Organizational Behavior (OB for short) is the systematic study of the attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors of people in work settings. Although there are a variety of reasons for studying organizational behavior, among the most important of these is to gain a better understanding of the behavior of people, so that you can more effectively interact with and lead them. Within this context, the objective of this class is to enhance your understanding of the determinants of the behavior in work settings, and how to improve your effectiveness when you fill leadership roles.

Although there are many ways of defining leadership effectiveness, the majority of these definitions indicate that effective leaders are those that: (a) influence a group of individuals to achieve a common goal; (b) improve the performance and attitudes of employees; (c) motivate people to perform "above and beyond the call of duty;" and (e) enhance organizational effectiveness. Thus, during this class, we will: (a) explore the determinants of the attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors of people in organizations; (b) examine the characteristics that influence leaders to emerge and be more effective; and (c) identify those leader behaviors that have been found to be the most important ones for enhancing organizational effectiveness.

Class Format, Reading Assignments, and Participation

In this course, we will use a variety of teaching methodologies, including lectures, video materials, small group discussions, and team projects. All reading assignments should be completed prior to the day listed for discussion. Any additional assignments that require prior preparation will be announced in advance. Given the nature of this course, each student is expected to be prepared to discuss assigned readings, and to participate actively in every class. Each student will be assigned to a team of five to six classmates that will be asked to summarize and present the material from one or two chapters from either the Cialdini or Maxwell books to the class. The goal of the presentations is to develop a learning module that emphasizes the important leadership lessons from these chapter/books. This will require you to: (a) read the assigned chapters from the book; (b) read any supplementary materials you feel necessary; and (c) develop an effective, interesting presentation to the class. Everyone’s grade on the team assignment will be a function of: (a) the overall effectiveness of the team in completing the project and (b) evaluations by group members of the individuals’ contribution to the team project.
SYNCHRONOUS CLASSES

This class will be taught synchronously using Zoom, and all students are expected to attend and participate during the scheduled class times. To facilitate communication in the class, and to avoid audio “feedback,” please mute your microphone unless you have a question, or I ask you to answer a question. If you are unable to attend a class, please let me know in advance, and ask one of your colleagues in the class to take notes for you.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND READING MATERIALS


**MBTI® Self-Scorable Form M (Self-Scorable)**. Consulting Psychologists Press, Inc. (This will be sent to you, along with the course readings packet.

**MAN 5245 Readings Packet**


PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

As a graduate student, the expectation is that you will perform at a high level. The following are a few specifics that broadly define the performance expectations for this class:

- Stay current on all lectures and assignments.
- Read the assigned reading material. My assumption is that you will keep up with the reading assignments. Even if I fall behind at some point during the semester, I will catch up.
- All written work should reflect a professional appearance, proper grammar and an absence of spelling or typographical errors.
- The class is as interactive and participative as it can be in an online environment. As such, you are expected to participate in discussions and other online group interactions.

GRADING

The grades for this class will be determined by your scores on the following activities:

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The final exam may cover any material covered during the course.

Grades in this course are assigned in a manner consistent with the guidelines recommended by the Hough Graduate School of Business. Although I will not adhere to a strict "curve," the expected distribution is given below:

- A: High Distinction 10-15%
- A-: Excellent 25-35%
- B+: High Pass 0-50%
- B: Pass 0-50%
- B- thru C-: Weak Performance 0-15%

EXAMS AND TESTING PROTOCOL

Exams will be closed book and will cover everything that is assigned reading or spoken in lectures by either faculty or student presenters. The exams are designed to be "tricky," but rather to test your mastery of the material that we've covered in the class. All exams are administered with the use of Honorlock proctoring services. A handout with instructions for registering and using Honorlock will be discussed later in class.

HONESTY POLICY

I take honesty seriously in this course. All UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” Although I encourage collaboration during the learning process, I will assume that all
submitted assignments and exams will be a result of your own original work and not the work of another person.

The Honor Code (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

**COURSE EVALUATION PROCESS**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/

**WELLNESS - U MATTER, WE CARE**

Your well-being is important to your Faculty and to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength.
## Overview, Introduction to Course, and Discussion of the Meaning of OB and Leadership Effectiveness

The purpose of this class session will be to provide an overview of the course, its requirements, and some procedural issues. In addition, we will be to begin to explore the general nature of the behavior of people in organizations, with particular emphasis on the role of the leader in such settings. Finally, we will identify some leader behaviors that have been shown to be related to leadership effectiveness. Among the topics addressed are the following:

- Overview of class structure, grading, and expectations
- Procedural issues and team assignments
- Why are we concerned about the behavior of people in organizations?
- What do we mean by leadership effectiveness?
- What do effective leaders actually do?

### Reading Material
- (K&P) Chapter 1 – When Leaders are at Their Best
- (K&P) Chapter 2 – Credibility is the Foundation of Leadership

## The Importance of Employee Ability, Personality, and Providing an Appropriate Model

The purpose of this class will be to explore the importance that employee ability and personality has on employee performance and the role of providing an appropriate model as a leader. Among the topics addressed are the following:

- What role does employee ability play in leadership effectiveness?
- What is the relationship between employee ability and motivation and employee performance?
- What techniques can be used to assess employee ability?
- What should the role of interviews be in selecting employees?
- How can interviews be made more effective?
- How can you set an effective model for employees to follow?
- What is the role of personality in the behavior of people at work?

### Reading Material
- (K&P) Chapter 3 – Clarify Values
- (K&P) Chapter 4 – Set the Example
- Schmidt & Hunter (2004) – “General Mental Ability”
- Barrick et al. (2001) – “Personality and performance……”
- Campion et al. (1998) – “Structuring employment interviews…”

Please complete the **MBTI Self-scoring Form M** instrument before class.
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(K&P) Chapter 6 – Enlist others  
(K&P) Chapter 11 – Recognize Contributions  
(K&P) Chapter 12 – Celebrate the Values and Victories  
Rynes et al. (2004) -- “The importance of pay in employee motivation…”  
LePine et al. (2005) – Challenge/hindrance stressors and job performance |
|              | 8:00-12:00  | In this class, we will examine the importance of communicating a shared vision as a leader. In addition, we will explore the relationship between employee satisfaction and employee performance and the important role that rewards and positive feedback have on this relationship. Topics to be covered in this class include:  
• What does leadership vision mean, and why is it important?  
• What is the difference between outcome and process visions?  
• What can leaders do to get people committed to their vision?  
• What (if any) is the relationship between employee satisfaction and performance?  
• What factors influence the effectiveness of positive feedback?  
• How can leaders give constructive feedback to others without turning them off?  
• Is punishment effective in organizational settings? (Does punishment work?)  
• What types of stress are there, and what role does stress play in job performance? |
| 4            | 10/10/20    | What Makes Organizations Effective? – Understanding the Linkage Between Leadership Effectiveness and Organizational Effectiveness | PREPARE FOR MIDTERM  
Bowen et al. (2007) -- “How Being Fair…”  
Spector et al. (2006) – The dimensionality…”  
(K&P) Chapter 9 – Foster Collaboration  
(K&P) Chapter 10 – Strengthen Others |
|              | 8:00-12:00  | In this class, we will discuss the role that leaders play in organizational effectiveness. Among the topics to be addressed are:  
• What is the relationship between leadership and organizational effectiveness?  
• What are organizational citizenship behaviors (OCBs), and how do they influence organizational effectiveness?  
• Why are employee perceptions of fairness (justice) so critical to individual and organizational level outcomes? |
|              |             | MIDTERM EXAMINATION  
The 1st examination will be given in the first 1-3/4 hours of class time. |
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<td>This class will be dedicated to the presentation of team projects. Each team will have 25 minutes to present their project and answer questions about it. Due to the number of teams presenting, time limits will be enforced.</td>
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Team Presentations

A. Team Presentation Overview

For the purposes of this course, all students will be randomly assigned to a team that will be asked to summarize and present the material from one or two chapters from either the Cialdini or Maxwell books to the class. The goal of the presentations is to develop a learning module that emphasizes the important leadership lessons from these books. This will require you to: (a) read the assigned chapters from the book; (b) read any supplementary materials you feel necessary; and (c) develop an effective, interesting presentation to the class.

The audience for this presentation is comprised of your classmates, who are interested in it because of the learning lessons it provides for them in their present (or future) leadership positions. Therefore, when preparing and delivering this presentation, you should consider the most effective way of teaching to this audience. If you have developed an effective learning module, the audience should feel that they have taken some important lessons from it that they can apply in their leadership positions.

B. Team Presentation Format

Team projects will be completed in your randomly assigned groups and will culminate in a 25-minute presentation delivered to the class. All teams will send me their presentation materials (including PowerPoint slides, handouts, and any other supplemental materials) via email by Friday, November 6th at 6PM. All presentation materials must be turned in at this time. Presentations will occur on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th. Teams may not alter their presentation slides or handouts after they are turned in — to be fair to all teams, what your team presents must be identical to what your team turns in at this time.

C. Team Project Grading

The team project is worth 14 percent of your grade. Generally, the following criteria will be used to evaluate each presentation.

Effectiveness of Presentation (Content):

- Did the team accurately summarize the material discussed in the chapters?
- Did the team integrate lessons about leadership from the class or readings into their presentation?
- Did the team provide clear and specific recommendations for leaders in actual organizations?
- Did the team make recommendations regarding leadership that past research (as reflected in the readings, class discussions, and lecture notes) would support?
- Can all members of the team answer questions about the presentation?

Creativity and Innovation of Presentation:

- Did the team create interest in the learning lesson that they developed for the class?
- Did the team utilize independent research (e.g., interviews with leaders, other media, etc.) in their presentation?
- Did the team present their material in a creative/innovative way that will help the audience remember the main learning points about leadership made in the book chapters?
- Did the team do something that made its presentation stand out from the rest?
Appearance and Consistency of Material/Presentation:

- Was the speaking style of the presenters professional?
- Were the slides clear, well organized, and easy to read?
- Were the slides consistent in terms of font, punctuation styles, etc.?

Although each team presentation will be evaluated by the other members of the class, the final grade for the presentation will be assigned by me. In addition, each team member will be responsible for providing evaluations for the other members of their team upon completion of the project. Individual grades for the group project will then be adjusted based on these team peer evaluation ratings.

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