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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

CODE NO.: NSA237 SEMESTER: FOURTH

PROGRAM: NATIVE COMMUNITY WORKER PROGRAM

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PREREQUISITE(S): N/A

LENGTH OF 16 WEEKS

COURSE:

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will become familiar with the process of managing a project from beginning to end – including feasibility studies, budgeting, scheduling, determining human, financial and physical resource needs. A part of the course will require the students to work in a computer lab to become familiar with a program management program/software assisting in making the program management process more effective. As a major component of the course, the students will be required to manage a simulated project from the beginning to the end through an independent report.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Develop an overview of knowledge regarding managing projects that are on time, within budget and achieve specific results.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Define project management and attributes of a project
- Outline the project life cycle
- Explain the benefits of project management
- Detail critical success factors

2. Organize and develop effective project management plans from the definition stage to planning stage to the implementation stage.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- State effective project goal statements
- Define project objectives that are measurable and concrete
- Explain the role of a feasibility study within the project management process
- Create a system for breaking tasks down and estimating activity time (design process)
- Identify needs, problems and opportunities
- Describe global pricing strategies and the pricing process (cost forecasting, cost control, cash flow, etc)
- Identify the process for coping and adjusting to delays, unforeseen costs, etc
- Describe the process for executing a project
- Identify the review and termination process of a project

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3. Identify and incorporate key project management language within project management plans.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the scheduling theory
- Outline the various project planning tools Gantt charts, Pert charts, histograms, critical path, resource allocation/costs, custom reports, multi-projects, etc
- 4. Identify the roles of the project manager and the project team.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Explain the responsibilities and the skills required of the project manager.
- Outline an effective project team development process.
- Describe effective review and evaluation processes.
- 5. Utilize computer program/software to manage a project effectively.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

 Develop skills with computer software to create Gantt charts, Pert charts, histograms, and various tools to create effective time scales, schedules, tasks, etc, relative to project planning process.

III. TOPICS:

- Introduction What is Project Management?
- 2. Getting Underway Preliminary Strategy
- 3. Planning the Project The Design Phase
- 4. Implementing the Project
- 5. Completing the Project
- 6. The Review Process for Project Management

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IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

No text required.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Project/Exam	Weight (%)	Due Date
Gantt Chart	10%	February 5
Pert Chart	10%	February 19
Critical Path	10%	March 5
Community Assignment	40%	April 23
Mid-term Exam	15%	February 26
Final Exam	<u>15%</u>	April 23
TOTAL	100%	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

In the GANTT CHART, PERT CHART AND CRITICAL PATH

PROJECTS, the students will be required to submit a computer generated report that is based on a mock assignment outline provided by the instructor. The assignments will correspond with materials covered in the computer lab. Further details will be provided in class.

The **COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENT** is a project that will required attendance at meetings outside of class hours. Real life application of course material with Native community organizations will be required. Further specifics will be supplied by the instructor early in the semester.

The **MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMS** will consist primarily of short answer questions with a few fill-in-the-blank and true or false statements. The Mid-term exam will cover materials from Topics One to Three and the Final exam will cover materials from Topics Three to Five. A review will be provided by the instructor prior to the exam. It will be in your best interest to attend this review.

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The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:

		Grade Point
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
Α	80 - 89%	3.75
В	70 - 79%	3.00
С	60 - 69%	2.00
R (Repeat)	59% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been	
	awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement	
	or non-graded subject areas.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field	
	placement or non-graded subject areas.	
X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited	
	situations with extenuating circumstances	
	giving a student additional time to complete	
	the requirements for a course (see <i>Policies</i> &	
	Procedures Manual – Deferred Grades and	
ND	Make-up).	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This	
	is used to facilitate transcript preparation	
	when, for extenuating circumstances, it has	
	not been possible for the faculty member to	
	report grades.	

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Special Needs:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your instructor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1204 or call Extension 493, 717, or 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of course outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

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Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of "academic dishonesty" in *Student Rights and Responsibilities*. Students who engage in "academic dishonesty" will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course outline amendments:

The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Assignments must be submitted in a typewritten format with a cover page. A late assignment will be accepted up to five (5) days late (with instructor's approval) and will be penalized 1 mark/day late. If you are experiencing personal difficulties that may interfere with the submission of an assignment, contact the instructor as soon as possible **prior to** the due date of the assignment.

VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the professor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

VIII. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Dean's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.