

AMBERTON UNIVERSITY
e-COURSE SYLLABUS

MGT5650.E1 Contemporary Management Issues
Winter 2024

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COURSE INFORMATION:

MGT5650.E1 Contemporary Management Issues
Level: Graduate
Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, December 2nd
Ending Date of Session: Thursday, February 22nd
Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, December 2nd

Winter Holiday Break:

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023, through Monday, January 1st, 2024
(Classes resume on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024)

Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

None

TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Title: The 27 Challenges Managers Face: Step-by-Step Solutions to (Nearly) All of Your Management Problems
Author: Bruce Tulgan
Publisher: Jossey-Bass
Year Published: 2014
Edition: 1st Edition
ISBN: 10: 111872559X or 13: 978-1118725597
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: Strength's Finder 2.0

*** This book must be purchased in NEW condition in order to obtain the code required for the Strength's Finder test at the back of the book. An e-book will NOT have the code.***

Author: Tom Rath
Publisher: Gallup Press
Year Published: 2007
Edition: 1st Edition
ISBN: 10: 9781595620156 or 13: 978-1595620156
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: Emotional Intelligence 2.0

*** This book must be purchased in NEW condition in order to obtain the code required for the EQ2.0 test at the back of the book. An e-book will NOT have the code.***

Author: Travis Bradberry, Jean Greaves, and Patrick Lencioni
Publisher: TalentSmart
Year Published: 2009
Edition: 1st Edition
ISBN: 10: 0974320625 or 13: 978-0974320625

Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace: Empowering Organizations by Encouraging People.

*** This book must be purchased in NEW condition in order to obtain the code required for the required test at the back of the book. An e-book will NOT have the code.***

Author: Gary Chapman & Paul White

Publisher: Northfield Publishing

Year Published: 2019

Edition: 1st Edition

ISBN: 10: 0802418406 or 13: 978-0802418401

Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, www.Amberton.edu. There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

APA Requirement

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

COURSE COMPETENCIES:

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

This course provides students an in-depth exposure to the skills necessary to manage an organization in today's rapidly changing marketplace. The course will explore the general history and theory of the field of management. After reviewing the theories and foundations of the management field, students will investigate and discuss the changes and challenges in today's global marketplace. A variety of crucial management skills will be addressed. Course topics include the history and theory of management, managing differences, personality type, Emotional IQ, motivation and appreciation in the workplace, contemporary management challenges, ethical considerations in management, how to manage rapidly changing technologies, relationship building, and managing using strengths.

CAVEAT: No graduate credit will be awarded if MGT4650 has been successfully completed.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:

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| 1. Understanding the role of the manager within the organization. |
| 2. Understanding how changes in the marketplace affect managers. |

3. Defining the importance of being able to adapt to today's workplace challenges by creating an adaptive management style.
4. Understanding how utilizing strengths can be a powerful management tool.
5. Discussing how being able to work with different personalities can be an asset to a manager.
6. Exploring the continuously changing landscape in business.
7. Exploring how legalities and government regulations affect a manager.
8. Exploring gender differences and the need to adapt managerial approaches to those differences.
9. Understanding how to conceptualize organizational needs in relation to change.
10. Understanding how working with Emotional IQ can be a powerful management tool.
11. Understanding the need to manage technology efficiently and effectively.
12. Understanding how to manage diversity and the need to adapt managerial approaches to that diversity.
13. Understanding how to motivate and appreciate employees.
14. Understanding how ethical dilemmas affect managers.
15. Understanding the challenges of the entitled worker, the lazy worker, the unmotivated worker, and the overworked employee.
16. Understanding the need for relationship building within the organization as well as within the greater business community.
17. Understanding how to motivate and empower employees for current and future success.
18. Discussing issues to be addressed in order to adapt quickly and efficiently to changes affecting the management of an organization.

COURSE POLICIES:

- Read and complete all assignments by the scheduled due date. An assignment submitted after the due date will be assessed a penalty of 5% for each day it is late. Work submitted more than one week after the scheduled due date will NOT be accepted.
- All assignments are due at 10pm, Central Standard Time.
- Assignments may be submitted early, but no more than two (2) may be submitted in any one-week.
- When submitting an assignment, please include YOUR NAME, MGT5650.E1, and the assignment number on the first page of the assignment. All assignments must be submitted through the Moodle Portal/Assignment Drop Box.
- Duplicate papers or work from previous courses are considered plagiarism and will not be accepted in this course.
- Using AI tools to generate written content and submitting it as your original work (including online discussions) violates Amberton's academic honesty policy and will be considered plagiarism.
- There are no extra credit assignments available in this course.
- Do not plagiarize. Please read the section on Academic Honesty/Plagiarism.
 - ❖ Any student that plagiarizes an assignment will be given a zero for that assignment and will not have an opportunity to make it up. Additionally, if a student plagiarizes, they will be subject to failing the course and will be reported to the Academic Dean.
- The last day to submit assignments is Sunday, February 18th, 2024.

