

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, DALLAS
OB6301.5U1.16U “Organizational Behavior”
SYSM6333.5U1.16U “Systems Organizational Behavior”
Course Syllabus – Summer 2016

Course Information

OB6301.5U1.16U “Organizational Behavior” Tuesday 6:00p – 10:00p
SYSM6333.5U1.16U “Systems Organizational Behavior” Tuesday 6:00p – 10:00p
Classroom: JSOM2.717 (Select Days Only)

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Course Description

The study of human behavior in organizations. Emphasizes theoretical concepts and practical methods for understanding, analyzing, and predicting individual, group, and organizational behavior. Topics include work motivation, group dynamics, decision making, conflict and negotiation, leadership, power, and organizational culture. Ethical and international considerations are also addressed.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

- 1) Explain and apply major scholarly approaches and empirical findings in Organizational Behavior at the individual, group, and organizational level.
 - 2) Apply basic theories of motivation, evaluate the differences between different motivational approaches and assess the efficacy of motivational programs.
 - 3) Recognize Decision Making (DM) problems and opportunities and apply the appropriate DM models while considering ethical dilemmas and implications.
 - 4) Demonstrate an understanding of the sources and consequences of multi-ethnic and multi-cultural diversity and develop strategies to bridge the differences and capitalize on the benefits of diversity in all its forms in organizations.
 - 5) Increase self-awareness and understanding of your strengths and weaknesses so that you can be more effective in your career.
 - 6) Analyze and explain the connection between OB concepts and personal work experiences.
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Provided selections from: Colquitt, J.A.; Lepine, J.A.; & Wesson, M. J. (2015). *Organizational Behavior: Improving Performance and Commitment in the Workplace 4th Ed.* New York: McGraw Hill.

Suggested Course Materials

Suggested course materials also include exposure to reputable business publications like the Wall Street Journal, course supplemental reading and learning material links and handouts provided.

Evaluated Efforts

Grade Component	Points Available
<i>Activities</i>	
Work Experience Journal 1	100
Work Experience Journal 2	100
<i>Knowledge Measures</i>	
Module 1 Exam	150
Module 2 Exam	150
Total	500

Final Grade Determination

Final Point Total	Letter Grade	NOTES
450-500	A	<i>The instructor reserves the right to alter any student's final grade in a positive manner.</i>
400-449	B	
350-399	C	
0-349	F	

Extra Credit

There will be no extra credit offered in this course.

Lecture Topics

As to facilitate a freer flowing discussion, this class is being designed in a modular format rather than a constrictive "topic a night" format. The topics for module one are job satisfaction, stress, and motivation; the topics for module two are truth, ethics, justice, ability, and leadership.

Exams

This course will feature two exams which will cover material in both a recognition and application format.

Work Experience Journals

A very important part of this course is to take the experiences you already have AND to incorporate the knowledge you are gaining to improve your careers. Taking the position that you are already in the workplace and already “know this stuff” shows you are not here to improve yourself. In order to think of ways, you can improve yourselves, for both of the modules, you will be asked to write a brief paper which discusses the ways in which you have already seen the topics during your work experiences and then how you would use the studies material to either improve yourself or your work organization. Please keep in mind, these are essays, not research papers.

Each of these papers will need to be between 1200 and 1500 words and discuss two of the topics covered in the module. You are free to select a broader topic (such as job satisfaction) or you may discuss in more detail (such as meaningfulness of work tasks). A paper that scores well will discuss in detail the situation which has inspired you to select this topic and then the theory behind what explains the situation and offers you a chance to change it. You may actually think of this as a “mini-consultation” in which you are your own client!

These two papers will be graded on an excellent, above average, average, and unacceptable manner. In regards to content, I will be looking for your ability to describe the inspiration situation and the events which instigated the situation as well as your use of theory (the textbook) to explain and improve the situation. In regards to professionalism, I will be looking for a well written, standard English, grammatically correct paper, which follows APA formatting. I will also be looking for 12 point, Times New Roman font and a double spaced paper. (Not following these simple instructions will result in your not passing the assignment.)

