Unit Outline

MGMT2007 Australian Industrial Relations
Semester 1, 2016

Unit study package code: MGMT2007
Mode of study: Internal
Tuition pattern summary:
Note: For any specific variations to this tuition pattern and for precise information refer to the Learning Activities section.
Lecture: 1 x 1 Hours Weekly
Tutorial: 1 x 2 Hours Weekly
This unit does not have a fieldwork component.
Credit Value:
25.0
Pre-requisite units:
4436 (v.0) Human Resource Management Introduction 200 or any previous version
OR
MGMT2008 (v.0) Human Resource Management Introduction or any previous version
Co-requisite units:
Nil
Anti-requisite units:
Nil
Result type:
Grade/Mark
Approved incidental fees:
Information about approved incidental fees can be obtained from our website. Visit fees.curtin.edu.au/incidental_fees.cfm for details.
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Acknowledgement of Country
We respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous Elders, custodians, their descendants and kin of this land past and present.

Syllabus
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Unit Learning Outcomes
All graduates of Curtin University achieve a set of nine graduate attributes during their course of study. These tell an employer that, through your studies, you have acquired discipline knowledge and a range of other skills and attributes which employers say would be useful in a professional setting. Each unit in your course addresses the graduate attributes through a clearly identified set of learning outcomes. They form a vital part in the process referred to as assurance of learning. The learning outcomes tell you what you are expected to know, understand or be able to do in order to be successful in this unit. Each assessment for this unit is carefully designed to test your achievement of one or more of the unit learning outcomes. On successfully completing all of the assessments you will have achieved all of these learning outcomes.

Your course has been designed so that on graduating we can say you will have achieved all of Curtin's Graduate Attributes through the assurance of learning process in each unit.

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<th>On successful completion of this unit students can:</th>
<th>Graduate Attributes addressed</th>
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<td>1 Define employment relations and discuss the influence of globalisation and political ideology on employment regulation in the Australian context</td>
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<td>2 Identify and discuss historical trends of employment relations in Australia</td>
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<td>3 Identify and analyse recent major shifts in the economic, political, technological and social contexts in which Australian ER exists and evaluate their effects on industrial and workplace relations</td>
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<td>4 Explain the contractual obligations of parties involved in the employment relationship in the Australian ER system and examine them critically in relation to the realities of work</td>
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Curtin's Graduate Attributes

- Apply discipline knowledge
- Thinking skills (use analytical skills to solve problems)
- Information skills (confidence to investigate new ideas)
- Communication skills
- Technology skills
- Learning how to learn (apply principles learnt to new situations)
- (confidence to tackle unfamiliar problems)
- International perspective (value the perspectives of others)
- Cultural understanding (value the perspectives of others)
- Professional Skills (work independently and as a team)
- (plan own work)

Find out more about Curtin's Graduate attributes at the Office of Teaching & Learning website: ctl.curtin.edu.au
Learning Activities

Learning activities include weekly one-hour lectures and two-hour tutorial classes. In tutorial classes, students will be working both individually and in teams, covering industrial relations issues relevant to the weekly lecture topics. Students are expected to read the prescribed readings. All topics and material covered in the lectures, tutorials and assignments will be considered for the final examination.

Learning Resources

Essential texts

The required textbook(s) for this unit are:

  (ISBN/ISSN: 9781743070130 )

Online resources

  (ISBN/ISSN: 9781743070130 )

Other resources

You do not have to purchase the following books but you may wish to refer to them:


Assessment

Assessment schedule

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<th>Task</th>
<th>Value %</th>
<th>Date Due</th>
<th>Unit Learning Outcome(s) Assessed</th>
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<tr>
<td>Written Assignment</td>
<td>25 percent</td>
<td>Week: Week 7 Day: Thursday 14 April Time: 11.00pm</td>
<td>1,3,4</td>
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<td>Group Written Assignment</td>
<td>35 percent</td>
<td>Week: Week 13 Day: Friday 27 May Time: 11.00pm</td>
<td>2,3,4</td>
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<td>Final Examination</td>
<td>40 percent</td>
<td>Week: 16 or 17 Day: TBA Time: TBA</td>
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Detailed information on assessment tasks

1. **Written Assignment 25% Due 11.00pm Thursday 14 April 2016 via Turnitin**
   - Case Study Analysis - details of the assessment including Marking Criteria will be discussed in Week 2 and posted on Blackboard.

