability@webster.edu).

If you have already identified as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor of the accommodations you will require for this class at the beginning of the course.

Academic Resource Center

Additional support and resources may be accessed through the Academic Resource Center (ARC). Support and resources include academic counseling, accommodations, assistive technology, peer tutoring, plagiarism prevention, testing center services, and writing coaching. Visit www.webster.edu/arc (http://www.webster.edu/arc) or Loretto Hall 40 on the main campus for more information.

Student Success Portal

Webster University's Student Success Portal, powered by Starfish, is a communications tool to connect students with faculty members and campus support services. It allows faculty and staff members to communicate with you regarding academic achievements as well as areas where support may be helpful. You may use the portal to contact faculty and staff members for
assistance and to arrange meetings. Activity in the portal will be communicated to your Webster University email account. The Student Success Portal is available via your course home page in WorldClassRoom or via Connections. Learn more about the Student Success Portal at [http://www.webster.edu/success/students.html](http://www.webster.edu/success/students.html).

**University Library**

Webster University Library is dedicated to supporting the research needs and intellectual pursuits of students throughout the University’s worldwide network. Resources include print and electronic books, journal articles, online databases, DVDs and streaming video, CDs and streaming music, datasets, and other specialized information. Services include providing materials at no cost and research help for basic questions to in-depth exploration of resources. The gateway to all of these resources and services is [http://library.webster.edu](http://library.webster.edu). For support navigating the library’s resources, see [http://libanswers.webster.edu/](http://libanswers.webster.edu/) for the many ways to contact library staff.

**Drops and Withdrawals**

Drop and withdrawal policies dictate processes for students who wish to unenroll from a course. Students must take proactive steps to unenroll; informing the instructor is not sufficient, nor is failing to attend. In the early days of the term or semester, students may DROP a course with no notation on their student record. After the DROP deadline, students may WITHDRAW from a course; in the case of a WITHDRAW, a grade of W appears on the student record. After the WITHDRAW deadline, students may not unenroll from a course. Policies and a calendar of deadlines for DROP and WITHDRAW are at:

**Undergraduate**

**Graduate**
[http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/enrollment.html](http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/enrollment.html)

**Academic Calendar** - [http://www.webster.edu/academics/academic-calendar/](http://www.webster.edu/academics/academic-calendar/)

Current tuition rates, policies, and procedures, including details of pro-rated tuition refunds, are available in the “Tuition, Fees, and Refunds” section of Webster’s Academic Catalogs:

**Undergraduate**

**Graduate**
[http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/tuition.html](http://www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/tuition.html)

**Student Handbook and Other Important Policies**

Student handbook and other non-academic policies may apply to you and may impact your experience in this class. Such policies include the student code of conduct, privacy, technology and communications, and more. Please review the handbook each year and be aware of policies that apply to you. The handbook is available at:


**Sexual Assault, Harassment, and Other Sexual Offenses**

Webster University makes every effort to educate the community to prevent sexual assault, harassment, and other sexual offenses from occurring, and is committed to providing support to those affected when this behavior does occur. To access information and resources or to review the Policy on Sexual Assault, Harassment, and Other Sexual Offenses, visit:

[http://www.webster.edu/sexual-misconduct/](http://www.webster.edu/sexual-misconduct/)

**Research on Human Subjects**
The Webster University Institutional Review Committee (IRB) is responsible for the review of all research on human subjects. The IRB process applies to all Webster University faculty, staff, and students and must be completed prior to any contact with human subjects. For more information on the IRB, visit:

http://www.webster.edu/irb/index.html

**Course Evaluations**

At the end of this course, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback about your experience. Your input is extremely valuable to the university, your instructor, and the department that offers this course. Please provide your honest and thoughtful evaluation, as it helps the university to provide the best experience possible for all of its students.

**Important Technology Information**

**Connections Accounts**

Webster University provides all students, faculty, and staff with a University email account through Connections. Students are expected to activate their Connections account and regularly check incoming University email. Students may choose to have their University email forwarded to an alternate email address. Connections account holders can call the Help Desk (314-246-5995 or toll free at 1-866-435-7270) for assistance with this setup. Instructions are also provided on the Information Technology website at:

http://www.webster.edu/technology/service-desk/

**WorldClassRoom**

WorldClassRoom is Webster’s Learning Content Management System (LMS). Your instructor may use WorldClassRoom to deliver important information, to hold class activities, to communicate grades and feedback, and more. WorldClassRoom is available using your Connections ID at:

https://worldclassroom.webster.edu/

**Webster Alerts**

Webster Alerts is the University’s preferred emergency mass notification service, available free to current students, faculty and staff at all US campuses. By registering a valid cell phone number and email address, you will receive urgent campus text, voice mail and email communications. Valuable information concerning a range of incidents affecting you - from weather-related campus closures, class delays and cancellations, to more serious or life-threatening events - are immediately and simultaneously delivered through multiple communication channels. To register for Webster Alerts, visit:

http://www.webster.edu/technology/services/webster-alerts/