Late Work and Missed Assignments and/or Exams

Regarding Journals: Journal 1 is due on by 11:59pm on Sunday, June 12; Journal 2 is due by 11:59pm on Sunday, July 3. Each document should be submitted as PDF file on E-Learning. Any student missing the deadline, submitting more than one document, or asking to submit a new document after the deadline has passed will receive a 50% reduction in their score. No documents will be accepted 24 hours past the deadline.

Regarding Exams: The dates of the two exams are clearly stated on the syllabus. If for some reason, a student misses ONE exam, said student will have the option of completing an alternate exam on July 26 which will cover both the missed material and additional material from the field of organizational behavior. Any student who misses both exams, will fail the class. **EXAM NIGHTS WILL BE JUNE 14 and JULY 5...PLAN NOW!**

Course & Instructor Policies

Make-Up Quizzes

Make-up quizzes may be taken under certain circumstances of illness/family death or emergency if students contact me (if possible before the scheduled quiz) and provide written proof of why they could not take the exam (i.e. doctor's note). There are no make-up quizzes without the above documentation.

Extra Credit

Extra Credit work may be assigned to the class in the course of the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Field Trip Policies Off-campus Instruction and Course Activities

Off-campus, out-of-state, and foreign instruction and activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be found at the website address

http://www.utdallas.edu/BusinessAffairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm. Additional information is available from the office of the school dean.

Student Conduct & Discipline

The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities.

The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, Part 1, Chapter VI, Section 3, and in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the Course Syllabus Page 8, University's Handbook of Operating Procedures. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SSB 4.400, 972/883- 6391).

A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents' Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

Academic Integrity

The faculty and administration of the Naveen Jindal School of Management expect from our students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high

standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work. We want to establish a reputation for the honorable behavior of our graduates, which extends throughout their careers. Both your individual reputation and the school's reputation matter to your success.

The Judicial Affairs website lists examples of academic dishonesty. Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, facilitating academic dishonesty, fabrication, failure to contribute to a collaborative project and sabotage.

Some of the ways students may engage in academic dishonesty are:

Coughing and/or using visual or auditory signals in a test;

- Concealing notes on hands, caps, shoes, in pockets or the back of beverage bottle labels;
- Writing in blue books prior to an examination;
- Writing information on blackboards, desks, or keeping notes on the floor;
- Obtaining copies of an exam in advance;
- Passing information from an earlier class to a later class;
- Leaving information in the bathroom;
- Exchanging exams so that neighbors have identical test forms;

Having a substitute take a test and providing falsified identification for the substitute;

- Fabricating data for lab assignments;
- Changing a graded paper and requesting that it be re-graded;
- Failing to turn in a test or assignment and later suggesting the faculty member lost the item;
- Stealing another student's graded test and affixing one's own name on it;
- Recording two answers, one on the test form, one on the answer sheet;
- Marking an answer sheet to enable another to see the answer;
- Encircling two adjacent answers and claiming to have had the

correct answer;

Stealing an exam for someone in another section or for placement in a test file;

Using an electronic device to store test information, or to send or receive answers for a test;

- Destroying or removing library materials to gain an academic advantage; Consulting assignment solutions posted on websites of previous course offerings;
- Transferring a computer file from one person's account to another; Transmitting posted answers for an exam to a student in a testing area via electronic device;
- Downloading text from the Internet or other sources without proper attribution; Citing to false references or findings in research or other academic exercises;

Unauthorized collaborating with another person in preparing academic exercises.

- Submitting a substantial portion of the same academic work more than once without written authorization from the instructor.

<http://www.utdallas.edu/judicialaffairs/UTDJudicialAffairs-Basicexamples.html>

Updated: August, 2011

Plagiarism on written assignments, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable.

During tests and quizzes, students in this section are not allowed to have with them any food or drinks, scratch paper, course materials, textbooks, notes, invisible ink pens, or electronic devices, including IPads, iPhones, iPods, MP3 Players, earphones, radios, smart phones, cameras, calculators, multi-function timepieces, or computers. When possible, students should sit in alternating seats, face forward at all times, and remove any clothing which might conceal eye movements, reflect images of another's work, or hide course material for copying. Exam proctors will monitor any communication or signaling between students by talking, whispering, or making sounds, or by using your hands, feet, other body movements, the test paper itself or your writing implement.

