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MOR 462 - Management Consulting

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General Description:

This course is designed to initially overview the consulting profession with a subsequent emphasis on organization consulting issues. Effort will be placed on developing proficiencies in a range of skills required to practice consulting. The course is relevant to those 1) who are specifically interested in consulting careers and / or 2) whose current or future jobs involve staff consulting or line management using consultants.

Instructional Objective: The overall objective of this course is to provide you with an overview the 'world' of general management consulting and to help you develop a basic understanding of that world and the skills and knowledge to be successful in it.

Specific Learning Objectives:

- 1) Gain knowledge of management consulting practices.
- 2) Improve your ability to define key factors and issues relevant to a consulting engagement and examine their inter-relationships and learn to 'massage' them conceptually.
- 3) Gain practice in conducting a field-consulting project.
- 4) Improve your ability to present analyses of issues and organizational problems in a concise, accurate, clear and interesting manner from the perspective of a consult.
- 5) Gain exposure to a variety of processes and interventions involved in the management-consulting arena.
- 6) Learn how to match your individual strengths, weaknesses, likes, dislikes, personality and goals with consulting opportunities, demands and behaviors so as to help you enhance placement and career opportunities in management consulting.

The primary objective of this course is to provide you with an opportunity to become familiar with the typical phases in a consulting project. These phases include: selling a project, entering the client firm, gathering data, diagnosing issues, implementing solutions and leaving. In addition to discussing these phases in class, we will discuss how similarly, and how differently, consultants work with their clients. We will also study the functional specialty areas in which most consultants practice. We conclude the course with discussions of ethical issues, career concerns and expert witnessing of consultants.

Online Course Folder and e-mail

There is a folder set up for this course on Blackboard (which can be accessed via any Marshall School computer). I will also use e-mail to reach you. I will provide you with presentations, notes, and messages and feedback relating to homework, changes to the syllabus, etc. Be sure to check e-mail and Blackboard regularly.

Evaluating Student Learning:

The following sources will be used to stimulate student learning:

- 1) Lectures, Exercises and Class discussions
- 2) Cases analyses
- 3) Workshops
- 4) Consulting field project and presentation by student teams
- 5) Guest lectures by practicing consultants
- 6) Individual research paper
- 7) Quizzes

Students will be evaluated as follows:

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| 1) Individual 5 page written case analysis paper; choose 1 of 2 cases available * | 8% |
| 2) Individual contribution to class discussions including quizzes | 20 |
| 3) Individual 2 page class discussion case analyses – choose 4 of 6 * | 28 |
| 4) Individual written or presented self assessment / research paper | 10 |
| 5) Workshop field project slides (team) – 3 total (each member assessed) | 9 |
| 6) Final client field project presentation slides (team) | 25 |

Be prepared for quizzes on days when no written case is due

100%

** Also, please note that the best papers are single spaced, minimum 2 (or 5) pages, and written in 'depth and breadth' (with references). You must use citations from the course (e.g., Block and G&P and other appropriate readings, lectures, ppt presentations) to earn 'A' scores.*

For quizzes: If anyone is absent on a class day when a quiz is given, one (and only one) make-up will be allowed; if absent more than once, the second and other absences will count as zero quiz scores.

For written case analyses: If anyone is absent and does not turn in a written case when due, you'll have 24 hours to get that case submitted to me by e-mail with a hard copy delivered and date stamped to a staff member in the MOR Department office.

*Please note that for a late case to be accepted it must have been completed
by the class meeting day and time in which is assigned.
I will confirm this by checking the properties of your e-mail document.
If the case is not completed by the class meeting date,
it will not be counted and the following applies.*

If a case is not submitted, written case analyses will need to be completed, but lesser credit will be awarded (may be no better than the lowest of the scores of those submitting cases on time).

Grading Standards: As required by the USC Marshall School of Business.

Class Component on Cultural & Ethical Issues:

Individual cases and readings from the tests and handout materials focus on these issues. Also, one single class session is specifically allocated and designed to address ethical issues in the consulting profession.

Guest Lecturers on Content, Process and Ethical Issues:

Occasional guest lectures will be given by practicing consultants who are invited to provide information relevant to their firms and their particular expertise in the consulting profession. They will cover a variety of issues in consulting, including practice areas, change process and professional skills.

READING LIST

Required:

Block, Peter. *Flawless Consulting, latest edition*. University Associates, La Jolla.

Greiner, Larry E. and Poulfelt, Flemming. *Management Consulting Today and Tomorrow-Perspectives and Advice from 27 Leading World Experts*. Routledge Publishing. 2009/2010.

Greiner, Larry E., Olson, Thomas H. and Poulfelt, Flemming. *Management Consulting Today and Tomorrow Casebook*. Routledge Publishing, 2009/2010.

