



MGMT7015

Behaviour in Organisations

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Department of Management

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

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Unit description

In an increasingly globalised and competitive business environment, an organisation's people can be a valuable source of sustained competitive advantage. However, this is largely determined by the manner in which people are managed and led. This unit aims to enhance student knowledge of the ways people behave in organisations and the skills required to effectively manage them. Organisations constantly face issues involving motivation, performance, and teamwork making leadership and organisational behaviour skills important for managers and non-managers alike. This unit is about people in organisations, focusing on how management and leadership practices affect the attitudes, motivation, behaviour, and performance of employees and teams. Unit content is derived mostly from contemporary theory, research, and practice in the organisational behaviour and management disciplines. Students will be encouraged to use unit material to be self-aware and mindful about how they lead and interact with others, and to adopt an ethic of continuous self-improvement in their leadership, teamwork, and interpersonal skills.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Analyse workplace issues and behaviours using classical and contemporary OB theory.

ULO2: Prescribe appropriate solutions to issues related to managing people in organisations.

ULO3: Synthesise information from appropriate sources to explain OB related issues and justify arguments.

ULO4: Deliver effective and constructive feedback to peers.

ULO5: Work collaboratively to prepare a research proposal about an organisational behaviour topic or research area.

General Assessment Information

Late submissions of assessments

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, no extensions will be granted. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available assessment-task marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24-hour period or part thereof that the submission is late. Late submissions will only be accepted up to 96 hours after the due date and time.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g., quizzes, online tests.

Table 1: Penalty calculation based on submission time

Submission time after the due date (including weekends)	Penalty (% of available assessment task mark)	Example: for a non-timed assessment task marked out of 30
< 24 hours	10%	10% x 30 marks = 3-mark deduction
24-48 hours	20%	20% x 30 marks = 6-mark deduction
48-72 hours	30%	30% x 30 marks = 9-mark deduction
72-96 hours	40%	40% x 30 marks = 12-mark deduction
> 96 hours	100%	Assignment won't be accepted

Special Consideration

To request an extension on the due date/time for a timed or non-timed assessment task, you must submit a Special Consideration application. An application for Special Consideration does not guarantee approval.

The approved extension date for a student becomes the new due date for that student. The late submission penalties above then apply as of the new due date.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Case Study Analysis	20%	No	Week 7
Online Exam	20%	No	Week 7
Group Project (Group Research Proposal, Feedback Exercise, and Reflection Paper)	60%	No	Weeks 10, 11, and 13

Case Study Analysis

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 8 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

This assessment is worth 20% in total. It is a 1000 word individual case study analysis.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse workplace issues and behaviours using classical and contemporary OB theory.
- Prescribe appropriate solutions to issues related to managing people in organisations.
- Synthesise information from appropriate sources to explain OB related issues and justify arguments.

Online Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

This assessment is worth 20% in total. It is a 50 question individual exam.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse workplace issues and behaviours using classical and contemporary OB theory.

Group Project (Group Research Proposal, Feedback Exercise,

and Reflection Paper)

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **Weeks 10, 11, and 13**

Weighting: **60%**

This assessment has three components worth 60% in total. The first component is a 3000 word group research proposal worth 30%. The second is a written feedback piece of 200-300 words per group member to be delivered during an oral feedback session with team members worth 20%. The final component is a 500 word individual reflection paper worth 10%.

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- Deliver effective and constructive feedback to peers.
- Work collaboratively to prepare a research proposal about an organisational behaviour topic or research area.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Required text	<i>Organisational behavior: Improving performance and commitment in the workplace</i> . 7th ed. By Jason Colquitt, Jeffrey LePine, and Michael Wesson (ISBN: 9781260092301). Students have the option of purchasing a hard copy or e-copy of the text.
Unit web page	The web page for this unit can be found at: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/

Technology Used and Required	Students are required to have access to a personal computer and familiarise themselves with iLearn (https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/). iLearn will be used to post lecture slides, assessment details, student grades and as a means of communication between staff members and students.
Delivery Format and Other Details	The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/
Recommended readings	Recommended readings are provided via the links on the iLearn Unit page
Inherent Requirements	None

Unit Schedule

Please see iLearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the

University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support](#) including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.