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CONS0002

Management of Construction Organisations



Course Outline – Term 1, 2020

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1. COURSE STAFF

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2. COURSE DETAILS

Credit Points	6 units of credit (uoc)
Workload	Approx. 150 hours including class contact hours, weekly individual and group online learning activities, readings, class preparation, and assessment activities.
Teaching Times and Location	Find details in timetable http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au

Description

This course provides a framework for studying the principles of management in organisations and its application in practice, particularly in the context of construction organisations. Management is the process of planning, organising, leading and controlling the work of organisational members and the use of available resources to achieve specific goals effectively and efficiently. The course focuses on how organisations are structured appropriately to the needs of the market, how leadership provides organisation vision and overall direction and how managers play a role in utilise an organisation's resources (people, processes, systems and tools) for success. In addition, contemporary issues relating to management and the construction industry are explored. During the course, management principles are discussed during lectures and reinforced by interactive class discussion. Exercises, including formal assessments which relate to realistic management case studies, are used to support the learning aims.

Aims

This course aims to explain the principles of management and their application in practice, particularly in the context of construction organisations. The course also aims to contribute to the development of student communication skills, situational analysis skills and critical thinking through discussion, debate and the concise, formal, presentation of arguments and rationales.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

At the successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe the principles of management in organisations, i.e., management process in terms of planning, organising, leading, and controlling;
2. Establish the relationships between management theories and practice, particularly in the context of construction organisations;
3. Determine the efficacy of existing management procedures, systems, and culture in construction organisations; and
4. Provide advice to solve management-related issues and improve performance in construction organisations.

3. ASSESSMENT

Assessment task	Weight	CLOs Assessed
1. Test – Class discussions and exercises	25%	1, 2, 3, 4
2. Report – Research report	35%	1, 2, 3
3. Test – Final exam	40%	1, 2, 3, 4

4. COURSE IMPROVEMENT AND FEEDBACK

Feedback from students is an integral part of improving courses and teaching approaches. One of the primary mechanisms of feedback is myExperience, which we strongly urge all students to complete at the end of term. Course convenors use the feedback to make ongoing improvements to the course. This is communicated in Moodle in the myFeedback Matters page.