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Organizational Behaviour

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021) Review date: 10-07-2020

Department assigned to the subject:

Coordinating teacher: MELERO MARTIN, EDUARDO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 1 Semester: 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

No requirement

OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE:

- 1. Define organizational behavior and describe the contents of organizational behavior considered as a field of study.
- 2. Learn the impact of individual features, such as biographic characteristics or personality, on organizational behavior.
- 3. Learn the basic elements of the perception process and how to anticipate them in communication and decision-making.
- 4. Describe the process of motivation and its applications to different real-life situations
- 5. Identify the key factors that explain group behavior.
- 6. Summarize the conclusions from the different theories of leadership.
- 7. Be able to analyze the communication process and its components in order to apply them to real-life situations.
- 8. Analyze the process of conflict and identify its causes.
- Analyze the elements of organizational culture their influence on organization ethics.

SKILLS:

- Develop the ability to work autonomously under pressure in the solving of real cases.
- Develop teamwork skills and learn to use techniques that optimize group decision-making.
- 12. Develop the ability to lead and motivate others.

ATTITUDES

- 13. Build a solid ethical background for decision making and conflict management.
- 14. Learn how to increase employee commitment in organizations.
- 15. Develop an entrepreneurial attitude with respect to organizational change.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- Class 1: Basic concepts of Organizational Behavior
- Class 2: Individual behavior in organizations
- Class 3: Perception processes
- Class 4: Decision making
- Class 5: Values, attitudes and ethics
- Class 6: Motivation in organizations
- Class 7: Group dynamics and teamwork
- Class 8: Leadership: treats and stiles
- Class 9: Communication
- Class 10: OB across cultures.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The classes of this course will be taught fully online during the year 2020-2021.

- Classes will take place in two 1.5-hour weekly sessions, which will be taught in a row with a 15-minute break between them.
- Additionally, each week an additional review hour will be scheduled to help assimilate the concepts to those students who have not been able to attend classes.

- Each class will consist of the discussion of the study of a case that must be prepared in advance, and the review of a series of associated concepts.
- The students will have to prepare the discussions of the cases in class, participate in them, and deliver reports related to the discussion of those cases.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

40% Final exam

60% continuous evaluation, which includes:

- Participation in class discussion of scheduled case studies: 25%
- Delivery of written reports related to scheduled case studies: 25%
- Participation in activities proposed in class by the professor, and other specific interventions: 10%

% end-of-term-examination: 40

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Robbins, S. P. and T. Judge Organizational Behavior, Prentice-Hall, 2016 (17th Edition)

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Bernard Mayer The Dynamics of Conflicts Resolution, Wiley, 2010
- Declan Treacy Successful Time Management, Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, 1998 (2nd Edition)
- Fisher, R. & Ury, W. Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement without Giving in, Penguin Books, 1991
- Reitz, J.G., Breton, R., Dion, K.K., Dion, K.L. Multiculturalism and Social Cohesion, Springer, 2009