

Fall 2021

Talent Acquisition (37:533:311:01)

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00pm – 2:20pm

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I. Course Overview

This course discusses the effective management of the flow of talent into and through the organization. Particular attention is given to the impact of business strategy, internal and external labor markets, recruiting, selection, and person-job and person-organization match on staffing practices. Specifically, we will cover human resource planning, career transitions, layoffs, and other workforce movement. An important goal of the class will be to provide opportunities to develop hands-on skills that are relevant to effectively managing talent flow. Thus, experiences focusing on the transfer of course material to real-world situations will be an integral part of the class.

II. SMLR Learning Objectives

- 1) Theoretical Perspectives - Demonstrate an understanding of relevant theories and apply them given the background context of a particular work situation.
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the practical perspectives, theories and concepts in their field of staffing
 - Evaluate and apply theories from staffing and more broadly social science disciplines to workplace issues
- 2) Understanding Context - Evaluate the context of workplace issues, public policies, and management decisions
 - Analyze the degree to which forms of human difference shape a person's experience of, and perspectives on work
 - Analyze a contemporary global issue in their field from a multi-disciplinary perspective
 - Analyze issues related to business strategies, organizational structures, and work systems
 - Analyze issues related to the recruiting, measurement, and selection of talent in a global context

- 3) Application – Demonstrate an understanding of how to apply knowledge necessary for effective work performance
 - Apply concepts and substantive institutional knowledge, to understanding contemporary developments related to work
 - Understand the legal, regulatory and ethical issues related to the staffing
 - Develop human resource management functional capabilities used to recruit, measure, and select workers
 - Understand the internal and external alignment and measurement of human resource practices

- 4) Written & Oral Communication – Communicate effectively at a level and in modes appropriate to an entry level professional.
 - Communicate complex ideas effectively, in standard written English
 - Analyze and synthesize information and ideas from multiple sources to generate new insights
 - Produce quality research papers with proper convention of attribution/citation
 - Produce high quality executive summaries
 - Make an argument using contemporary and/or historical evidence
 - Present ideas and arguments in a logical and effective way

III. Method of Instruction

To achieve the course objectives above, I will combine multiple instructional methods including lectures, class discussions, and case analyses. Students will not only learn key concepts and theories from lectures, but will have opportunities to apply them to analyzing and addressing staffing issues in real organizations through case analyses and team exercise.

IV. Course Materials

- *Required textbook:* Phillips, J. M. (2020). Strategic Staffing (4th ed.). Chicago Business Press. ISBN: 978-1-948426-86-2
- Articles, cases, and/or exercises may be provided in class or through Sakai.
- Students are responsible for reading all the assigned materials; not just limited to materials covered by lecture.

V. Course Assignments and Grading

The course grade is composed of three components (exams, participation, and Chern’s case study; see below for details) and will be determined based on the following scale.

Activity	Points	Percentage	Cut-off points	Grade
Mid-term exam	100	90-100%	297	A
Final exam	100	85-89.9%	280	B+
Chern’s case study tests	60	80-84.9%	264	B
Participation	60	75-79.9%	247	C+
Short case study	10	70-74.9%	231	C
Total	330	< 70%		F

