

## **Course Specifications**

| Course Title:       | Information Systems Project Management      |
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| <b>Course Code:</b> | MIS 451                                     |
| Program:            | Management Information Systems              |
| Department:         | Management Information Systems              |
| College:            | College of Business Administration, Alkharj |
| Institution:        | Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University      |











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#### A. Course Identification

| 1. Credit hours: 5   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| 2. Course type   |  |  |  |
| <b>a.</b> University College Department $\sqrt{}$ Others                                 |  |  |  |
| <b>b.</b> Required √ Elective  |  |  |  |
| <b>3. Level/year at which this course is offered:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> level/Fourth Year |  |  |  |
| 4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): MIS 201 — Management Information Systems     |  |  |  |
| 5. Co-requisites for this course (if any):   |  |  |  |
| N/A  |  |  |  |

#### **6. Mode of Instruction** (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction   | <b>Contact Hours</b> | Percentage |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1  | Traditional classroom | 60                   | 100%       |
| 2  | Blended               |                      |            |
| 3  | <b>E-learning</b>     |                      |            |
| 4  | Distance learning     |                      |            |
| 5  | Other                 |                      |            |

#### **7. Contact Hours** (based on academic semester)

| No | Activity          | Contact Hours |
|----|-------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Lecture           | 48            |
| 2  | Laboratory/Studio | 12            |
| 3  | Tutorial          |               |
| 4  | Others (specify)  |               |
|    | Total             | 60            |

## **B.** Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

#### 1. Course Description

This course aims to teach the concepts related to project management in terms of defining, planning and executing the project. In addition, the course focuses on managing the aspects related to information system projects.

#### 2. Course Main Objective

This course is designed to introduce the concepts of project management in information systems. It treats both the technical and behavioral issues in project management and focuses on showing how project management is integral to the organization as a whole.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

| CLOs |   | Aligned<br>PLOs |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 1    | Knowledge and Understanding   |                 |
| 1.1  | Describe a project plan, scheduling activities, tracking, progress, and managing change.          | PLO 1.1         |
| 1.2  | Define a project management method which includes scope, tasks, time, cost and resource elements. | PLO 1.1         |

|     | CLOs  |                      |  |
|-----|---|----------------------|--|
| 1.3 | Recognize the tools and methods used in managing IT projects                                | PLO 1.2 & PLO<br>1.4 |  |
| 2   | Skills:   |                      |  |
| 2.1 | Demonstrate effective use of project management techniques and tools                        | PLO 2.4              |  |
| 2.2 | Demonstrate the problem-solving ability within the context of the project management domain | PLO 2.3              |  |
| 3   | Values:   |                      |  |
| 3.1 | Demonstrate the ability to collaborate effectively with peer groups                         | PLO 3.1 & PLO<br>3.2 |  |

#### **C.** Course Content

| No | List of Topics  | Contact<br>Hours |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | Chapter 1: Modern Project Management Importance of Project Management, Characteristics of a Project, Project Lifecycle.   | 8                |
| 2  | Chapter 2: Organization Strategy and Project Selection Strategic Project Management Process, Project Portfolio Management - The Implementation Gap, Organization Politics Resource Conflict. Project Selection Criteria, RFP. |                  |
| 3  | Chapter 3: Organization: Structure and Culture  Types of Organization – functional organization, dedicated organization, matrix organization. Organization culture.   | 7                |
| 4  | Chapter 4: Defining the Project Defining the project-process, WBS, PBS, Responsibility matrix, communication plan   | 6                |
| 5  | Chapter 5: Estimating Project Times and Costs Project Estimation, Quality of estimates, project estimation approaches   |                  |
| 6  | Chapter 6: Developing a Project Plan Developing a project plan, Network computation process, and Critical path analysis.  | 9                |
| 7  | Chapter 7: Managing Risk Project risk management process, contingency planning, Change management.  | 6                |
| 8  | Chapter 8: Scheduling Resources and Costs Overview of the Resource Scheduling Problem, Types of Resource Constraints  | 6                |
| 9  | Chapter 9: Reducing Project Duration Classification of a Scheduling Problem, Resource Allocation Methods.   | 4                |
|    | Total   | 60               |

## **D.** Teaching and Assessment

# 1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Co | de | Course Learning Outcomes  | <b>Teaching Strategies</b>                    | <b>Assessment Methods</b>                          |
|----|----|---|---|--|
| 1. | .0 | Knowledge and Understanding   |   |  |
| 1. | .1 | Describe a project plan, scheduling activities, tracking, progress, and | <ul><li>Lectures</li><li>Active and</li></ul> | Quizzes, Assignments,<br>Midterms, & Final<br>Exam |