Summary of Experiential Learning Center (ELC) Bookings – note that all sessions are in the Bridge Hall (basement) ELC except for the final presentations on 12/1 that are scheduled in Popovich Hall (JKP) 3rd floor

Date	Start	End Room	Status
9/6/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
9/13/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
10/4/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
10/25/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
11/8/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
11/15/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
11/29/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise
12/6/2012 Thu	10:00 AM	12:00 PM JKP - ELC JKP 301 ALL ELC	ELC Exercise

**MOR 462 - Management Consulting
Course Outline and Assignments**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic & Assignment</u>
WEEK 1	
Session 1 8/28	The Changing Consulting Industry Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Objectives of the course- Course schedule and expectations- Structure of a changing industry- Types of firms Readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 1, <i>The Changing Global Consulting Industry</i>
Session 2 8/30	Consultants: Types, Skills and Values <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The 'truly professional' consultant- Required skills for consultants- Integrity issues Readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 2, <i>Professionalism in Consulting</i>- Block: Ch. 1, <i>A Consultant by Any Other Name...</i> Start to create consultant teams for field project
WEEK 2	
Session 3 9/4	Consulting as a Profession Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Development of Professional Consulting- Introduce models used by consulting firms to analyze clients Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: <i>McKinsey & Co</i> Readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Block: Ch. 2, <i>Techniques Are Not Enough</i>
Session 4 9/6 – ELC 1	Marketing and Selling of Consulting Services Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Understanding buyer values- Matching client expectations with firm strategy- Internal and external marketing- Advertising PR and relationship management- Writing successful proposals Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: <i>Marketing at Bain</i> Readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 3, <i>The Marketing and Selling of Consulting Services</i>- Block: Ch. 3, <i>Flawless Consulting</i>

WEEK 3

Session 5

9/11

Discussion of Data Gathering Methods

Agenda:

- Getting started with your client
- Using different methods for gathering data
- Interviewing issues
- Internal consulting

Case: 2 page written class discussion analysis due (1st written case)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Bob Baker: MBA and Internal Consultant*

Readings:

- Block: Chs. 4, 5, 6 & 7, *Contracting Overview, The Contracting Meeting, The Agonies of Contracting and The Internal Consultant*

Session 6

WORKSHOP #1: Entry, Contracting and Proposal Writing

9/13 – ELC 2 Agenda:

- Learn about, and gain practice with, entry as a (arguably ‘the’) critical stage
- Begin to practice writing effective proposals and making winning presentations

Readings:

- Block: Chs. 8 & 9, *Understanding Resistance and Dealing with Resistance*

Case: *to be distributed; no pre-reading required*

WEEK 4

Session 7

9/18

Strategic and Organization Information Technology Consulting

Agenda:

- History of IT / IS consulting - issues and growth
- Various IT services
- IT and the value chain
- Drivers of future growth

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *BAE Automated Systems*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 4, *Information Technology Consulting*

**Session 8
9/20**

Strategy in Organizations Consulting

Agenda:

- History of strategic and organization planning
- Alternative approaches to strategic planning: value creation models

Case: no written class discussion analysis due

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Mega Corporation (A)* – bring part (B)

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 5, *Strategy and Organization Consulting*

WEEK 5

**Session 9
9/25**

Strategies in Organizations Consulting (Continued)

Agenda:

- Alternative approaches to strategic planning and use of value creation models
- Development of organization consulting: design to transformational change

Case: no written class discussion analysis due

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Mega Corporation (C)* – bring part (D)

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 5, *Strategy and Organization Consulting*

**Session 10
9/27**

Strategic Marketing Consulting

Agenda:

- Typical marketing consulting issues addressed
- Types of marketing consulting firms
- Future of marketing consulting

Case: 2 page written class discussion analysis due

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Hunter Business Group* (2nd written case)

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 6, *The Marketing Consultant*

WEEK 6

**Session 11
10/2**

Analyzing and Framing Problems

Agenda:

- Looking for patterns
- Remembering strengths of client
- Feeding data back to the client: different methodologies
- Pushing the engagement forward

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Integron Incorporated*

Readings:

- Block: Chs. 10, 11, 12 & 13, *From Diagnosis to Discovery, Getting Data, Whole-System Discovery and Preparing for Feedback*

Session 12 Strategy and Operations Management Consulting

10/4 – ELC 3 Agenda:

- Understanding OM consulting issues and requirements: definition & history
- Providers of OM services and different contexts for OM consulting
- Key elements and concepts of the OM consulting engagement

Case: 2 page written class discussion analysis due (3rd written case)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Vandelay Industries, Inc.*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch 7, Operations Consulting

Due:

Team Written Proposal - for field project client

WEEK 7

Session 13 Human Resources in Organization Consulting

10/9 Agenda:

- Specialty areas of HR consulting
- Outsourcing and HR
- HR Consulting firms and their future

Case: 5 page written class discussion analysis due (choose this or Bridgespan)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Western Casualty*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 8, *Human Resources Consulting*

Due:

Individual Written Case Analysis – Western Casualty

Session 14 Managing Engagements

10/11 Agenda:

- Project management skills
- Involving client in the process
- Moving from analysis/diagnosis to implementation

Case: 2 page written class discussion analysis due (4th written case)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group*

