



MGMT8015

Behaviour in Organisations

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Department of Management

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

MGMT6051

Corequisites

Co-badged status

MGMT7015

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.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Submission Penalty (written assessments)

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For any late submissions of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to apply for [Special Consideration](#).

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Hurdle | Due |
|---|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| Case Analysis | 40% | No | Week 8 |
| Feedback and reflection | 30% | No | Week 10, 11, and 13 |
| Group Report | 30% | No | Week 13 |

Case Analysis

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **40%**

A case study analysis of 1,200 words

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Prescribe appropriate solutions to issues related to managing people in organisations.
- Synthesise information from appropriate sources to explain OB related issues and justify arguments.

Feedback and reflection

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

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

Weighting: **30%**

This assessment is comprised of two components. The first is a written feedback piece of 200-300 words per group member to be delivered during an oral feedback session with team members worth 15%. The second component is a 700 word individual reflection paper worth 15%.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Deliver effective and constructive feedback to peers.

Group Report

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **30%**

A group report of 3,000 words

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.

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

Refer to iLearn for details.

Unit Schedule

Refer to iLearn for details.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#) (<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>). 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>) 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 Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

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.

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