

Project Management – Strategy and Applications
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3 credit hours

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The best way to schedule a meeting is to send an email. We can work out a convenient time to meet. I am generally available by email between 7am and 7pm for questions.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to project management principles, tools, and strategies intended for use in a variety of applications. Topics include project planning tools, project life cycle, risk assessment, and team management.

This course will provide students an interactive, hands-on opportunity to develop project management skills which can be applied to any sized project. Through the use of readings, videos, assignments, and forum discussions, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the strategy behind successful project management and problem resolution.

Course Objectives

- Understand the project management life cycle
 - Define and use appropriate project management terminology
 - Develop a working knowledge of project management tools
 - Identify and address project stakeholders and their requirements
 - Explore the human side of projects
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Instructional Method

This is an online class using the UNC Sakai online learning management system (<https://sakai.unc.edu>). Mozilla Firefox is the preferred browser for Sakai.

Textbook

There is no one textbook that covers all the information needed for this course. As such, there is no need to purchase the several books used in this course. The readings are all fully accessible online and are listed in each lesson.

Schedule and Assignments

You should regularly check the Sakai site for any updates to the course schedule and assigned readings. Such information will be published in the Announcements section of Sakai.

Dates	Lesson	Topic
1/15-1/21	Lesson 1	Introduction to Project Management
1/22-1/28	Lesson 2	Project Leadership and Ethics
1/29-2/04	Lesson 3	Project Stakeholders
2/05-2/11	Lesson 4	Project Teams
2/12-2/18	Lesson 5	Project Cost and Time Estimates
2/19-2/25	Lesson 6	Project Definition and Initiation
2/26-3/04	Lesson 7	Project Planning
3/05-3/08	Lesson 8	Project Planning Tools 1
3/09-3/18	-	Spring Break
3/19-3/25	Lesson 9	Project Planning Tools 2

3/26-04/01	Lesson 10	Project Planning Tools 3 – Microsoft Project
04/02-4/08	Lesson 11	Project Execution
4/09-4/15	Lesson 12	Project Monitoring and Control
4/16-4/22	Lesson 13	Project Closeout
4/23-4/27	Lesson 14	Wrap Up

Grading Scale and Assessment

Activity		Points
Portfolio	70	10 pts per section (including feedback section)
Assignments	150	50 pts per assignment
Forum*	42	3 pts per weekly forum post
Total	262	

Submit Portfolio sections and Assignments 1- 3 electronically (in PDF format) to the Drop Box. Documents should be double-spaced, with your name and title on the first page. Individual assignment instructions will be provided on the corresponding Lesson page.

*The objective of forum discussions is to help you to think critically about each week's lesson. By answering questions and reading the comments by others in the class, you have the opportunity to view project management ideas and experiences through the lenses of others. Since this is an online course, class participation takes place through weekly forum posts. To receive credit, each week post your original response to the statements/questions by Thursday and respond to the post of at least one other student by Saturday. Since this is a chance to discuss your perceptions, there are no patently right or wrong answers. While I will be reading the posts, I do not plan to be part of the conversation unless there seems to be a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of a tenant of successful project management. Provide a substantive contribution to each discussion. "I agree" is not the type of post which will receive full credit.

The graduate grading scale is as follows:

H High Pass - Clear Excellence – Student performance demonstrates full command of the course materials that surpasses course expectations. This means that the student has contributed on a regular basis to online discussion forums with insightful comments supported by professional literature beyond that provided by required readings. Command and understanding of the subject is demonstrated in written forums, case study and portfolio.

P Pass - Entirely Satisfactory Graduate Work – Student performance meets designated course expectations, demonstrates understanding of the topics across the semester and supports this understanding with the required readings. The student participates in online discussion forums with relevant comments

L Low Pass - Unsatisfactory Work – Student performance demonstrates incomplete or inadequate understanding of course material and/or frequently does not participate in online discussion forums.

F Fail – Student may continue in program only with the permission of the dean.

A successful online course depends on timely participation from all class members. Assignment grades will be posted to the Sakai grade book. Semester grades are based on your cumulative total of points awarded for all assignments, which are then converted to letter grades or HPL grades as follows:

Grade Scale

Grade	Grade*	Percentage
A	H	95-100
A-	P	90-94
B+	P	87-89
B	P	84-86
B-	P	80-83
C+	L	77-79
C	L	74-76
C-	L	70-73
D	L	60-66
F	F	59 and below

Due Dates and Incompletes

All work is due by the day assigned unless an extension is arranged in consultation with the instructor beforehand. Assignments turned in late without prior permission will automatically receive a lower grade. Extensions are only granted in emergency situations. A grade of incomplete may be taken only because of illness or special circumstances and only with the permission of the instructor.

Turning in Assignments

Portfolio sections and assignments 1 – 3 will be uploaded to Dropbox on the Sakai site.

General Flow of the Course

This is an online course. It is not an independent study. The course schedule is set up so that assignments are due based on the course schedule document. These due dates are not flexible and you must keep up with weekly assignments.

Statement on Academic Integrity

Students are expected to conform to the Honor Code in all academic manners. For more information about the Honor Code, please visit the following URL: <http://honor.unc.edu/>.

Class Expectations

- You are expected to abide by the Honor Code of the University, and violations are subject to severe penalties.
 - Participation is expected
 - Take responsibility for your own learning. If there is something you do not understand, ask questions.
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UNIVERSITY-WIDE POLICIES

Student Religious Observance Policy: UNC recognizes the diverse faith traditions represented and supports the rights of faculty, staff, and students to observe according to these.

A more detailed student policy can be found at <http://equalopportunity-ada.unc.edu/accommodations/religious-accommodations/>. Under this policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to religious observance. Please notify the instructor before the end of the second week of classes.

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- Ensure inclusive leadership, policies and practices;
- Integrate diversity into the curriculum and research;

- Foster a mutually respectful intellectual environment in which diverse opinions are valued;
- Recruit traditionally underrepresented groups of students, faculty and staff; and
- Participate in outreach to underserved groups in the State.

The statement represents a commitment of resources to the development and maintenance of an academic environment that is open, representative, reflective and committed to the concepts of equity and fairness.

Welcome to the class!