Module Specification

Project Management Fundamentals

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Project Management Fundamentals

Module code: UBGLK1-30-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: Faculty of Environment & Technology

School: FET Dept of Geography & Envrnmental Mgmt

Partner institutions: None

Field:

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This module explores the key principles, concepts, tools and strategies of project management. Using a variety of teaching methods, students will understand how to effectively plan and execute a project, whilst considering the wider business context in which the project operates.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: This module aims to prepare students in delivering strategic change and transformation through the management of projects in organisations., and to develop the student's understanding of the stages, tools and techniques required for project initiation, planning, execution, control and termination.

Outline syllabus: This module will be delivered in two parts: A and B. In Part A, the critical role of project management within organisations is examined including the underpinning project management processes and concepts. Procurement and contract management in a project environment are critically reviewed with emphasis on: the procurement life cycle, contracts, factors that influence commercial conflict and disputes and conflict management. The project life cycle is introduced and the key activities within various project life cycle phases are critically discussed in detail. Part B builds on Part A by introducing coverage of advanced topics in project scheduling, risk and quality, configuration and resource management, and cost control as well as providing comprehensive knowledge of scheduling and other project management tools. Part B of the module will be supported with Microsoft Project software.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Using a variety of teaching methods, students will understand how to effectively plan and execute a project, whilst considering the wider business context in which the project operates including:

Formal lectures to present the theoretical concepts, models and theories necessary to understand Project Management at the appropriate level;

Workshops where the students have an opportunity to investigate and understand specific areas of interest within Project Management, and discuss these with their peers and tutors;

Analytical and "applied" skills-based activities, including case studies, where students have the opportunity to contextualise and apply their knowledge; and

Practical laboratory sessions to equip students with the necessary skills to employ specialist project management software to support their learning.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Critically analyse the role of project management within organisations to deliver successful change

MO2 Critically apply procurement and contract management in a project environment.

MO3 Plan a project within a given organisational context.

MO4 Apply methods and techniques used to organise and plan project time, cost, resources and people.

MO5 Present and recommend best practice approaches to be taken when managing projects within organisations.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Workshops = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/0048B2AE-904E-ECA1-B4BD-E45D8A4E2B7D.html

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The module will be assessed by two components of assessment.

Task 1 is a group project that will assess learning outcomes LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4

and LO5. Given a specific case scenario, the team will be required to create a practical project plan that could be used by the organization in the scenario to manage the project. As part of the assessment, the team will also be required to submit the detailed schedule documents in a specialist Project format. In preparing for this assessment, students will be able to undertake a series of formative exercises as topics are covered in the module and gain feedback in response. These deliverables accumulate and form the basis of the group project plan. This assessment strategy is employed to produce the type of output required by professional project management practice that is developed by a typical project team; and to maximise learning opportunities with added values for students' development and character building.

Task 2 is an Individual presentation that will assess learning outcomes LO1 and LO5. You will be required to provide information on the project and the plan delivered in Component A that is relevant to a chosen stakeholder.

Resit is the same as the first sit

Resit deliverable(s) will be scaled appropriately to group size and task complexity

Assessment tasks:

Project (First Sit)
Description: Group project plan with illustrations (equivalent to 6,000 words report)
Weighting: 80 %
Final assessment: No
Group work: Yes
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (First Sit)
Description: Individual presentation with embedded script/audio (15 minutes)
Weighting: 20 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO5

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Individual presentation with embedded script/audio (15 mins)

Weighting: 20 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO5

Project (Resit)

Description: Group project plan with illustrations (equivalent to 6,000 words report)

Resit deliverable(s) will be scaled appropriately to group size and task complexity

Weighting: 80 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Project Management [Frenchay] MSc 2023-24

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