2. **Group Written Assignment - Total = 35% - Due 11.00pm, Friday 27 May 2016 via Turnitin** (Group Leader only to submit Report)
   - Formal report and class presentation - details of the assessment including Marking Criteria will be posted in the Blackboard site and discussed in class in Week 3.

3. **Final Examination - 40% - Week 16 or 17 as scheduled centrally**
   - Examination format and advice will be discussed in Week 14 and information posted on Blackboard.

Pass requirements

To pass this unit students must:

a) Achieve a Final Mark of equal to or greater than 50

b) Attempt and submit all assessment activities

Fair assessment through moderation

Moderation describes a quality assurance process to ensure that assessments are appropriate to the learning outcomes, and that student work is evaluated consistently by assessors. Minimum standards for the moderation of assessment are described in the Assessment and Student Progression Manual, available from policies.curtin.edu.au/policies/teachingandlearning.cfm

Late assessment policy

This ensures that the requirements for submission of assignments and other work to be assessed are fair, transparent, equitable, and that penalties are consistently applied.

1. All assessments students are required to submit will have a due date and time specified on this Unit Outline.

2. Students will be penalised by a deduction of ten percent per calendar day for a late assessment submission (eg a mark equivalent to 10% of the total allocated for the assessment will be deducted from the marked value for every day that the assessment is late). This means that an assessment worth 20 marks will have two marks deducted per calendar day late. Hence if it was handed in three calendar days late and given a mark of 16/20, the student would receive 10/20. An assessment more than seven calendar days overdue will not be
Assessment extension

A student unable to complete an assessment task by/on the original published date/time (eg examinations, tests) or due date/time (eg assignments) must apply for an assessment extension using the Assessment Extension form (available from the Forms page at students.curtin.edu.au/administration/) as prescribed by the Academic Registrar. It is the responsibility of the student to demonstrate and provide evidence for exceptional circumstances beyond the student’s control that prevent them from completing/submitting the assessment task.

The student will be expected to lodge the form and supporting documentation with the unit coordinator before the assessment date/time or due date/time. An application may be accepted up to five working days after the date or due date of the assessment task where the student is able to provide an acceptable explanation as to why he or she was not able to submit the application prior to the assessment date. An application for an assessment extension will not be accepted after the date of the Board of Examiners’ meeting.

Deferred assessments

If your results show that you have been granted a deferred assessment you should immediately check your OASIS email for details.

Deferred examinations/tests will be held from 18/07/2016 to 29/07/2016. Notification to students will be made after the Board of Examiners’ meeting via the Official Communications Channel (OCC) in OASIS.

Supplementary assessments

Supplementary assessments are not available in this unit.

Referencing style

The referencing style for this unit is Chicago.

More information can be found on this style from the Library web site: http://libguides.library.curtin.edu.au/referencing.

Copyright

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Academic Integrity (including plagiarism and cheating)

Any conduct by a student that is dishonest or unfair in connection with any academic work is considered to be academic misconduct. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offences that will be investigated and may result in penalties such as reduced or zero grades, annulled units or even termination from the course.

Plagiarism occurs when work or property of another person is presented as one’s own, without appropriate acknowledgement or referencing. Submitting work which has been produced by someone else (e.g. allowing or contracting another person to do the work for which you claim authorship) is also plagiarism. Submitted work is subjected to a plagiarism detection process, which may include the use of text matching systems or interviews with students to determine authorship.

Cheating includes (but is not limited to) asking or paying someone to complete an assessment task for you or any use of unauthorised materials or assistance during an examination or test.

From Semester 1, 2016, all incoming coursework students are required to complete Curtin’s Academic Integrity Program (AIP). If a student does not pass the program by the end of their first study period of enrolment at Curtin, their marks will be withheld until they pass. More information about the AIP can be found at: https://academicintegrity.curtin.edu.au/students/AIP.cfm

Refer to the Academic Integrity tab in Blackboard or academicintegrity.curtin.edu.au for more information, including student guidelines for avoiding plagiarism.
Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Expectations

Curtin students are expected to have reliable internet access in order to connect to OASIS email and learning systems such as Blackboard and Library Services.

You may also require a computer or mobile device for preparing and submitting your work.