- 1) **Examinations:** two (mid-term and final) exams will cover all course materials including lecture slides, readings, cases, in-class discussions, and videos shown in class. There will be both multiple choice and essay questions. The exams are *not cumulative*, but several key concepts and terms may carry over. I will hold review sessions prior to the exams. Both exams will be administered in class.
 - The dates of the exams are noted on the course schedule. Students should take the exams at the scheduled time unless they have a legitimate excuse. Legitimate excuses may include illness (with a doctor's note), inclement weather (when Rutgers is officially closed), instructor's announcement of class suspension, or other critical circumstances (as judged by me). Students claiming excused absence must contact me before the exam and furnish documentary support for the legitimate excuses. Otherwise, I will assign a grade of zero for missed exams and will not provide a make-up exam. A make-up exam may be different from original exams, and will be held at a time when all students who need the make-up exam can be present. An officially cancelled exam will be held at the next scheduled class period.
 - Any questions or appeals about exams must be made in writing via e-mail within 7 days after the exam grades are given to students. Exams will be kept by me.
- 2) **Chern's case study:** Students will work on the Chern's case study included in the textbook individually. During the semester, they will take two case study tests in class (see Course Schedule) containing problems that supplement the mid-term and final exams; details will be provided in class prior to the week.
- 3) **Participation:** Participation is comprised of polls (22 points), weekly short essays (33 points), and general class conduct (as judged by me; e.g., being active in class discussion and being respectful towards others; 5 points).
 - You will be excused from absence only with legitimate excuses (see above for details) who contact me before class.
 - I will track attendance by administering polls in each class. Students should participate in all poll questions (usually two for each class) in order to earn full points (2 points each class). Partial points may be given based on the number of polls completed.
 - I will also give a (timed) 'Weekly Short Essay' in which you respond to short essay question(s) each week (through Canvas). However, those who are absent from the class or miss a significant portion of the class (as judged by me) will receive no points even when they respond the questions.
 - It will be evaluated based on the following scale: 'Very Satisfactory' (3 points), 'Somewhat Satisfactory' (2 points), and 'Not Satisfactory' (1 point).
 - You will be allowed to make up a missed essay only if you contact me before class with legitimate excuses.
- 4) **Short case study:** Students are expected to conduct and present a short case study. Specifically, the short case study is about (1) finding a recent example of an actual business organization(s) from popular press, professional magazines, and/or other online sources that illustrates some of the subject matter of our course and (2) submitting a write-up (500-750 words) that clearly explains why/how the case relates to what class concepts (5 points). Toward the end of the semester, students are expected to present their cases briefly (about 3

min) in class (5 points). Please provide a complete citation based on the APA style guide wherever appropriate in the write-up.

- 5) **Extra credits:** Students can provide up to two additional short cases for extra credits (5 points each). The short case paper(s) (see above for length and other requirements) must be submitted before the final exam to be considered in the final grade determination.

VI. Mutual Expectations and Classroom Policies

Students' Responsibilities	Instructor's Responsibilities
<p>To maximally benefit from this course, you are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all class meetings; • Complete any reading assignments prior to each class; • Review course materials after each class; • Actively participate during class discussions; • Be well-prepared for exams; and • Foster a climate of respect for both the instructor and other class members. 	<p>To accomplish the course goals, I will do my best to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for helpful and interesting course materials; • Lead meaningful lectures and discussions; • Provide developmental feedback to help students to monitor and make a progress in this course; • Evaluate students' performance with fairness; and • Treat each student with respect and dignity.

In an effort to create a classroom environment that remains conducive to learning, the following rules will apply:

- (a) No electronic media during class (e.g., no MP3 players, laptop computers, etc.) unless allowed by me in advance.
- (b) All cell phones turned off and no calls taken during class.
- (c) Newspapers, books, and other materials not related to our class to be put away.
- (d) Avoiding side conversations as the classroom acoustics make these very distracting.
- (e) Late arrivals and early departures are unacceptable; they will put you at a disadvantage in terms of missing important announcements and lecture materials as well as starting late on exams.
- (f) Being thoughtful and respectful in your comments to class—avoid speaking just to exercise “airtime.”

In addition, in order to protect the health and well-being of all members of the University community, masks must be worn by all persons on campus when in the presence of others (within six feet) and in buildings in non-private enclosed settings (e.g., common workspaces, workstations, meeting rooms, classrooms, etc.). Masks must be worn during class meetings; any student not wearing a mask will be asked to leave.

Masks should conform to CDC guidelines and should completely cover the nose and mouth: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Each day before you arrive on campus or leave your residence hall, you must complete the brief survey on the [My Campus Pass symptom checker self-screening app](#).

VII. Media Policy

The recording and transmission of classroom lectures and discussions by students is prohibited without written permission from the class instructor and all students in the class as well as guest speakers have been informed that audio/video recording may occur. Recording of lectures or class presentations is solely authorized for the purposes of individual or group study with other students enrolled in the same class. Permission to allow the recording is not a transfer of any copyrights in the recording. The recording may not be reproduced or uploaded to publicly accessible web environments. You cannot share any part of any recording without express written permission by all parties potentially affected by the recording.