Student's Responsibilities

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an

interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be dropped at the discretion of Amberton University.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas, or information; or if you use material from an outside source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge that source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University's code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based plagiarism detection services and applications at any time.

Self-plagiarism means reusing work that you have already published or submitted for a class. It can involve:

- Resubmitting an entire paper
- Copying or paraphrasing passages from your previous work

Self-plagiarism misleads your readers by presenting previous work as completely new and original. Students may not submit the same paper in substance in two or more classes without prior written permission of the instructors involved.

Amberton University students who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content must adhere to the following policies:

Originality: Students must avoid presenting AI generated content as their own original work. It is essential to acknowledge the involvement of AI in the content creation process in order to maintain academic and ethical standards.

Paraphrasing: When using AI generated content, students must rephrase and/or modify the generated text. Paraphrased AI generated content should also be properly cited.

Acknowledgement: When using AI generated content in any assignment, proper credit must be given to the AI system that generated the content. <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for a textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism and self-plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in future papers. Use of Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com website.

Turnitin is a writing improvement and plagiarism prevention tool which uses special algorithms, to compare text-based student submissions to the Turnitin database and other online sources. Turnitin produces a detailed **similarity report** that can be customized and viewed by instructors and students.

Turnitin "Draft Coach" is a Google based add-on to Turnitin which supports students in developing high-quality academic writing; and serves as an integrity coach. Draft Coach, helps address errors and improve the quality of student's writing by highlighting grammar mistakes, identifying incorrectly cited sources, and scanning for similarity across several databases. By providing formative feedback on how to address citation issues, incorrect grammar, and matches with the Turnitin database, Draft Coach provides explanations to help students become more confident writers, capable of producing higher quality work both in academics and in the workplace.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:

**** This class will have five Optional Zoom sessions at 6:00pm on the following dates:**

Monday, December 18th – Optional Zoom
Monday, January 8th – Optional Zoom
Monday, January 22nd – Optional Zoom
Monday, February 5th – Optional Zoom
Monday, February 12th – Optional Zoom

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
1	Introduction to Management, The Challenges of Being a Contemporary Manager	The 27 Challenges Managers Face Chapter 1-2	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15	Class Introductions
2	Class, Introductions Continued Teaching Self-Management	The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace: Empowering Organizations by Encouraging People	1,3,9	DUE: Orientation Quiz Discussion #1
3	Optimizing Contributions Managing Performance, Managing Attitudes	The 27 Challenges Managers Face Chapter 3-5	1,2,3,5,7,10	DUE: Assignment #1
4	Personal & Interpersonal Effectiveness, Generations, Managing Superstars	The 27 Challenges Managers Face Chapter 6	1,3,4,10	Discussion #2
5	Managing Despite Forces: Eliminating Conflict, Hostile Work Environment, Entitled Worker, Unmotivated Worker, Overworked Worker, Resource Constraints	The 27 Challenges Managers Face Chapter 7	1,3,7,12,13,14,15	DUE: Assignment #2
6	Emotional Intelligence	Emotional Intelligence 2.0	8,10	Discussion #3
7	Individual Differences, Ethics & Management Renewal	The 27 Challenges Managers Face Chapter 8	3,4,5,6,10	DUE: Assignment #3 Discussion #4
8	What are your Strengths? Ethics Continued	Strength's Finder	1,2,3,10	DUE: Assignment #4 Discussion #5

9	Contemporary Management How to Optimize the Organization	Review	1,2,3,10,11	DUE: Assignment #5 Discussion #6 Final Discussion Question * ALL CLASS DISCUSSIONS WILL CLOSE **
10	Final Week of Class Contemporary Management Overview and Class Re-Cap	Review	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15	DUE: Assignment #6 Self-Assessment Exercise

GRADING CRITERIA:

Orientation Quiz (5%)

This short orientation quiz covers the important components of the syllabus and is due by Sunday, December 17th, 2023.

Written Assignment 1 10%
This written assignment is due by Monday, December 18th, 2023.

Written Assignment 2 10%
This written assignment is due by Sunday, January 14th, 2024.

Written Assignment 3 10%
This written assignment is due by Sunday, January 28th, 2024.

Written Assignment 4 10%
This written assignment is due by Sunday, February 4th, 2024.

Book Critique Assignment 35%
The Book Critique is due by Sunday, February 11th, 2024.

Written Assignment 6, Self-Assessment Exercise 5%
The self-Assessment Assignment is due by Sunday, February 18th, 2024.

Class Participation (15%) – Discussion Comments Please expect to see six separate discussion points this session. Your answers should be approximately 250-300 words in length. You are not required to comment on the other students' answers. You are only required to comment on the original question one time. However, if you want to chime in on what your fellow students have to say, it most certainly makes for a more interesting online discussion.