For general ICT assistance, in the first instance please contact OASIS Student Support: oasisapps.curtin.edu.au/help/general/support.cfm

For specific assistance with any of the items listed below, please contact The Learning Centre: life.curtin.edu.au/learning-support/learning_centre.htm

- Using Blackboard, the I Drive and Back-Up files
- Introduction to PowerPoint, Word and Excel

Additional information

Enrolment

It is your responsibility to ensure that your enrolment is correct - you can check your enrolment through the eStudent option on OASIS, where you can also print an Enrolment Advice.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of every student to be aware of all relevant legislation, policies and procedures relating to their rights and responsibilities as a student. These include:

- the Student Charter
- the University’s Guiding Ethical Principles
- the University’s policy and statements on plagiarism and academic integrity
- copyright principles and responsibilities
- the University’s policies on appropriate use of software and computer facilities

Information on all these things is available through the University’s “Student Rights and Responsibilities” website at: students.curtin.edu.au/rights.

Student Equity

There are a number of factors that might disadvantage some students from participating in their studies or assessments to the best of their ability, under standard conditions. These factors may include a disability or medical condition (e.g. mental illness, chronic illness, physical or sensory disability, learning disability), significant family responsibilities, pregnancy, religious practices, living in a remote location or another reason. If you believe you may be unfairly disadvantaged on these or other grounds please contact Student Equity at eesj@curtin.edu.au or go to http://eesj.curtin.edu.au/student_equity/index.cfm for more information.

You can also contact Counselling and Disability services: http://www.disability.curtin.edu.au or the Multi-faith services: http://life.curtin.edu.au/health-and-wellbeing/about_multifaith_services.htm for further information.

It is important to note that the staff of the university may not be able to meet your needs if they are not informed of your individual circumstances so please get in touch with the appropriate service if you require assistance. For general wellbeing concerns or advice please contact Curtin’s Student Wellbeing Advisory Service at: http://life.curtin.edu.au/health-and-wellbeing/student_wellbeing_service.htm
Recent unit changes

Students are encouraged to provide unit feedback through eVALUate, Curtin's online student feedback system. For more information about eVALUate, please refer to evaluate.curtin.edu.au/info/.

To view previous student feedback about this unit, search for the Unit Summary Report at https://evaluate.curtin.edu.au/student/unit_search.cfm. See https://evaluate.curtin.edu.au/info/dates.cfm to find out when you can eVALUate this unit.

Recent changes to this unit include:

1. Exam will be more focussed on case studies
2. Lecture slides clearer and more focused
## Program calendar

**Program Calendar – Semester 1 2016**

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<th>Begin Date</th>
<th>Lecture</th>
<th>Reading</th>
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<td>Orientation</td>
<td>22 February</td>
<td>Orientation Week</td>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>29 February</td>
<td>Introduction to Industrial Relations</td>
<td>Chapters 1 and 2</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>7 March</td>
<td>Study of Industrial Relations: Values</td>
<td>Chapter 3</td>
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<td>14 March</td>
<td>The State</td>
<td>Chapter 4</td>
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<td>21 March</td>
<td>Management and Employer Representatives</td>
<td>Chapter 5</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>28 March</td>
<td>Tuition Free Week</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>4 April</td>
<td>Employee Representation</td>
<td>Chapters 6 and 7</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>11 April</td>
<td>State Regulation: Minimum standards, EEO, Unfair Dismissal and Safety</td>
<td>Chapters 8 and 9</td>
<td>Individual Written Assignment Due Thursday 14 April 11.00pm Week 7</td>
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<td>18 April</td>
<td>Tuition Free Week</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>25 April</td>
<td>No Formal Lecture or Tutorial</td>
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<td>Teams to Work on Group Assignment</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>2 May</td>
<td>Managerial Unilateralism and Individual Contracting</td>
<td>Chapter 10</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>9 May</td>
<td>Collective Agreement Making and Collective Bargaining</td>
<td>Chapter 11</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>16 May</td>
<td>Industrial Conflict</td>
<td>Chapter 12</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>23 May</td>
<td>Employment Relations and Performance</td>
<td>Chapter 13</td>
<td>Group Assignment Due Friday 27 May 11.00pm Week 13</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>30 May</td>
<td>Unit Review and Exam Preparation</td>
<td>No set readings</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>6 June</td>
<td>Study Week</td>
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