

BA2204 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Tuesday-Thursday, 10.35-12.10, Room TBA

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Course Description:	
<p>This course introduces students to the field of human resource management (HRM). Due to the very large scope of the topic and the limited time, the coverage is broad. The specific topics to cover are the contexts of human resource management, staffing, employee development, compensation, and governance. The course examines HRM from the perspective of a non-HR manager who wishes to effectively interact with and utilize the human resource.</p>	
Relevance:	
<p>HRM is one of the core subjects and disciplines in management. The human resource is not an expense but a crucial investment. The human factor is the sole factor that produces value for the firm and HRM is about how to manage or use this factor effectively. This factor is much more important in the context of an increasingly integrated competitive world economy. So, all managers and management practitioners should have at least a basic understanding of the human resource to organize and employ people and respond to and/or overcome the competition.</p>	
Course Student Learning Objectives: (CSLOs)	
<p>At the end of the course, students will have developed a solid and critical understanding of basic HRM topics and concepts. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. explain how environmental factors and organizational characteristics influence HRM.2. understand employee recruitment, selection, and separation.3. comprehend performance appraisals, workforce training, and career development.4. discuss systems of compensation, rewarding, and benefits.5. interpret employee and union relations in organizational governance.6. relate the established theories and practices of HRM to real life cases.7. criticize the established theories and practices of HRM.	
Learning and Teaching Methods:	
<p>This course will use lectures, discussions, and quizzes.</p>	
Required Reading:	
<p>Gomez-Mejia, L.R., Balkin, D, and Cardy, R.L. 2016. Managing Human Resources (8th global edition). Essex, England: Pearson.</p>	
Assessment and Grading:	
<p>Grades and notes are not subject to change unless miscalculated. <u>There will be no additional individual study for raising a student's grade. No individual request for such a study will be accepted.</u> No non-academic criteria will be applied for grading. The percentages to apply to the coursework are seen in the following table.</p>	

Form of assessment	Contribution %	Size of the assessment	CSLOs covered by the assessment	Feedback Method
Midterm-1	25	Multiple-choice, 50 minutes	1	Written and oral
Midterm-2	30	Multiple-choice, 60 minutes	2-3	Written and oral
Midterm-3	30	Multiple-choice, 60 minutes	4-5	Written and oral
Participation	15	In-class discussion	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	Oral
Total	100			

Course Policies:

Exams and make-up policy

Exams will measure students' degree of knowledge of the conceptual material. They will be composed of multiple-choice questions. The first midterm exam will cover the first and second parts of textbook. The second will cover the third and fourth parts. The third will cover the fifth and sixth parts. All course materials including textbook, lectures, and related discussions are included in exams. **Students may write a make-up exam if they apply to the instructor within one week, at the latest, after the date of the exam unattended with a legitimate, documented, excuse. Make-up exams will be essay type.**

Participation

It is important that students read the assigned chapter and listen to the recorded lecture on the chapter available at oduclass. **In the participation session in class, there will be no lecture; students are required to listen to the lecture before the session.** In each lecture, there are a number of questions to discuss. Students are supposed to look at the questions first, listen to the lecture then, and develop answers on the questions. This is an individual activity although students can exchange ideas on the questions before the participation session. In the session, students will share their answers with the instructor and other students and discuss the points raised by others. Students can also ask questions and provide comments on the chapter for additional explanation or clarification or discussion. They can share relevant personal experiences by applying the concepts in the chapter. Students should always justify their answers and comments with relevant examples or rational arguments. **There will be no credit for answers or comments without justification. There is no make-up for this group activity.**

Student Disabilities

Any student, who, because of a disabling condition, may require special arrangements in order to meet course requirements, should contact the instructor as soon as possible. Students should present the appropriate documentation from the university's Disability Support Office (METU Library, Solmaz İzdemir Hall, phone: 2107196, e-mail: engelsiz@metu.edu.tr, website: <http://engelsiz.metu.edu.tr>) verifying their disability, and outlining the special arrangements required. **Please note that no accommodations will be provided prior to the completion of this approved university process.**

