

HRM 200 - Human Resources Management (Fall 2008)

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Textbook: Human Resources Management in Canada (Canadian Tenth Edition-2008)
Gary Dessler, Nina D. Cole
Pearson Prentice Hall Publishing

Lecture Location RCH 101 (J.R. Coutts Engineering Lecture Hall)

Course UW-ACE Web Page

Postings on the course ACE page include: this course syllabus, office hours, any handouts for lectures, announcements and so forth. On your browser, type in: <http://uwace.uwaterloo.ca>. Provide your Quest/UWdir userid and password, and then click on HRM-200. Please note, any questions posed on the HRM200 course site that have already been addressed in class or with this syllabus will not be responded to on-line.

OVERVIEW of HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT 200

HRM 200 serves as an introduction to Human Resources Management (HRM) and its contributions to the workplace. Today's organization faces a myriad of complex issues, such as globalization, demands for increased productivity, strategic planning and compliance with government legislation. In today's world, "people" provide the competitive advantage and HR policies and practices have a significant impact on the bottom line and overall performance of an organization.

The course will examine the evolution of HR from a primarily administrative function to a strategic partner and decision maker in the organization. Among other things, the course will look at the effective management of human capital, the importance of attracting and retaining employees, managing a diverse workforce, recognizing employee rights, and legislative requirements.

Whether or not you have an interest in Human Resources as a career, you will at some time in your working career likely be dealing with "people issues" ... either your own or somebody else's. This course will provide you with useful information and helpful insights.

What I Expect:

- If you invest the necessary time and effort to understand and internalize the course content, on completing the course you will have an increased understanding and appreciation of the Human Resources function, its role, concepts, principles and challenges.
- Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in class discussion/activities -- this implies you will be in class both physically and mentally.
- There will be demonstrated respect for the diversity of others.
- Students will exhibit proper classroom decorum and behaviours towards fellow students who attend lectures to listen, learn and internalize the learning experience.
- We will respect each other's time by starting and finishing class on time.
- You will own or have regular access to the course text, as you will be expected to read assigned chapters for class discussion and testing
- If you are experiencing difficulty with me, the material, the course or your grades, please let me know quickly either via e-mail through the ACE course site or arrange to meet with me.

What You Can Expect:

- Build a foundation or base of knowledge about Human Resource Management and be able to apply the concepts both professionally and personally.
- Acquire an understanding of Human Resource issues facing organizations and line managers and develop insights on what it is like to work in the Human Resource profession
- Identify ways of having management and employees work effectively together.
- Have the lecturer identify and share real life HR challenges and experiences.
- Identify potential career options within the Human Resource Management profession.

What To Do If You Miss A Class, Assignment or Test

If you miss a class, you will still have access to the lecture slides via the course website. You may also ask a classmate for a copy of their class notes in case there was information covered in the lecture that was not on the posted slides. The lecturer will not provide additional notes at any time.

If you miss an assignment, test or final examination, **you must contact the lecturer with two weeks of the missed event** assuming you are able to i.e. not in a coma and unable to communicate etc. Failure to do so will result in you receiving a zero ("0") grade for the missed assignment.

If you ask to make up a missed assignment, test or final exam due to a bona fide reason that is supported with acceptable documentation i.e. original medical documentation, police report, bereavement notice etc., the lecturer may schedule an alternate sitting for you at his discretion.

Logistics:

- The course runs every Tuesday evening from September 9th to November 25th.
- Classes are scheduled from 7:00 – 9:50 p.m. - usually with a 10 minute break

HRM200 TIMETABLE – FALL 2008

Sep 9	Course Introduction & Creating a Win/Win Experience 1) The Strategic Role of Human Resources Management
Sep 16	2) The Changing Legal Emphasis: From Compliance to Valuing Diversity 3) Human Resource Management and Technology
Sep 23	4) Designing and Analyzing Jobs 5) Human Resources Planning
Sep 30	6) Recruitment 7) Selection In-Class Team Assignment (15 marks)
Oct 7	8) Orientation & Training 9) Career Development
Oct 14	In-Class TEST (30 marks)
Oct 21	10) Performance Appraisal: The Key to Effective Performance Management 11) Establishing Strategic Pay Plans
Oct 28	12) Pay for Performance and Financial Incentives 13) Employee Benefits and Services
Nov 4	14) Occupational Health and Health
Nov 11	15) Fair Treatment: The Foundation of Effective Employee Relations In-Class Team Assignment (15 marks)
Nov 18	16) Labour Relations
Nov 25	17) Managing Human Resources In a Global Business Plus Course, Lecturer & Self-Evaluation

Assessing Student Performance:

Your final mark will be a numerical grade based on a combination of:

- 1 - scheduled in-class test (30 marks)
- 2 - in-class team assignments (15 marks each)
- A final examination (40 marks)

Testing

- The *in-class term test* will cover information up to and including Chapter 9 – *Career Development*. The final examination **will cover the entire course content**.
- The term test and the final exam will cover textbook readings, any handouts, assigned readings, lecture notes, video content and class discussion.
- The term test and final examination will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false and fill in the blank questions.
- One (1) make-up test date for the in-class term test and in-class assignments will be scheduled if you are unable to participate on the designated date supported by proper documentation.
 - Your situation will be considered for this make-up sitting in advance, provided you have documented medical, bereavement or other proper evidence to support your absence.
 - Only one make-up test will be conducted and it will be outside regular class hours. The date/time will be determined at a later date.
- If you have special learning or testing needs, please let me, or one of your Teaching Assistants know by September 23, 2008.

In Class Team Assignments

- These assignments will be worth a combined total of 30 grade points. Working in groups of three (you pick your team mates or I'll assign them that evening), you will be given sufficient time to complete and submit the assignment during class time.

Final Examination (40 marks) will be held during the University's Final Exam Period. The last date and time slot for this term's final exams is December 19th from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. You are strongly advised not to make any travel plans prior to this date & time slot as it may be the HRM200 time slot.

Note: - Requests for early or deferred examination sittings and special consideration to accommodate an early departure in advance of the final exam date are typically not granted. Make your plans accordingly.

Human Resources Management Plans at Waterloo:

Students interested in employment in the field of Human Resources may wish to pursue one of the Human Resources Management Academic Plans at Waterloo, as well as the Certified Human Resource Professional (CHRP) designation offered by the Human Resources Professional Association (<http://www.hrpa.ca/hrpa>).

Several courses in the HRM Academic Plans at Waterloo provide exemption from required courses for that designation. **Note:** The HRPA of Ontario requires an average of 70% in the nine required courses for the CHRP designation with no individual course achieving lower than 65%.

Admission to an HRM plan requires that the student has successfully completed HRM 200 and is in satisfactory standing in their other academic plans. Further information regarding course and average requirements for the various HRM plans, as well as program application information and procedures are available on the HRM website: <http://www.psychology.uwaterloo.ca/hrm/index.html>.

The course and average requirements for the HRM plans are changing Sept 2008. Students admitted to an HRM plan Sept 2008 or later must follow the new plan requirements (exception: if you were at least 2A prior to Fall 2008 you can request to follow the current [2004] requirements). See the HRM website for further details.

Avoidance of Academic Offences:

To protect course integrity, as well as to provide appropriate guidance to students, **all course outlines in the Faculty of Arts must incorporate the following note on avoidance of academic offenses** (statement revised in light of changes to policies 70, 71 and new policy 72 passed by Senate UG Council May 2008):

Academic Integrity: in order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm), Section 4, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm>

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about 'rules' for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 - Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm), <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm>

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read [Policy 72 - Student Appeals](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm), <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm>