Management Science (MGSC) 205

Introduction to Project Management (Revision 2)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** ⤤ for the current revision ⊗
Delivery mode:	**Individualized study online** ⤤
Credits:	3
Area of study:	Applied Studies (Business and Administrative Studies)
Prerequisites:	None
Precluded:	**ADMN 205**. MGSC 205 cannot be taken for credit by students who have obtained credit for ADMN 205.
Challenge:	MGSC 205 has a challenge for credit option.
Faculty:	**Faculty of Business** ⤤
Notes:	Students registering in grouped study mode are advised that there may be some differences in the evaluation and course materials information indicated below. To obtain the most up-to-date information, contact the Faculty of

Business Student Support Centre at 1-800-468-6531.

Sample Lesson 1 📄

Overview

"All of mankind's greatest accomplishments—from building the great pyramids to discovering a cure for polio to putting a man on the moon—began as a project" (Larson & Gray, 2020, p. 3).

These days, managing projects is a vital part of everyone's job. As you work through this course, you will develop an introductory-level understanding of project management and its technical and sociocultural dimensions. These project management competences can help you develop a competition edge in the workplace.

Outline

- Lesson 1: Modern Project Management

- Lesson 2: Organization Strategy and Project Selection

- Lesson 3: Organization: Structure and Culture

- Lesson 4: Defining the Project

- Lesson 5: Estimating Project Times and Costs

- Lesson 6: Managing Risk

- Lesson 7: Leadership: Being an Effective Project Manager

- Lesson 8: Managing Project Teams

- Lesson 9: Outsourcing: Managing Interorganizational Relations

- Lesson 10: Project Closure

Learning outcomes

Upon successfully completing this course, you will be able to

- critically evaluate the benefits of project management for organizations and individuals.

- explain the importance of interpersonal skills in project management.

- at a novice level, carry out activities appropriate to the four sequential stages of a project's life cycle and the specific project management deliverables related to each stage.

- use a conceptual tool kit that you have developed to prepare yourself to participate as an entry level project team member.

- locate, gather, and organize information using appropriate online technologies and resources.

- use self-assessment techniques to monitor personal learning strengths and areas for development.

This course does not

- teach you how to use Microsoft Project.

- prepare you for a project management designation such as the Project Management Professional (PMP®).

- cover project management content that is specific to any particular sector, such as the information technology or construction industries.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** ⧉ for MGSC 205, you must complete and submit two assignments and receive a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** ⧉ on each examination and an overall course grade of at least D (50 percent).

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	30%
Midterm Exam	20%
Assignment 2	30%

Activity	Weight
Final Exam	20%
Total	**100%**

The **midterm and final examinations** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the **Exams and grades** ⌕ section of the Calendar.

Materials

Digital course materials

Links to the following course materials will be made available in the course:

Larson, E. W., & Gray, C. F. (2020). *Project management: The managerial process* (8th ed.). McGraw-Hill. ISBN 978-1260736205

Other Resources

All other learning resources will be available online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** ⌕ can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** ⤤ for the MGSC 205 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** 🗎 on the examination.

Online Exam

🗎 **Challenge for credit course registration form**

Important links

› **Academic advising** ⤤

› **Program planning** ⤤

› **Request assistance** ⤤

› **Support services at AU** ⤤

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