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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit addresses areas of interest for those wishing to understand management and the nature of organisations, their structure and operation. Topics include the development of organisations and management; the context or environment of an organisation; what constitutes performance for an organisation, and sustainability.

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:

- An understanding of major approaches to management
- An understanding of some of the major functions of managers
- An understanding of how organisations are structured and different approaches to structure
- An understanding of the various challenges managers face in the current business environment
- An understanding of theory of working in teams and team processes

General Assessment Information
Important:

It is the responsibility of students to view their marks for each within session assessment on iLearn within 20 working days of posting. If there are any discrepancies, students must contact the unit convenor immediately. Failure to do so will mean that queries received after the release of final results regarding assessment marks (not including the final exam mark) will not be addressed.

Please note there will be no transfer of marks from other assessments (e.g. case study) to the final examination.

Assessment Tasks

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CLASS TEST: NON ASSESSABLE
Due: **Week 4 and week 12 tutorials**
Weighting: **0%**

**Date:** Week 4 & 12 tutorials

**Duration/Length:** 30 mins / 20 multiple choice questions
Aims and Objectives

These class test aims to assess your understanding of the material covered in the lectures. It will be conducted during the Week 4 and Week 12 tutorials and involves multiple choice questions.

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ASSESSMENT 1: CASE STUDY

Due:  **Week 6 Wednesday (April 5th)**
Weighting:  **25%**

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**Length:**  1200 Words (excluding in-text references, reference list and table of content)

**Due Date:**  Week 6 Wednesday (April 5th)

Aims and Objectives

This assessment encourages students to:

• Demonstrate an understanding of teamwork and the challenges and opportunities it presents for managers and team members.
• Research a topic and develop your writing, research and referencing skills

Written report should include:

• Introduction and conclusion
• A table of content
• Answers to all four questions
• A reference list
• A title page and cover sheet

Submission Details:  All students must submit their case studies electronically through Turnitin using the link on iLearn, and in hard copy to BESS (E4B 106) by 4.00pm on the due date.
Hard copies must be identical to the electronic version submitted.

**Late submissions:** Late Case Studies must also be submitted through Turnitin and a hard copy should be submitted to BESS in building E4B to be date stamped and forwarded to your tutor for marking. No extensions will be granted. There will be a deduction of 20% of the total available marks (i.e. 5 marks) made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission incurs a 40% or 10 marks penalty). This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for disruption of studies is made and approved. No submission will be accepted after feedback have been posted/given in lectures/classes.

**Marking criteria:**
- Please refer to the Case Study Marking Guide in the Assessment Guide on iLearn, which sets out the criteria and standards against which your Case study will be marked.

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**ASSESSMENT 2: ESSAY**

**Due:** *Week 9 (Wednesday May 10th)*
**Weighting:** 35%

**Duration/Length:** 1500 Words

**Due Date:** *Week 9 (Wednesday May 10th)*

**Aims and Objectives**

This assessment encourages students to:
- Understand the challenges facing organisations in the contemporary business environment.
- Provide a critical perspective of the academic literature on a topic.
- Construct a sustained argument in response to the question.
Utilise and conform to the principles of academic rigour in the production of an acceptable, formal response to the question.

Guidelines for the essay:

• Your essay should be no more than 1500 words (excluding in-text references and reference list).
• All essays must cite at least five (5) academic sources.
• You must distinguish clearly between your own words and analysis and those of your sources. You must do this by providing appropriate citations using the Harvard method.
• Failure to provide appropriate citations is plagiarism. Your list of references should include only material cited in the essay.
• This is an individual assessment task – if a submitted essay is assessed as not being the work of a single author then the university’s policies regarding academic honesty apply.
• Use 1.5 line spacing and Arial or Times New Roman font size 12.
• Please refer to the Essay Marking Guide in the Assessment Guide on iLearn. The marking guide sets out the criteria and standards against which your essay will be marked.
• You are responsible for attaching a marking guide and cover sheet to the assessment.
• You must also attach your printed Turnitin originality report, including word count, to your hard copy submission.

Submission Details:

All students must submit their essays electronically through Turnitin using the link on iLearn, and in hard copy to BESS (E4B 106) by 4.00pm on the due date.

Hard copies must be identical to the electronic version submitted.

Late submissions: Late essays must also be submitted through Turnitin and a hard copy should be submitted to BESS in building E4B to be date stamped and forwarded to your tutor for marking. No extensions will be granted. There will be a deduction of 20% of the total available marks (i.e. 7 marks) made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission incurs a 40% or 14 marks penalty). This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for disruption of studies is made and approved. No submission will be accepted after feedback have been posted/given in lectures/classes.
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Final Examination

Due: Formal examination period
Weighting: 40%
Duration: 2 hours + 10 minutes reading time

A final examination is included as an assessment task for this unit to provide assurance that:

i) the product belongs to the student and

ii) the student has attained the knowledge and skills tested in the exam.

The final examination will be of two hour duration and will be held during the University Examination period. The exam will include multiple choice and short answer questions. Details of the final exam’s format will be given in the Week 13 lecture.

You are expected to present yourself for examination at the time and place designated in the University Examination Timetable. The timetable will be available in Draft form approximately eight weeks before the commencement of the examinations and in Final form approximately four weeks before the commencement of the examinations. http://exams.mq.edu.au/

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Delivery and Resources

Classes
Unit Schedule

LECTURE PROGRAM

(Weekly tutorial program and readings in Assessment Guide on iLearn)
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| 7    | 10 April        | Reading week: no lecture and no tutorials  
+ Good Friday public holiday |
|      | April 17-24     | MID SESSION BREAK |
| 8    | 1 May           | Business communication and interpersonal skills |
| 9    | 8 May           | Foundations of management: Planning |
| 10   | 15 May          | Foundations of management: Organisational structure and design |
| 11   | 22 May          | Managing human resources, change & innovation |
| 12   | 29 May          | Foundations of management: Control |
| 13   | 5 June          | Exam briefing |

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central.

Students
should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, 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.

**Extension requests:** The University is committed to equity and fairness in all aspects of its learning and teaching. In stating this commitment, the University recognises that there may be circumstances where a student is prevented by unavoidable disruption from performing in accordance with their ability. A disruption to studies policy exists to support students who experience serious and unavoidable disruption such that they do not reach their usual demonstrated performance level. The policy is available at: http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html

**Student Support**

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

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

• CLASS TEST: NON ASSESSABLE
• ASSESSMENT 1: CASE STUDY
• ASSESSMENT 2: ESSAY
Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Assessment tasks**

- ASSESSMENT 1: CASE STUDY
- ASSESSMENT 2: ESSAY
- Final Examination

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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**Assessment tasks**

- ASSESSMENT 1: CASE STUDY
Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Assessment tasks**

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**Changes from Previous Offering**

The group presentation and report assessment task from the previous offering is replaced with an individual case study assessment task.

**Global and Sustainability**

Developing sustainable organisations through the creation of innovative and ethical practices.

**Research and Practice**

- This unit uses research from external sources.
- This unit gives you opportunities to conduct your own research.

**Recommended texts:**
