

**AMBERTON UNIVERSITY**  
**e-COURSE SYLLABUS**

**HRT6575.E1 Organizational Change  
Spring 2025**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

HRT6575.E1 Organizational Change  
Level: Graduate  
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Ending Date of Session: Thursday, May 22, 2025  
**Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, March 15, 2025**

*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: Managing Organizational Change: A Multiple Perspectives Approach  
Author: Ian Palmer, Richard Dunford, David A. Buchanan  
Publisher: McGraw-Hill Education  
Year Published: 2022  
Edition: 4th  
ISBN: 13: 9781260043716  
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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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*, (7<sup>th</sup> 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.

The course presents concepts of spontaneous and planned changes within the organization and their influences on employee behavior and the organization's structure. Topics include change theories, managing change, strategic advantages and disadvantages of change, and planning change goals.

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

1. Discussing the evolution of organizational development as a professional discipline.
2. Analyzing the trends in values among organizations and individuals within our society.
3. Analyzing the trends in cross-generational management as it relates to encouraging, resisting, and sustaining change.
4. Evaluating major theories and models of planned change in terms of their concepts and the related implications for managers within organizations.
5. Evaluating the impact of interpersonal relationship and communication skills as it relates to change management.
6. Using organizational development models to analyze a selected organization's productivity and morale.
7. Evaluating the impact organizational culture has on an organization's ability to implement and sustain change.
8. Assessing strategies to use in developing a balance of power within various types of organizations.
9. Assessing the quality of work life and its implication for productivity.
10. Appraising employee compensation and benefit strategies in terms of their relationship to organizational change.
11. Creating a plan for an integrated or holistic management approach in directing organizational change.
12. Diagnosing the nature of organizational client systems using concepts from group dynamics, industrial psychology, systems theory, behavioral studies, and sociopolitics.
13. Assessing alternatives in terms of their financial, psychological, and strategic advantages and disadvantages.
14. Analyzing both readiness and resistance to change within organizations.
15. Developing and applying strategies for managing minor to major organizational and personal change.
16. Explaining the role of the change agent for achieving organizational goals.
17. Evaluating skills required for leading change effectively in organizations.
18. Evaluating the integral role of communication as it relates to the organizational change process.
19. Assessing the alignment between employee and management perceptions regarding the need for change.
20. Analyzing the role of succession planning as a proactive strategy for managing organizational change.
21. Analyzing current organizational change challenges and trends in the workplace.
22. Formulating procedures to apply organizational change solutions to current workplace challenges and trends.

**COURSE POLICIES:**

**(1) DO NOT plagiarize in any way.** Any student that plagiarizes, regardless of intent, **will receive a zero** for the assignment. Academic honesty is highly valued at Amberton University. A student must always submit work that represents his or her original words or ideas. Review the section herein that discusses Academic Honesty/Plagiarism. Plagiarism can be described as, but is not limited to the following examples:

- Having a tutor or friend complete a portion of your assignments;
- Having a reviewer make extensive revisions to an assignment;
- Copying work submitted by another student to a public class meeting; and/or,
- Using information from online information services without proper citation.

**(2) Late Policy for Assignments is as follows:**

Late Assignments will be penalized with a 10% grade deduction for the first 2 days late and 5% each day afterwards up to 5 days, unless you have made prior arrangements with me. You lose 10% whether you are one or two days late. The reasons for this is to ensure if you are going to be late that you do not rush the assignment to turn it in. If circumstances arise that preclude you from meeting course requirements or assignment deadlines you must notify me **immediately**. If an assignment is turned in **5 or more days late, NO points will be earned. Deadlines will be defined as 11:55 p.m. CST on each due date.** Do not wait until the last minute to turn in assignments. The syllabus is offered well in advance to allow students to plan accordingly.

Special Note: No late assignments will be accepted in the last week of the course, except in extreme circumstances and arrangements have been made with the instructor prior to the due date. No assignments or exams will be accepted after the course end date.

**(3) No Extra credit** - I do **NOT** provide extra credit work in this class.

**(4)** Assignments not submitted correctly will not be graded and will be returned. Resubmitted assignments must still be in by the due date. On time due date credit is not given for assignments that are returned ungraded.

**(5)** All assignments must be completed in order to receive a passing grade in this course. Even assignments that are late and do not receive a grade must be turned in. In other words, you do not have the option of skipping one or two assignments and taking a lower grade in the course. **Failure to complete all assignments as specified will result in a grade of an "F."**

**(6) Assignments that do not rise to the level of university work will be graded accordingly.** Please adhere to recognizable and consistent guidelines when preparing your papers, especially when citing other sources. **APA standards will be strictly enforced**, so be sure to use the APA Manual, rather than programs which claim to do this automatically. I have not yet seen any programs that do this perfectly.

