

MGMT4317- Strategic Management Directed Study

Fall 2018 SESSION
Del Rio, Monday 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM

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GRADING: Grades will be determined as follows:

Assignments (4)	400 points
Term Paper	100 points
Final	100 points
Total Points	500 points

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REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. “*Business Strategy: A guide to effective decision-making*” by The Economist and Jeremy Kourdi, The Economist; 3rd ed. Edition, ISBN-13: 978-1610394765
2. “*Good Strategy/Bad Strategy: The Difference and Why it Matters*” by Richard Rumelt, Profile Books, ISBN-13: 978-1781256176
3. “*Great by Choice: Uncertainty, Chaos, and Luck--Why Some Thrive Despite Them*” by Jim Collins and Morton T. Hansen, Harper Businss, ISBN-13: 978-0307886231

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I encourage you to email me if you have questions about any aspect of the course. Good luck and I look forward to “hearing” from you.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Develop a general management orientation; being able to analyze broad, organization-wide problems. Understand the vital role of corporate governance and stakeholder management.

Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.

2. Describe how the forces in the competitive environment can affect profitability. Understand the scenario planning technique and its usefulness. Understand the concept of strategic groups and their strategy and performance implications.

Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.

3. Describe how value-chain analysis can help managers create value. Enumerate the benefits and limitations of SWOT analysis in conducting an internal analysis of the firm. Explain the four criteria that a firm’s resources must possess to maintain a sustainable advantage.

Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.

4. Recognize the interdependence of attracting, developing, and retaining human capital. Understand the vital role of technology in leveraging knowledge and human capital.

Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.

5. Integrate the business skills students have already developed and knowledge students have obtained. In the immediate future this should give students a better understanding of how their positions relate to the overall performance of the organization. Also, much of this course is structured to stimulate the job that many students have or will have in the near future – a staff manager responsible for helping to develop recommendations on the strategic issues that face the organization.

Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.

6. Developing skills to solve the actual problems that today's organizations are experiencing.

Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.

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Schedule for MGMT4317 – Fall 2017

Week	Topic	Readings
Aug. 27	Introduction to Strategic Management	None
Sept. 3	Labor Day Holiday	None
Sept. 10	Accounting and Finance	None
Sept. 17	What is business strategy	Articles BSG Chps 1-3
Sept. 24	Forces shaping business strategy	Articles BSG Chps 4-7
Oct. 1	Developing business strategies Assignment 1 due	Articles Chps 8 & 9, 14 & 15
Oct. 8	Leading business strategy implementation	Articles Chps 10-12
Oct. 15	Innovation and information management	Articles Chps 13 & 16
Oct. 22	Managing business strategies Assignment 2 due	BSG Chps 17-18
Oct. 29	Good Strategy/Bad Strategy	Chps 1-5
Nov. 5	Good Strategy/Bad Strategy	Chps 6-15
Nov. 12	Good Strategy/Bad Strategy Assignment 3 due	Chps 16-18
Nov. 19	Great by Choice	Chps 1-3
Nov. 26	Great by Choice Term Paper Due	Chps 4-6
Dec. 3	Great by Choice Assignment 4 due	Chps 7-8
Dec. 10	Final Exam	