Course Outline (Higher Education)



School / Faculty: Federation Business School

Course Title: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Course ID: BUHRM2602

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (BUHRM1501 or JH501)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED Code: 080510

Grading Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, etc.)

Program Level:

| AQF Level of Program | | | | | | | |
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| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| Level | | | | | | | |
| Introductory | | | | | | | |
| Intermediate | | | ~ | | | | |
| Advanced | | | | | | | |

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- **K1.** Identify the historical context of Industrial Relations (IR) institutions and practices
- **K2.** Compare and contrast existing IR theories and perspectives
- **K3.** Differentiate between existing IR practices
- **K4.** Appraise the impact of workplace IR on the wider community
- **K5.** Explain the relevance and impact of contemporary IR/ER theory

Skills:

- **S1.** Develop effective IR and negotiation strategies
- **S2.** Identify the causes of conflict in an organisation
- **S3.** Analyse negotiation concepts in a variety of workplace contexts
- **S4.** Design, prepare and/or respond to a range of alternative workplace arrangements
- **S5.** Prepare a report which communicates the results of an IR project

Application of knowledge and skills:

- **A1.** Use initiative and judgement in the application of IR and/or negotiation practices
- **A2.** Reflect on the need for continual personal and professional development

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Course Content:

The area of industrial relations is broad and covers how managers and subordinates interact and relate with each other to more effectively meet organisational goals. This course focuses on the effective management of conflict and negotiation in the workplace

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

- **V1.** Appreciate the interface of theory and practice
- **V2.** Value foresight in the progress of management science
- **V3.** Develop a mastery of concepts
- V4. Appreciate the complexity of industrial relations in the Australian context

Graduate Attributes:

FedUni graduate attributes statement. To have graduates with knowledge, skills and competence that enable them to stand out as critical, creative and enquiring learners who are capable, flexible and work ready, and responsible, ethical and engaged citizens.

| Attribute | Brief Description | Focus |
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| Knowledge, skills and competence | The confidence gained from contemporary management/HRM challenges of this course, will motivate graduates to seek out further opportunities to apply and develop their skills. | Low |
| Critical, creative and enquiring learners | Contemporary management/HRM theory will contribute to the rounding of the student's management education, providing them with the knowledge and confidence to make or contribute to independent, valid and reliable business decisions. | Low |
| Capable, flexible and work ready | Graduates of this course will feel empowered to engage in and contribute to constructive dialogue with managers and other primary decision-makers in their workplace or community. | High |
| Responsible, ethical and engaged citizens | This course will ensure that students make decisions that are equally informed by considerations of ethics and corporate social responsibility. | Medium |

Learning Task and Assessment:

| Learning Outcomes Assessed | Assessment Task | Assessment Type | Weighting |
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| K1,K2 S1 A1 | Evaluate current theory and issues in industrial relations practice. | In-class test | 20-30% |
| K1,K2,K3,K4 S1,S2,S3,S4,S5 A1,A2 | | Group Project: Oral presentation and written report | 30-40% |

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| | Evaluate current theory and issues in industrial relations practice. | Exam | 40-60% |

Adopted Reference Style:

APA