

Sul Ross State University Department of Business Administration

GBAA 5310—Project Management

Summer 1 2026 – Online Asynchronous Syllabus

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Required Texts: CONNECT & E-Book – *Project Management*; Larson & Gray 8th Edition; McGraw-Hill 2022; ISBN: NA.

Official Communication:

All official communication by the University or me will be sent to your Sul Ross email account. As a result, you are required to activate your email account and check it from time to time for personal communication. I encourage you to email me if you have questions or comments, BUT PLEASE include your full name and the course for which you have questions. Even if you submit your email through the Blackboard site, I cannot tell which course you are in nor what your real name is (i.e., egar123) unless you put it in the body of your email.

Course Requirements and Grading

CONNECT Learn-Smart each chapter (16)	240
CONNECT Assignment 1 (Week 2)	100
CONNECT Assignment 2 (Week 4)	100

Discussion Forum weekly (6)	150
Cases – two – (Week 3 and 5)	200
CONNECT Final Exam—Role Play	210
TOTAL	1000

Grading Scale

A = 90 - 100%

B = 80 - 89%

C = 70 - 79%

D = 60 - 69%

F = Below 60

Note: It is my expectation that satisfactory work in this course is at the B level or above. Thus, unless you receive notification from me or your grade average reflects lower than this level (80%), you can be assured that you are doing as expected in the course.

Technology Help:

Obtain your RGC email account name and password directly from the **Central Help Desk at 1-888-837-2882**. For most technology problems, first go to the Lobo Technology Assistance Center (LTAC). The quick link to this site is available from our home page under the “My SRSU” tab. For specific help with any aspect of Blackboard, including problems with online exams, contact our Blackboard administrators in Alpine. **BLACKBOARD HELP: 432-837-6055.**

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disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartze Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director at 432-837-8203 or email mschwartze@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall, room 112, and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine. Texas, 79832.

Counseling: Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare where all SR students will have access to nine free counseling sessions. You can learn more about this 24/7/356 support by visiting [Timelycare/SRSU](https://www.timelycare.com/srsu). The SR Counseling and Accessibility Services office will continue to offer in-person counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 (Alpine campus), and telehealth Zoom sessions for remote students and RGC students.

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Academic Integrity: Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused; meaningful and pertinent participation is appreciated. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden.

Classroom Climate of Respect: Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal

attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still, we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. **SLO1** Analyze & solve complex business problems across major business functions, using advanced business principles and strategies
2. **SLO2** Communicate in-depth business information through written, oral and other delivery processes
3. **SLO3** Identify and discuss the impact of ethical and social responsibility issues in business

Student Learning Objectives – Students will:

- Demonstrate understanding of the characteristics, techniques and challenges associated with each of the five process groups relevant to most projects
- Understand the knowledge areas of PM and how they are related to the process groups Examine the potential risks associated with projects and corresponding risk reduction strategies Appreciate linkage of organizational strategies and goals as drivers for project selection Identify & appreciate application of Project Management concepts across all business functions
- Overall, acquire an advanced yet practical working knowledge of project management as an aid in further study and career pursuits

Marketable Skills for the MBA Degree:

Marketable Skill 1: Students will understand the functions of the business enterprise in the general economy.

Marketable Skill 2: Students will have the skills needed to effectively lead a business.

Marketable Skill 3: Students will be able to craft effective business strategies for both existing businesses and new businesses.

Marketable Skill 4: Students will be able to make effective oral presentations to both professional and general audiences.

Schedule for GBAA 5310 – Summer 2 2025

Week	Topic	Readings
May 25	Introduction to Project Management CONNECT Learn-Smart, CONNECT HOMEWORK—for Chapters 1,2,3 Discussion Forum 1	Textbook Chapters 1, 2, 3
June 1	Estimating Project Time, Costs and Schedule CONNECT Assignment 1 -- Forecasting and Contracts CONNECT HOMEWORK—for Chapters 4,5,6 Discussion Forum 2	Textbook Chapters 4, 5, 6
June 8	Managing Risks and Resources Case 1 CONNECT HOMEWORK—for Chapters 7,8,9 Discussion Forum 3	Textbook Chapters 7, 8, 9
June 15	Being an Effective Manager and Team CONNECT Assignment 2—Maximize Net Worth CONNECT HOMEWORK—for Chapters 10, 11, 12 Discussion Forum 4	Textbook Chapters 10, 11, 12
June 22	Outsourcing, Performance Measurement and Closure Case 2	Textbook Chapters 13, 14, 15, 16

	CONNECT HOMEWORK—for Chapters 13,14,15,16 Discussion Forum 5	
June 29	International Projects Final Exam—CONNECT Role Play Discussion Forum 6	