Academic Dishonesty

The Department of Business Administration has no tolerance for acts of academic dishonesty. Such acts damage the reputation of METU, the department and the BS/MBA degree and demean the honest efforts of the majority of students. **The minimum penalty for an act of academic dishonesty will be a zero for that assignment or exam.**

Cheating

All university, faculty/institute, and department principles on academic honesty will be strictly enforced. **The usual consequence for academic dishonesty is failure in the course and referral of the case to the Dean of the Faculty/Institute for additional disciplinary action.** Examinations are individual and are to be completed without outside assistance of any sort. Students observed cheating during examinations will receive a failing grade in the course. Homework assignments are individual, unless

otherwise specified by the instructor, and are to be completed without outside assistance of any sort, as well. Students observed cheating in their homework assignments will receive a score of zero for the portion of the semester grade allocated to such assignments.

Plagiarism

The instructor assumes that students will do their own work. By placing their names on assignments (individual or team), students affirm that the contents are their original work. **Any previous work available from files or past students as well as materials available on the internet may be used only as a suggestive model.** Violation of this provision will be considered as unethical behavior subject to disciplinary action. If you have any doubt about the use of a specific material, see the instructor ahead of time. Any material used from outside sources should be referenced appropriately.

Metu Honor Code

Every member of METU community adopts the following honor code as one of the core principles of academic life and strives to develop an academic environment where continuous adherence to this code is promoted:

“The members of the METU community are reliable, responsible and honorable people who embrace only the success and recognition they deserve, and act with integrity in their use, evaluation and presentation of facts, data and documents.”

Civility

Civility is a requirement. Developing and maintaining a course environment that is conducive to learning is the responsibility of students as much as instructors. Inappropriate behavior in offline or online course settings will result, minimally, in a request to leave the setting. Students are required to use an impersonal, professional language in discussions and avoid offensive remarks. **They are to be on time for participation sessions; they may not be let in late.** They should also not leave sessions unless there is emergency.

Academic regulations

Please see the regulations for undergraduate studies at: <http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/middle-east-technical-university-rules-and-regulations-governing-undergraduate-studies>

Academic calendar

Please see the calendar and note the important dates at: <https://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/academic-calendar>

Tentative Course Schedule:				
Month	Day	Part	Topic/Reading	CSLO
March	8		Course introduction	1-2-3-4-5-6-7
March	10	1-Introduction	Meeting Present/Emerging Strategic Human Resource Challenges	1-6-7
March	15		Meeting Present/Emerging Strategic Human Resource Challenges	1-6-7
March	17	2-The Contexts of Human Resource Management	Managing Work Flows and Conducting Job Analysis	1-6-7
March	22		Managing Work Flows and Conducting Job Analysis	1-6-7
March	24		Understanding Equal Opportunity and the Legal Environment Managing Diversity	1-6-7
March	29		MIDTERM-1, NO CLASS	1-6-7
March	31	3-Staffing	Recruiting and Selecting Employees	2-6-7
April	5		Recruiting and Selecting Employees	2-6-7
April	7		Managing Employee Separations, Downsizing, and Outplacement	2-6-7
April	12	4-Employee development	Appraising and Managing Performance	3-6-7
April	14		Appraising and Managing Performance	3-6-7
April	19		Training the Workforce	3-6-7
April	21		Training the Workforce	3-6-7
April	26		Developing Careers	3-6-7
April	28		MIDTERM-2, NO CLASS	2-3-6-7
May	3		RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, NO CLASS	
May	5		RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, NO CLASS	
May	10	5-Compensation	Managing Compensation	4-6-7
May	12		Managing Compensation	4-6-7
May	17		Rewarding Performance	4-6-7
May	19		NATIONAL HOLIDAY, NO CLASS	
May	24		Rewarding Performance	4-6-7
May	26		Designing and Administering Benefits	4-6-7
May	31	6-Governance	Developing Employee Relations	5-6-7
June	2		Respecting Employee Rights and Managing Discipline	5-6-7
June	7		Working with Organized Labor Managing Workplace Safety and Health	5-6-7
June	9		MIDTERM-3, NO CLASS	4-5-6-7