MGMT 4371 - Internship

Course Description/Overview

Students will participate in a structured work experience at the management trainee level. A pass or fail grade will be assigned by the instructor based on input on student performance from the employment supervisor and using the required weekly journals prepared by students. Course may be repeated once for credit with permission of the instructor or department head.

Prerequisite Knowledge

Permission of the instructor.

Course Technology

Students should be familiar with the use of word, excel and PowerPoint (or other acceptable presentation) software.

Class Meeting Times

Class is online, with the exception of the introduction and dates when specifically noted as in class (presentations, exams, etc.)

Technical Support

The Technology Service Center (TSC) may be contacted by calling (325) 942-2911 or 1-866-942-2911; or by email at helpdesk@angelo.edu

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Course Objectives

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1. Demonstrate analytical thinking, critical analysis, problem solving, use of technology and use of current information resources in the research and preparation of a professional project.

2. Connect knowledge from my own study, field, or academic discipline to civic knowledge and responsibility and to articulate what I have learned as result of engagement with the campus, regional, national, and/or global communities.

3. Receive a positive performance evaluation from the internship sponsor.

**Course Philosophy and Additional Skills Developed:** This course is designed to balance discussion and interaction with traditional lectures. Research has established that providing opportunities for active learning in the classroom usually improves the overall learning a student takes away from a course. Furthermore, the skills outlined below are critical to developing a desire for life-long learning required to succeed in your career of choice. With this in mind, this class and the lectures have been developed to engage students in discussion, small group work, and other activities to actively engage your participation. Therefore, the following ground rules are applied to the course:

1. **Active participation** - Everyone - students, professor, and visitors - will actively participate in the class on a daily basis. Attendance is not only expected, but imperative. A portion of your course grade will be dependent upon your active involvement in the course.

2. **Cooperation and Mutual Respect** - As leaders, we must learn to create an atmosphere of trust in our work teams. This means appreciating the unique set of experiences, beliefs and values each member brings to class. Another important element of trust and respect is listening. Good leaders are notable for the ability to listen to others and ask meaningful questions. Respectful turn-taking in both sharing and listening is expected.

3. **Creativity** – You will be challenged to create new thought. When we think through something for the first time, we are creating our logic, purposes and reasons for thinking. We are making new assumptions. We are forming new concepts. We are asking new
questions. We are making new inferences. We are working out a problem in a direction that is new to us.

4. **Problem-solving** – You will be required to not only identify problems but also to generate solutions and make recommendations based on a logical and thorough analysis of the alternatives.

5. **Individual accountability** – All members of the class will be held responsible for their own learning as well as the learning within their individual project teams. No member of any team should feel that he/she is doing more or less than an equal share of the project. Therefore, each team will be given the opportunity to sanction non-contributing team members through the following process: 1) verbal warning by the group with the professor as witness; 2) written warning by the team with a copy submitted to the professor; and 3) firing by the team by unanimous vote and sufficient written documentation provided to the professor.

**Required Readings**

Other readings are assigned in a timely manner as needed and are provided to you as PDF, MS Word format, or a link to an online resource will be provided.

**Grading Policies**

The internship class will required the following:

Journals – 30 %
Performance evaluation – 40%
Final analysis – 30%

A pass or fail grade will be assigned by the instructor based on the performance evaluation completed by the employer, weekly journals of the work experience and a strategic analysis of the business or division.

**Response Time**

All assignments are due at the end of the semester will be graded and returned to the students by the end of finals week.

**Missed/Late Work**

Late assignments will be penalized one letter grade per class day.
Participation/Absenteeism
Attendance is essential as an intern working in a business or division. Absences greater than two are considered excessive and could be reflected in your final grade and performance report provided. Excessive absences are reported to the Office of Financial Aid for federal funding purposes.

Course Policies

Academic Honesty and Integrity
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It is the professor’s intention to be as fair and impartial as is humanly possible. Therefore, all students will be asked to adhere to the same set of guidelines and rules UNLESS there are disabilities or documented extenuating circumstances that have been discussed with the professor and the Student Life Office. Please make sure you inform the professor as soon as any situation arises. Do NOT wait until the problem is compounded by poor class performance, poor attendance, etc.

Academic integrity is expected. This includes, but is not limited to, any form of cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized sharing of work, or unauthorized possession of course materials. The professor assumes that all students can be trusted. Please do not violate this trust. Violation of academic integrity will result in a failing grade for the course.

Courtesy and Respect
Courtesy and Respect are essential ingredients to this course. We respect each other's opinions and respect their point of view at all times while in our class sessions. The use of profanity & harassment of any form is strictly prohibited (Zero Tolerance), as are those remarks concerning one's ethnicity, life style, race (ethnicity), religion, etc.; violations of these rules will result in immediate dismissal from the course.

Accommodations for Disability
As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.15 Providing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities), the Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Student Life Office at (325) 942-2191 or (325) 942-
2126; (325) 942-2126 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at Student.Life@angelo.edu to begin the process. The Student Life Office will establish the particular documentation requirements necessary for the various types of disabilities.

Student absence for religious holidays
As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day), a student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

Course Drop
To view information about how to drop this course or to calculate important dates relevant to dropping this course, you can visit http://www.angelo.edu/services/registrars_office/course_drop_provisions.php.

Incomplete as a Course grade
As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.11 Grading Procedures), the grade I is given when the student is unable to complete the course because of illness or personal misfortune. An I that is not removed before the end of the next long semester automatically becomes an F. A graduate student will be allowed one year to remove a grade of I before it automatically becomes an F. To graduate from ASU, a student must complete all I’s.

Grade Appeal Process
As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.03 Student Grade Grievances), a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see Operating Procedure 10.03 at: http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14196-op-1003-grade-grievance.