These discussion questions will be graded as follows:

- 6/6 comments = 100%
- 5/6 comments = 85%
- 4/6 comments = 65%
- 3/6 comments = 50 %
- 2/6 comments = 35%
- 1/6 comments = 15%

The deadline to submit your responses is Friday, February 16th at midnight for all discussion threads.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Orientation	Quiz 5%
Assignment 1	Written Assignment 10%
Assignment 2	Personality Assessment 10%
Assignment 3	Emotional Intelligence 10%
Assignment 4	Strengths Finder 10%
Assignment 4	Book Report/Critique 35%
Assignment 5	Self-Assessment Exercise 5%
Class Participation	15%

The following grading scale will be used for this course:

Graduate	
92 – 100	A
82 – 91	B
72 – 81	C
62 – 71	D
Below 62	F

GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

A successful distance learning experience requires a flow of communication between instructor and student throughout the session. Instructor comments are considered essential to the learning process. Therefore, each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded, and returned to the student in a timely manner along with the appropriate commentary. Students should carefully review all comments.

Final grades are processed approximately one week after the last day of the session and may be located in the My Grades section of the online registration portal as well as being emailed to the student's Amberton University email. Amberton University staff will not release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their university email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in *Professor Information* area.

Incomplete Grades

An "I" (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an "I" be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An "I" which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an "F" grade.

How To Withdraw From a Course

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:

This course is offered as a distance-learning course through the Moodle Learning Platform. Amberton's distance learning courses, called e-Courses, are identical to classroom courses in terms of learning outcomes, competencies, and instructor expectations. A student choosing to take an e-Course must have the following skills and technical capabilities:

1. Access to the Internet
2. General knowledge in:
Internet browser settings and configuration

- e-mail and file attachments
- Uploading and downloading files
- Using a word processing package
- 3. Ability to conduct on-line research

Students who have not mastered these skills should not enroll for this course but should consider enrolling in MIS2110 Computer Concepts and Internet Technologies for instruction in these areas.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:

Through the Amberton University Student Portal

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may access the course through the Amberton University Student Portal. The site may be accessed through the University's main page (<http://www.Amberton.edu>) or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>. After selecting the "Student Portal" link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password.

Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below to enter the AU Student Portal:

Username = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

* Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University's records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789
Username: JJonesJr789

Password = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including your individual E-Course, email account, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi, Research Tutorials and Electronic Instructor Folders (FTP).

If you are accessing the Student Portal from a public or shared computer, close the browser completely when finished, or click on the Logout button. For security purposes, no other person should have access to your Username or Password. If you feel your information has been compromised or if you experience technical difficulties, contact the e-course system administrator at: e-sysop@amberton.edu

If you have lost or do not know your Amberton ID#, please contact the Student Services Office 972/279-6511 or advisor@Amberton.edu for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send an email to your professor.

Through the Amberton University Moodle Website

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may also access the course by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's University email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

Moodle Tutorial:

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and

read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system (my.Amberton.edu). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for University news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

The student's assigned email address would be Username@my.Amberton.edu

Example: LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith SSN: 123-45-6789
Email Address = LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: LJones-Smith789) and your Amberton ID# (including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current account. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your my.Amberton.edu email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>

Students are responsible for reviewing the "Communication Guidelines" provided on the individual E-Course for specific instructor requirements.

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodle system. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate assignment Drop Box in the Moodle system. Specific directions and guidelines for submission of assignments are located on-line in the "Communication Guidelines" of the e-course. Due to compatibility issues, Office 2007 files cannot be read by earlier versions of Microsoft Office. Before submitting an exercise file, confirm the file is in the proper format for grading by the instructor.

INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:

Each session, all Amberton students are provided with the opportunity to evaluate their courses and instructors. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. All information provided is anonymous.

The Instructor/Course Evaluation will be open for completion during week 9 of the session. An evaluation assignment will be placed in week 9 of the Moodle course, along with the instructions on how to complete the evaluation. Prior to week 9, the University will send out an email containing instructions and dates for the evaluation period.

RESEARCH RESOURCES:

The Library provides access to full-text, and peer reviewed articles, and digital research tools. Students can search Library holdings through the online catalog and databases search engines available on the Library website or browse the physical library space and holdings located at the Garland campus.

Research items not contained in the Amberton Library collection can be located through interlibrary Loan (ILL) or through the TexShare program with the help of the Library staff. Students with questions about available services, resources, or research, may contact the Library via email at Library@amberton.edu.

RESEARCH ACCESS:

Databases can only be accessed by authorized users, and students at Amberton must enter their Amberton ID credentials-same as Moodle login-to gain access when off-campus. Use an Amberton website, such as the University site (Amberton.edu) or the library site (Library.amberton.edu) to find links to databased and digital books. Online resources are available all day, every day.

Library Live Chat Feature

Library staff are available to assist students with research problems or questions during Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, email, "How-to" videos, or in person. The library telephone is (972-279-6511 ext. 185. You can email questions to library@amberton.edu or visit the library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.