

BUSM 7078 PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 51240

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Description This subject introduces students to the philosophy, tools and techniques for effectively managing projects in an organisation. Participants will be required to apply lessons learned to real-world situations and cases, developing their professional expertise in project management in ways that are relevant to their careers. Topics include organisational strategy and project selection; project definition and criteria of merit; tools and techniques; team leadership and management; development of project plans; estimation of time and resources; risk analysis and management; scheduling and control; resource allocation; project tracking; project closure and review. Participants will be expected to use MS Project as a project management tool.

School Business

Discipline Organisation Management

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of project management and how projects link to corporate strategic planning and strategic management;
2. Apply knowledge and techniques on project planning;
3. Apply knowledge on project risk assessment and management;
4. Demonstrate knowledge on project progress controlling and monitoring;
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of project completion and closure procedures;
6. Explain and apply the principles of managing project teams and resolving team conflicts.

Subject Content

1. Project life cycle, selection and initiation
2. Organisational strategy and contexts
3. Project planning
4. Critical path method
5. Resource scheduling
6. Managing teams and leadership
7. Managing risk
8. Managing inter-organisational relations and international projects
9. Project governance
10. Introduction to agile and sustainable project management.

11. Project progress and performance measurement
12. Project closure and audit
13. Determinants of project success and project failure

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Case Study	Five case notes (300 words)	10	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,500 words, with MS Project	25	N	Group	Y
Report	1,500 words	25	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	40	Y	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Larson, E.W. and Gray, C.F., 2021. Project Management: The managerial process (8th edition). New York: McGraw-Hill Education

Teaching Periods

Vietnam Quarter 1 (2025)

Vietnam

On-site

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Quarter 2 (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

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Quarter 4 (2025)

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Sydney City Campus Quarter 4 (2025)

Sydney City

On-site

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