

# BUSM 3054 PEOPLE, WORK AND SOCIETY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200860

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**Description** 'People, Work and Society' draws on psychology and sociology to deepen participants' practical human resource management (HRM) expertise. Designed for those aiming at careers as HRM professionals, participants will use HRM knowledge to develop policy and procedure that takes account of the psychology of individuals and groups as well as rising expectations for socially-responsible management. The complexities and rewards around managing diverse workforces receive particular attention. Through the challenge of real-world activities, participants are introduced to the difficult judgements that confront HRM professionals around people at work.

**School** Business

**Discipline** Human Resource Management

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** BUSM 1023

**Equivalent Subjects** BUSM 3075 - Workplace Behaviour LGYA 9849 - Workplace Behaviour

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify the implications of individuals of psychology, social change and diverse workforces for effective HRM practice;
2. Explain the importance of managing diversity for developing an inclusive and competitive workplace, relative to the challenges of social change and conflict;
3. Formulate policy and procedures that demonstrate HRM's potential contribution to organisational social, economic and environmental sustainability;
4. Identify key aspects of work psychology and sociology in order to analyse the role of HR practitioners relative to the tensions between economic and socio-legal imperatives.

## Subject Content

The business environment:

- industry and social change
- policy and regulation
- labour markets and skill

Managing diversity in organisations:

- corporate strategy and sustainability
- HR systems and networks
- HR Operations and communication

Managing individuals:

- work Psychology
- team dynamics and inclusivity

- managing difficult situations

## 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 |
|------------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Portfolio  | 1,500 words | 40      | N         | Individual             | Y         |
| Case Study | 1,500 words | 30      | N         | Individual             | Y         |
| Reflection | 1,500 words | 30      | N         | Individual             | Y         |

Prescribed Texts

- There is no prescribed textbook for this subject. subject readings are available online via vUWS and are updated regularly to reflect developments in the literature.

Teaching Periods

## WSU Online TRI-1 (2025)

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## Autumn (2025)

### Campbelltown

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### Parramatta City - Macquarie St

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## WSU Online TRI-3 (2025)

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