Recordings, course materials, and lecture notes may not be exchanged or distributed for commercial purposes, for compensation, or for any other purpose other than study by students enrolled in the class. Public distribution of such materials may constitute copyright infringement in violation of federal or state law, or University policy. Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action under the University's Standards of Conduct.

Exception:

It is not a violation of this policy for a student determined by the Learning Needs and Evaluation Center ("LNEC") to be entitled to educational accommodations, to exercise any rights protected under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, including needed recording or adaptations of classroom lectures or materials for personal research and study. Such recordings of lectures or class presentations is solely authorized for the purposes of individual or group study with other students enrolled in the same class. Permission to allow the recording is not a transfer of any copyrights in the recording. The restrictions on third party web and commercial distribution apply in such cases.

Destruction of Approved Recordings:

Students must destroy recordings at the end of the semester in which they are enrolled in the class unless they receive the instructor's written permission to retain them or are entitled to retain them as an LNEC-authorized accommodation.

VIII. University Guidelines and Resources

Academic integrity

The University's policy on cheating and use of copyrighted materials is enforced in this class. Students are expected to pursue knowledge with integrity. Please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy for more detail regarding these policies: <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-at-rutgers>. All students registered for this course are asked to sign an Academic Integrity Contract (refer to the last two pages of this syllabus). Students must return a signed copy to me. This contract includes detailed explanations of behavior that constitutes plagiarism and cheating. Examples of a breach of this contract with regard to this specific course include, but are not limited to: sharing your answers or copying another student's answers on examinations; sending a fellow student who did not attend class the answers to a poll to falsely indicate their presence; copying material that is not your own without providing proper documentation. In the event that this contract is breached, the punishment can range from receiving a failing grade on the assignment, to being placed on disciplinary probation or permanent expulsion from Rutgers.

Self-reporting absence

Students are expected to attend all classes; if you expect to miss one or two classes, please use the University absence reporting website (<http://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra>) to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to me.

Please note: My policy on absence indicated above will be applied regardless of this self-reporting absence policy.

Students with disabilities

Students requesting accommodations for disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services to determine his/her Coordinator. The Coordinator will then provide documentation to the student. Upon review and approval, the student must then provide this documentation to the instructor. Please refer to the Office of Disability Services for Students for more detail regarding this policy: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>.

Course Schedule

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Date	Topic	Readings / Assignments Due
1) 09/02	Strategic staffing (1)	o Ch. 1
2) 09/07	Strategic staffing (2)	o Ch. 1
3) 09/09	Business and staffing strategies (1)	o Ch. 2 & 3
4) 09/14	Business and staffing strategies (2) / The legal context	o Ch. 2 & 3
5) 09/16	Strategic job analysis and competency modeling (1)	o Ch. 4
6) 09/21	Strategic job analysis and competency modeling (2)	o Ch. 4
7) 09/23	Forecasting and planning (1)	o Ch. 5
8) 09/28	Forecasting and planning (2)	o Ch. 5
9) 09/30	Sourcing: identifying recruits (1)	o Ch. 6
10) 10/05	Sourcing: identifying recruits (2)	o Ch. 6
11) 10/07	Recruiting (1)	o Ch. 7
12) 10/12	Recruiting (2)	o Ch. 7
13) 10/14	Mid-term exam review; case study test review	
14) 10/19	Mid-term exam	
15) 10/21	<i>Chern's case study test I</i>	
16) 10/26	Measurement (1)	o Ch. 8
17) 10/28	Measurement (2)	o Ch. 8
18) 11/02	Assessing external candidates (1)	o Ch. 9
19) 11/04	Assessing external candidates (2)	o Ch. 9
20) 11/09	Assessing internal candidates (1)	o Ch. 10
21) 11/11	Assessing internal candidates (2)	o Ch. 10
22) 11/16	Combining assessment scores; choosing and hiring candidates (1)	o Ch. 11
23) 11/18	Combining assessment scores; choosing and hiring candidates (2)	o Ch. 11
24) 11/23	Managing workforce flow	o Ch. 12
25) 11/25	Thanksgiving Recess (No class)	
26) 11/30	Student short case presentation (1)	
27) 12/02	Student short case presentation (2)	
28) 12/07	Final exam review; case study test review	
29) 12/09	<i>Chern's case study test II</i>	
30) TBD	Final exam	

