# BUSN201

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# **Course Summary**

Course : BUSN201 Title : Introduction to Construction Management Length of Course : 8 Prerequisites : N/A Credit Hours : 3

# Description

**Course Description:** This course serves as an introduction to construction management. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and review terminology, concepts, and best practices in residential real estate construction management and development. Topics will include the construction industry, communication, forecasting and planning, leadership, managing people in construction, production and site management, time management, cost management, and quality.

## Course Scope:

This course is divided into eight weeks. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and review terminology, concepts, and best practices in residential real estate construction management. Construction management related Internet resources are available.

# **Objectives**

LO1: Discover knowledge, techniques, and skills of the construction industry as they apply to construction management.

LO2: Compare and contrast various uses of land in construction management.

LO3: Articulate effective communication practices regarding subjects related to construction management.

LO4: Evaluate the need for forecasting, planning, leading, and controlling in construction management.

LO5: Extrapolate upon the importance of project performance, production, and site safety in construction management.

LO6: Illustrate the effective mechanisms to managing people in construction management.

LO7: Analyze the importance of cost and time management in construction management.

LO8: Demonstrate a commitment to quality and continuous improvement in construction management.

# Outline

## Week 1:

### Learning Outcomes

LO1: Discover knowledge, techniques, and skills of the construction industry as they apply to construction management.

#### **Required Readings**

This class relies solely on electronic resources, which will be available through the classroom. All directions will be given to the students on where to acquire readings through the Lessons area of the classroom for each week.

Assignments

Week 1 Introduction Forum

Week 1 Forum Discussion

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 2:

Learning Outcomes

LO3: Articulate effective communication practices regarding subjects related to construction management.

**Required Readings** 

This class relies solely on electronic resources, which will be available through the classroom. All directions will be given to the students on where to acquire readings through the Lessons area of the classroom for each week.

Assignments

Week 2 Forum Discussion

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 3:

Learning Outcomes

LO2: Compare and contrast various uses of land in construction management.

#### **Required Readings**

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Assignments

Week 3 Forum Discussion

Assignment 1: Construction Management Process Research Paper (Week 3)

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 4:

Learning Outcomes

LO4: Evaluate the need for forecasting, planning, leading, and controlling in construction management.

#### **Required Readings**

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Assignments

Week 4 Forum Discussion

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 5:

Learning Outcomes

LO7: Analyze the importance of cost and time management in construction management.

**Required Readings** 

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Assignments

Week 5 Forum Discussion

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 6:

Learning Outcomes

LO6: Illustrate the effective mechanisms to managing people in construction management.

#### **Required Readings**

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each week.

Assignments

Week 6 Forum Discussion

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 7:

Learning Outcomes

LO5: Extrapolate upon the importance of project performance, production, and site safety in construction management.

**Required Readings** 

This class relies solely on electronic resources, which will be available through the classroom. All directions will be given to the students on where to acquire readings through the Lessons area of the classroom for each week.

Assignments

Week 7 Forum Discussion

Assignment 2: Final Paper: Economic Evaluation (Week 7)

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

#### Week 8:

Learning Outcomes

LO8: Demonstrate a commitment to quality and continuous improvement in construction management.

**Required Readings** 

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Assignments

Week 8 Forum Discussion

Recommended Optional Reading Recommended Media

# **Evaluation**

#### Grading:

Name	Grade %
Forums	40.00 %

Introduction Forum	4.44 %
Forum 1	4.44 %
Forum 2	4.44 %
Forum 3	4.44 %
Forum 4	4.44 %
Forum 5	4.44 %
Forum 6	4.44 %
Forum 7	4.44 %
Forum 8	4.44 %
Assignments	60.00 %
Assignment 1: Construction	

Management Process Research Paper 30.00 % (Week 3) Assignment 2: Final Paper: Economic Evaluation (Week 7)

# Materials

**Book Title:** Modern Construction Management, 7th ed. - e-book available in the APUS Online Library. Please visit https://apus.libguides.com/er.php to view the eReserve

Author: Harris, Frank

#### **Publication Info:**

ISBN: 9780470672174

# **Course Guidelines**

#### **Citation and Reference Style**

- Students will follow APA format as the sole citation and reference style used in written assignments submitted as part of coursework to the School of Business.
- Please note that no formal citation style is required on forum assignments in the School of Business only attribution of sources (please see details regarding forum communication below).

