

Talent Acquisition (37:533:311)

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Course Overview

It is becoming increasingly clear that the only sustainable source of competitive advantage for a company is the quality, uniqueness and commitment of its human capital. This course focuses on models, tools and techniques that enable an organization to acquire, deploy and retain talented employees that will enhance the competitive advantage of the company. Talent acquisition involves the sourcing, recruitment, screening, selection, onboarding and deployment of new employees required for the ongoing success of the organization. Workforce planning, promotion and succession management will be addressed along with the laws and regulation governing the legal requirements governing of workforce decisions. Emphasis is placed on techniques and procedures; however, theoretical and empirical research will be covered in order to provide the student with an appreciation of the state-of-the-art in the field. Further, the linking of staffing activities to strategic organizational goals is an important theme.

Learning Goals

- To provide students with a broad overview of staffing practice and research, including recruiting, selection, and human resource management.
- To acquaint students with legal guidelines which govern the practice of staffing and related human resource decision-making, policy development, etc.
- To present material on the external, environmental conditions that affect the practice of staffing and overall human resource management.

Course Delivery Format

The course is delivered *entirely* online through the Learning Management System, Canvas. There will be no Face-to-Face, in-person classroom sessions.

The course is delivered in *asynchronous* mode. This means the learning activities and communication takes place outside of real-time. You do not have to log in at any specific scheduled time; you log in at your convenience.

Note: Even though you don't need to log in at any specific time, **you are required to adhere to all course work due dates.**

TEXT: Heneman, H. G., Judge, T. A., & Kammeyer-Mueller, J. **Staffing Organizations**, 9th ed., (New York: McGraw-Hill Education, 2019).
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Course Structure

This course is structured in a weekly module format. Each week (module) starts on a Monday and ends on a Sunday. The weekly activities are noted in the Modules section under the corresponding **Objectives & Activities** pages. Each **Objectives & Activities** pages include:

- Topic of the week
- Topic description
- Learning Objectives
- Learning Materials:
 - Readings
 - Multimedia (Audio, and/or Videos)
 - Other if applicable
- Learning Activities
 - what activities you will be doing to help you learn, such as Discussion, assignments, etc.
- Assessments - the activities that will be assessed (graded) for the week

The course is divided into 15 weeks:

Week 1: Staffing Models (1/18-1/23)
Week 2 Legal Compliance (1/24-1/30)
Week 3 Workforce Planning (1/31-2/6)
Week 4 Workforce Planning (2/7-2/13)
Week 5 Job Analysis & Rewards (2/14-2/20)
Week 6 Conducting a Job Analysis (2/21-2/27)
Week 7 External Recruitment (2/28-3/6)
Week 8 Midterm Exam (3/7-3/13)

Spring Break 3/14-3/20

Week 9 Attracting & Retaining Talent (3/21-3/27)
Week 10 External Selection I (3/28-4/3)
Week 11 External Selection II (4/4-4/10)
Week 12 Selection Interview (4/11-4/18)
Week 13 Measurement (4/18-4/24)
Week 14 Selection Decision Making (4/25-5/2)
Week 15 Final Exam (5/2-5/8)

Computers and Other Technology Requirements

- Access to the internet & reliable computer
- Headphones/Headsets - highly recommended, webcam - optional
- Microsoft Word
- [Basic Computer Specifications for Canvas \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

For convenience, you can also download/install the Canvas Student App for Android or iOS devices. Follow the instruction on the respective app centers:

- [Canvas Student App for Android \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
- [Canvas Student App for iOS](#)

GRADING:

Exam I	25
Exam II	25
Project I	15
Project I	15
Discussion Forums	20

EXAMS: There are **two non-cumulative exams** that consist of multiple-choice, true-false and essay items. Exams are administered via Canvas. All exams are closed-book and you are expected to complete the exams without any form of assistance!

Make-up exams are only administered to students with a *documented excuse* (illness, death in the family, religious observance, medical emergency, etc.) and who contact me within 24 hours of the scheduled exam time. Make-up exams must be taken within one week of the scheduled exam time at the professor's convenience.

PROJECTS: There are two individual projects designed to develop practical skills needed in the selection process. More details about the project will be provided in the early weeks of the semester.

DISCUSSION FORUM: Interaction with classmates and the development of networks is an important aspect of professional courses. Unfortunately, asynchronous classes do not provide the interaction with classmates afforded by in-person classes leaving students somewhat detached and isolated. The Discussion Forums are designed to allow students to share their experience, insights and questions with each other and help develop a community of learning.

Participation is mandatory and worth **20% of the final grade**. Discussion topics are posted on the Monday of each week and it is expected that students will initially respond by Wednesday and return to the Discussion Forum and the continue the dialogue throughout the week by responding to your classmates' posts. Be sure to adhere to the [discussion post rules and guidelines](#) and the [discussion post rubric](#).

Grades depend on the overall quality of responses (links to articles, citing the lectures or text, sharing experiences, etc.) for the entire semester.

Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to abide by Rutgers's Academic Integrity Policy and Code of Student Conduct. Acts of cheating, plagiarism, forgery, fabrication or misrepresentation are not tolerated and will be dealt with according to the university policies and procedures. If you have doubts concerning committing a potential act of academic dishonesty, please contact the course instructor for advice. Moreover, you are advised to check the websites of the Office of Academic Integrity at:

<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/> and the Office of Student Conduct at:
<http://studentconduct.rutgers.edu/>

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<https://ods.rutgers.edu/student>

SMLR Learning Objectives

IV) 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 study
- Evaluate and apply theories from social science disciplines to workplace issues

VI) 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 their field
- Develop human resource management functional capabilities used to select, motivate, and develop workers (HRM)
- Understand the internal and external alignment and measurement of human resource practices (HRM)