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes   | Teaching Strategies  | <b>Assessment Methods</b>  |
|------|--|--|--|
|      | managing change.   | Collaborative Learning  Case-based Teaching                              |  |
| 1.2  | Define a project management method which includes scope, tasks, time, cost and resource elements | <ul><li>Lectures</li><li>Active and<br/>Collaborative Learning</li></ul> | Quizzes, Assignments,<br>Midterms, & Final<br>Exam   |
| 1.3  | Recognize the tools and methods used in managing IT projects                                     | <ul><li>Lectures</li><li>Active and<br/>Collaborative Learning</li></ul> | Quizzes, Assignments,<br>Midterms, & Final<br>Exam   |
| 2.0  | Skills   |  |  |
| 2.1  | Demonstrate effective use of project management techniques and tools                             | Lectures     Projects  | <ul> <li>Quizzes,         Assignments,         Midterms, &amp; Final         Exam     </li> <li>Projects evaluation</li> </ul> |
| 2.2  | Demonstrate the problem-solving ability within the context of the project management domain      | Lectures     Projects  | <ul> <li>Quizzes,     Assignments,     Midterms, &amp; Final     Exam</li> <li>Projects evaluation</li> </ul>                  |
| 3.0  | Values   |  |  |
| 3.1  | Demonstrate the ability to collaborate effectively with peer groups.                             | <ul><li>Solving problems in groups</li><li>Writing reports</li></ul>     | <ul> <li>Evaluation of Group<br/>work</li> <li>Reports assessment</li> <li>Presentations<br/>evaluation</li> </ul>             |

#### 2. Assessment Tasks for Students

| # | Assessment task* | Week Due  | Percentage of Total<br>Assessment Score |
|---|------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Midterm exam1    | 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 15%                                     |
| 2 | Midterm exam 2   | 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 15%                                     |
| 3 | Quizzes          | 4 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , and<br>10 <sup>th</sup> | 10%                                     |
| 4 | Assignments      | 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and<br>9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10%                                     |
| 5 | Mini Projects    | 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 10%                                     |
| 6 | Final Exam       |   | 40%                                     |

<sup>\*</sup>Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

## **E. Student Academic Counseling and Support**

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice:

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday)

## F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1.Learning Resources

| 1.Learning Resources   |   |
|--|---|
| Required Textbooks   | Erik W. Larson and Clifford F. Gray, Project management: the managerial process, 7 <sup>th</sup> edition, McGraw-Hill Education, 2017                     |
| <ul> <li>Bob Hughes and Mike Cotterell, Software Project Manage Edition, McGraw-Hill Education, 2009</li> <li>Kathy Schwalbe, Information Technology Project Manage edition, Cengage Learning, 2013</li> <li>Greg Horine, Project Management Absolute Beginner's Cedition, Que Publishing, 2017</li> <li>Joseph Heagney, Fundamentals of Project Management, 5 AMACOM, 2016</li> </ul> |   |
| Electronic Materials   | Website: <a href="https://www.masterstudies.net">www.masterstudies.net</a> Website: <a href="https://www.booksites.net/cadle">www.booksites.net/cadle</a> |
| Other Learning<br>Materials  | N/A   |

2. Facilities Required

| Item   | Resources  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)   | Lecture room with 20 seats   |  |
| Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)  | <ul> <li>Data Show</li> <li>Smart Board</li> <li>Computer with internet connection and unique data sets for each student depending on the class size.</li> </ul> |  |
| Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list) | N/A  |  |

**G.** Course Quality Evaluation

|                    | Evaluation<br>Areas/Issues |         | Evaluators | Evaluation Methods  |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|---|
| Students<br>survey | Feedback                   | through | students   | At the end of each academic semester, students' feedback is taken. A survey form entitled, <i>Course Evaluation Survey</i> (CES) provided by NCAAA is administered by Quality & Development Unit regularly using the Survey Monkey portal. In the CES, Q.No.5 to Q.No.9 reflects the students' opinion on the effectiveness of teaching. Further, students can also provide their |

| Evaluation<br>Areas/Issues                            | Evaluators                            | Evaluation Methods  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
|   |                                       | feedback on the effectiveness of<br>teaching using the open-ended<br>questions given at the end of<br>CES.  |
| Peer-Observation                                      | Senior faculty member                 | A senior faculty from the college/department nominated by DC visits the class and observes at least 2-3 classes during the entire semester. Peer observer provides his feedback on a template provided by Deanship of Development & Quality viz. class observation form for developing the teaching learning process. |
| Self-Assessment                                       | Course lecturer                       | At the end of each semester, the course instructor self-reflects his experiences during the semester and prepares the <i>course report</i> , which is discussed at the DC/CC for further improvement.   |
| Periodical Review of the Teaching<br>Strategies       | Head of department                    | The Department council periodically reviews the teaching strategies of individual faculty members mentioned in course specifications and suggest measures for Improvement of Teaching.  |
| In-house check marking of final Assessment Sheets     | Department member                     | Check marking by an independent<br>member of teaching staff of a<br>sample of student work  |
| External Experts Independent verification and opinion | Faculty member, not department member | Department randomly selects the samples of students' work (Exam answer sheets, home assignments etc.) from the faculty course portfolio and sends it to the external evaluators already identified by each department.  |

**Evaluation areas** (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify)

**Assessment Methods** (Direct, Indirect)

### **H. Specification Approval Data**

| Council / Committee | Department Council |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Reference No.       | 2                  |
| Date                | SEP 2022           |