## Tutoring

• <u>Tutor.com</u> offers online homework help and learning resources by connecting students to certified tutors for one-on-one help. AMU and APU students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. Tutors are available 24/7 unless otherwise noted. Tutor.com also has a SkillCenter Resource Library offering educational resources, worksheets, videos, websites and career help. Accessing these resources does not count against tutoring hours and is also available 24/7. Please visit the APUS Library and search for 'Tutor' to create an account.

#### Late Assignments

• Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. The due date for each assignment is listed under each assignment.

- Generally speaking, if arrangements are not made in advance, a late penalty of 10% will be assessed for any assignment submitted 1-7 days past the due date. Assignments will not be accepted after the 7th day. No work will be accepted past the final day of class, unless prior arraignments have been made with the instructor.
- As a working adult, your time is limited and often out of your control. Faculty may be more flexible if they know ahead of time of any potential late assignments.

### Turnitin

• Faculty may require assignments be submitted to Turnitin.com. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

 Academic Dishonesty incorporates more than plagiarism, which is using the work of others without citation. Academic dishonesty includes any use of content purchased or retrieved from web services such as CourseHero.com or Scribd. Additionally, allowing your work to be placed on such web services is academic dishonesty, as it is enabling the dishonesty of others. The copy and pasting of content from any web page, without citation as a direct quote, is academic dishonesty. When in doubt, do not copy/paste, and always cite.

### **Submission Guidelines**

- Some assignments may have very specific requirements for formatting (such as font, margins, etc) and submission file type (such as .docx, .pdf, etc). See the assignment instructions for details. In general, standard file types such as those associated with Microsoft Office are preferred, unless otherwise specified.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure the all submitted work can be accessed and opened by the instructor.

## **Disclaimer Statement**

• Course content may vary from the outline to meet the needs of a particular group or class.

## **Communicating on the Forum**

- Forums are the heart of the interaction in this course. The more engaged and lively the exchanges, the more interesting and fun the course will be. Only substantive comments will receive credit. Although there is a final posting day/time after which the instructor will grade and provide feedback, it is not sufficient to wait until the last day to contribute your comments/questions on the forum. The purpose of the forums is to actively participate in an on-going discussion about the assigned content.
- "Substantive" means comments that contribute something new and important to the discussion. Thus a message that simply says "I agree" is not substantive. A substantive comment contributes a new idea or perspective, a good follow-up question to a point made, offers a response to a question, provides an example or illustration of a key point, points out an inconsistency in an argument, etc.
- As a class, if we run into conflicting view points, we must respect each individual's own opinion. Hateful and hurtful comments towards other individuals, students, groups, peoples, and/or societies will not be tolerated.
- Students must post a response to the weekly forums prompt and post the required number of replies to other students refer to the grading rubric and/or forum instructions for specific expectations on number of replies and word count requirements.
- The main response to the forum need to be provided mid-week refer to the grading rubric and/or forum instructions for specific expectations. Late main response posts to a forum will not be accepted without prior instructor approval.
- Replies must be posted in the week due and replies after the end of the each week will not be graded.

#### **Quizzes and Exams**

Quizzes and exams may consist of true/false, multiple choice, and short essay questions. Each quiz/exam is accessible only once. Once a quiz/exam is accessed, you will not be able to access it again if you disconnect. Therefore, allocate time to complete your quiz. Weekly quizzes must be submitted by midnight Eastern Time, Day 7 of the assigned week. Late quizzes or exams will not be accepted without prior instructor approval.

# **University Policies**

Student Handbook

- Drop/Withdrawal policy
- Extension Requests
- <u>Academic Probation</u>
- Appeals
- Disability Accommodations

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