Academic Integrity Contract

(To be signed and turned in by the second class session)

All members of the Rutgers University community are expected to behave in an ethical and moral fashion, respecting the human dignity of all members of the community and resisting behavior that may cause danger or harm to others through violence, theft, or bigotry. All members of the Rutgers University community are expected to adhere to the civil and criminal laws of the local community, state, and nation, and to regulations promulgated by the University. All members of the Rutgers University community are expected to observe established standards of scholarship and academic freedom by respecting the intellectual property of others and by honoring the right of all students to pursue their education in an environment free from harassment and intimidation. Please see <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section10/10.2.11-current.pdf> for details regarding the Student Code of Conduct. Please see http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/files/documents/AI_Policy_9_01_2011.pdf for details regarding the Academic Integrity Policy.

Similarly, all students and faculty members of the academic community at the School of Management and Labor Relations should uphold high standards for personal conduct, ethical behavior, and professional integrity. In the area of academic integrity, students are expected to refrain from cheating, fabricating information, plagiarizing, inappropriately denying others access to material, and facilitating others in academic dishonesty. Please see <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section10/10.2.11-current.pdf> (pp. 24-28) for detailed descriptions of each type of action.

Any of the following acts, when committed by a student, is an act of academic dishonesty and decreases the genuine achievements of other students and scholars. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

Plagiarism/False Representation of Work

- Quoting directly or paraphrasing portions of someone else's work without acknowledging the source.
- Submitting the same work, or major portions thereof, including presentations, to satisfy the requirements of more than one course without permission from the instructor.
- Using data or interpretative material for a report or presentation without acknowledging the sources or the collaborators.
- Failing to acknowledge assistance from others, such as help with research, statistical analysis, or field data collection, in a paper, examination, or project report.
- Submitting purchased materials such as a term paper as your own work.
- Copying or presenting material verbatim from any source without using quotation marks.
- Copying from any source and altering a few words to avoid exact quotation, without the appropriate documentation or by using improper documentation of the source.
- Rewording the major concept found in a source but then omitting documentation or improperly citing the source.
- Submitting as one's own any work created by someone else (e.g., paper, project, speech, video, exercise, etc.) without crediting them. Large duplication of someone else's work

should be avoided unless you obtain express permission from both the instructor and originator of the work.

- Fabricating or misrepresenting data or information
- Forging signatures

Cheating

- Copying work on examinations.
- Acting to facilitate copying during an exam.
- Sharing answers through technology or in written or verbal form when such interactions are prohibited
- Using prohibited materials, such as books, notes, phones, or calculators during an examination.
- Working with another student on an assignment when such collaboration is prohibited.
- Stealing or having in one's possession without permission any materials, or property belonging to or having been generated by faculty, staff, or another student for the course.
- Willfully offering to do another student's work so they may represent it as their own
- Assisting another student in cheating or plagiarizing
- Doing another student's work, excluding collaborative learning assignments or joint assignments approved by the instructor.

Engaging in any of the above behaviors can result in an F on the examination or project, an F in the course, denial of access to internships, suspension for one or more semesters, or permanent expulsion from the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University.

I, _____ understand the Policies on Academic Integrity and the Student Code of Conduct at Rutgers University and the School of Management and Labor Relations. Furthermore, I understand the consequences of unethical behavior.

We all share a responsibility in creating an ethical environment. I resolve to uphold and support high standards for ethics and integrity at Rutgers University. If I see, hear, or observe violations of ethics and integrity I will report them to my instructor, Department Chair, or Dean.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Rutgers University ID: _____