**(7) Academic Resources** - When you are conducting research for an assignment, the majority of your sources should be the **text book** or **peer-reviewed academic journals**, such as those you find in the University library databases.

- **WARNING:** Internet searches will often take you to non-academic information resources such as Wikipedia.com, Ask.com, Encarta.msn.com, Infoplease.com, etc. Keep in mind that the information you find in these sources is unreliable and may not be accurate, since it does not come under a formal oversight or peer-review process. Avoid using these types of sources. **It is NOT permitted in this course and will NOT be counted towards fulfilling assignments.**

While you may use and cite some non-academic resources such as trade journals or an organization's website only when researching a company, you may not rely on them exclusively. With this exception of company Web sites for company-research, no un-authored material may be cited in this course. If a company Web site is used, students must take strong measures to determine the *author* (corporate or individual) and *date* of the material cited, per APA guidelines. No other un-authored sources may be used.

The use of primary sources, when appropriate, is always encouraged. For example, when writing about leaders in certain industries, one may want to issue questionnaires, surveys or conduct interviews. Data from these sources is considered primary, as opposed to secondary data found in

some peer-reviewed journals. Keep in mind, there are proper ways of conducting primary research and these methods go beyond the scope of this class. Therefore, quality secondary sources should be your primary source of research and information.

Remember that you are responsible for the accuracy of any facts presented in your assignments and therefore should confirm the veracity of information you find on non-academic sources through further research.

**(8)** A successful learning experience depends on the student's willingness to stay on schedule with respect to due dates, course readings and other requirements. You are encouraged to plan ahead and pace yourself so that adequate time is allotted for each assignment and unexpected circumstances do not hinder your success.

**(9) Feedback** – I will provide feedback for **graded exercises/assignments** within 5-6 days of the due date. Graded exercises/assignments are **not** the same as exercises that receive participation grades. Assignments that count as participation (forum discussion) will **not** be graded in the same manner. They are designed to address specific course competencies and as a means to keep you on track and to see how you are processing the course content. I **will review** your forum discussions and at times respond to your postings. However, if you need feedback at any time regarding participation assignments, please ask me, and I will be happy to provide it.

**(10)** Amberton University policy states that it is up to an instructor's discretion as to whether or not he or she grants an "Incomplete" at the end of a course. Be advised, **I do NOT grant "Incompletes"** in my courses. If special circumstances arise, please reach out to the professor as soon as possible.

### ***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:**

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
1	Managing Change – A Foundation	Read Chapters 1 – 4  Introduction Forum (No Grade)	1, 21	23 Mar by 11:55 pm CST
2	Images of Change and Why is change necessary?	Read Chapters 1 – 4  Research Paper	7, 9, 14, 19	30 Mar by 11:55 pm CST
3	Diagnosing change and What Changes?	Read Chapters 5 – 6  Forum #1	3, 7, 14, 19	6 Apr by 11:55 pm CST
4	Role of Purpose and Vision	Read Chapters 5 – 6	16, 21	13 Apr by 11:55 pm CST

		What and Why Assignment		
5	Communicating Change	Read Chapters 7 – 8 Forum #2	3, 5, 16, 18	20 Apr by 11:55 pm CST
6	Resistance to Change	Read Chapters 7 – 8 How To Communicate Assignment (Video)	5, 9, 11, 12, 21	27 Apr by 11:55 pm CST
7	Change Strategies and Perspectives	Read Chapters 9 – 12 Forum #3	2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 15, 22	4 May by 11:55 pm CST
8	Sustaining Change	Read Chapters 9 – 12 What To Do Assignment	3, 10, 15, 22	11 May by 11:55 pm CST
9	Effective Leadership characteristics Culminating Project	Forum #4 GRP	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22	18 May by 11:55 pm CST
10	Make-up Week	**As Needed As Assigned**	N/A	N/A

#### GRADING CRITERIA:

Assignments	Points	Percent
Forums	4 @ 2 pts	8%
Research Paper	1 @ 18 pts	18%
What and Why Assignment	1 @ 17 pts	17%
How To Communicate Assignment (Video)	1 @ 17 pts	17%
What To Do Assignment	1 @ 18 pts	18%
GRP	1 @ 22 pts	22%
Total		100%

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 and Research Tutorials.

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](mailto: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](mailto:advisor@Amberton.edu) for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send 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.

### **Email Communication**

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system ([my.Amberton.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://Amberton.edu)) or the library site ([Library.amberton.edu](http://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](mailto:library@amberton.edu) or visit the library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.