Students in this course suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings, and if found responsible, the following minimum sanctions will be applied:

1. Homework – Zero for the Assignment
2. Case Write-ups – Zero for the Assignment
3. Quizzes – Zero for the Quiz
4. Presentations – Zero for the Assignment
5. Group Work – Zero for the Assignment for all group members
6. Tests – F for the course

These sanctions will be administered only after a student has been found officially responsible for academic dishonesty, either through waiving their right for a disciplinary hearing, or being declared responsible after a hearing administered by Judicial Affairs and the Dean of Student's Office.

In the event that the student receives a failing grade for the course for academic dishonesty, the student is not allowed to withdraw as a way of preventing the grade from being entered on their record. Where a student receives an F in a course and chooses to take the course over to improve their grade, the original grade of F remains on their transcript, but does not count towards calculation of their GPA.

The School of Management also reserves the right to review a student's disciplinary record, on file with the Dean of Students, as one of the criteria for determining a student's eligibility for a scholarship.

Judicial Affairs Procedures

Under authority delegated by the Dean of Students, a faculty member who has reason to suspect that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty may conduct a conference with the student in compliance with the following procedures:

- (i) the student will be informed that he/she is believed to have committed an act or acts of academic dishonesty in violation of University rules;
- (ii) the student will be presented with any information in the knowledge or possession of the instructor which tends to support the allegation(s) of academic dishonesty;
- (iii) the student will be given an opportunity to present information on his/her behalf;
- (iv) after meeting with the student, the faculty member may choose not to refer the allegation if he/she determines that the allegations are not supported by the evidence; or
- (v) after meeting with the student, the faculty member may refer the allegations to the dean of students along with a referral form and all supporting documentation of the alleged violation. Under separate cover, the faculty member should forward the appropriate grade to be assessed if a student is found to be responsible for academic dishonesty;
- (vi) the faculty member may consult with the dean of students in determining the recommended grade;
- (vii) the faculty member must not impose any independent sanctions upon the student in lieu of a referral to Judicial Affairs;
- (viii) the faculty member may not impose a sanction of suspension or expulsion, but may make this *recommendation* in the referral documentation

If the faculty member chooses not to meet with the student and instead forwards the appropriate documentation directly to the dean of students, they should attempt to inform the student of the allegation and notify the student that the information has been forwarded to the Office of Dean of Students for investigation.

The student, pending a hearing, remains responsible for all academic exercises and syllabus requirements. The student may remain in class if the student's presence in the class does not interfere with the professor's ability to teach the class or the ability of other class members to learn. (See Section 49.07, page V-49-4 for information regarding the removal of a student from class).

Upon receipt of the referral form, class syllabus, and the supporting material/documentation from the faculty member, the dean shall proceed under the guidelines in the Handbook of Operating Procedures, Chapter 49, and Subchapter C. If the respondent disputes the facts upon which the allegations are based, a fair and impartial disciplinary committee comprised of UTD faculty and students, shall hold a hearing and determine the responsibility of the student. If they find the student in violation of the code of conduct, the dean will then affirm the minimum

sanction as provided in the syllabus, and share this information with the student. The dean will review the student's prior disciplinary record and assess additional sanctions where appropriate to the circumstances. The dean will inform the student and the faculty member of their decision.

Email Use

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's UT Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individuals corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at UT Dallas provides a method for students to have their UT Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts.

Withdrawal from Class

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.

Student Grievance Procedures

Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called "the respondent"). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the response provided to the respondent's School Dean. If the matter is not resolved

by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean's decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the Dean will appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to an "F".

Disability Services

The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:

The University of Texas at Dallas, SU 22

PO Box 830688

Richardson, Texas 75083-0688

(972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)

Essentially, the law requires that colleges and universities make those reasonable adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally an assignment requirement may be substituted (for example, a research paper versus an oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes which have enrolled students with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-taking, or mobility assistance.

It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.

Religious Holy Days

The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code, and Texas Code Annotated.

The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student, so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.

If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.