Readings:

- Block: Chs. 14, 15, 16 & 17, *Managing the Feedback Meeting, Implementation, Strategies for Engagement and Some Tools for Engagement*

WEEK 8

Session 15 WORKSHOP #2 - Interim Reports on Problem Diagnosis in Field Project

10/16 Team Workshop Slides Due: Initial diagnosis of client issues in field project

Agenda:

- Make interim report on client project - slide presentation of issues
- Work in teams to build consensus on client problems in field project

Session 16
10/18

Consulting to CEOs and Boards

Agenda:

- Various consulting services to CEOs and Boards of Directors
- Understanding the diversity of consulting roles
- Consulting to the Board: unique process issues and transformation challenges

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Case of the Retiring CEO*

Readings:

- Greiner & Poulfelt: Ch. 9, *Consulting to CEOs and Boards*

WEEK 9

Session 17
10/23

Consulting to Global Clients

Agenda:

- Growth in globalization consulting
- 'Nine steps' framework for analysis
- Diverse issues related to globalization consulting

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Bain & Company: International Expansion*

Readings:

- Greiner & Poulfelt: Ch. 10, *Globalization Consulting*

Session 18
10/25 - ELC4

Consulting in the Public and Not-for-profit Sector

Agenda:

- Uniqueness of public sector consulting
- Volunteerism in the non-for-profit sector
- Key services in demand
- Managing multiple stakeholders

Case: 5 page written class discussion analysis due (choose this or Western)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Bridgespan Group*

Readings:

- Greiner & Poulfelt: Ch. 11, *Realities of Public Sector Consultation*

Due:

Individual Written Case Analysis - Bridgespan Group

WEEK 10

Session 19
10/30

Intervention and Change

Agenda:

- Key dimensions in consulting interventions: delivery and content focus
- Alternative intervention strategies
- Implications for consultants, clients and the profession

Case: 2 page written class discussion analysis due (5th written case)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Datavision (A)*

Readings:

- Greiner & Poulfelt: Ch. 12, *Intervention Strategies in Management Consulting*

Session 20 Merger and Acquisition Integration

11/1

Agenda:

- Dynamics of M&A consulting: advising vs. integration services
- Common issues: due diligence, capturing synergies, retaining talent
- Intervention strategies & techniques and the future of M&A work

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Mercer Management Consulting*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 13, *Consulting to Integrate Mergers and Acquisitions*

WEEK 11

Session 21

11/6

Managing Consulting Firms - Performance Problems

Agenda:

- Strategy, goals and people success factors
- Leading for best performance
- Developing culture, aligning success factors
- Collusion between consultant and client
- Managing ethical and practice challenges

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Tim Herlach (A) – bring parts (B-D)*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 16, *High Performance Consulting Firms*
- Block: Ch. 18, *Ethics and the Shadow Side of Consulting*

Session 22

11/8 – ELC5

Managing Consulting Firms -

You as a Transformational Change Agent

Agenda:

- Developing more informed sense of self as change agent
- Benefits to being more process focused

Case/Assessment:

- Case to be assigned

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 14, *On Becoming a Transformational Change Agent*

WEEK 12

Session 23

11/13

WORKSHOP #3 - Implementation Planning for Field Project

NOTE: *This session may be moved to next week to allow teams to meet with clients today and allow more time to prepare action plan – TBD*

- **Team Workshop Slides Due:** Suggested action plan for client
- Teams present slides on tentative implementation plan for client

Session 24 Managing Consulting Firms - The Growth Problem

11/15 – ELC6 Agenda:

- Stages and crises of growth
- Developing leadership to grow ‘successfully’

Case: 2 page written class discussion analysis due (6th written case)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Diamond in the Rough (A)*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch. 15, *Managing Growth Stages in Consulting Firms*

WEEK 13

Session 25

11/20

Preparing for Client Presentations – WORKSHOP #3 (see Week 12 above)

Agenda:

- Work with team members, professor and clients to complete engagement
- Review key elements of the consulting engagement and major practice areas

Readings:

- Block: *Appendix, Another Checklist You Can Use*

Session 26

11/22

Thanksgiving Holiday (Enjoy)

WEEK 14

Session 27

11/27

Managing Consulting Firms - The Knowledge Sharing Problem

Agenda:

- Knowledge creation for competitive advantage
- Knowledge practices at other firms such as Accenture, McKinsey and IBM
- Problem in sharing knowledge

Case: no written class discussion analysis due (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Integral Consulting*

Readings:

- Greiner & Poulfelt: Ch. 17, *Knowledge Creation and Management in Consulting*
- Block: Ch.19, *The Heart of the Matter (Learning over Teaching)*

Session 28 The Future of Consulting

11/29 – ELC7 Agenda:

- Determinants of future consulting-client relationships
- Future consulting research agenda
- Issues in conducting research

Case: no written class discussion analysis due, BUT conduct web search of Agency.com (be prepared for case quiz)

- Greiner, Olson and Poulfelt: *Agency.Com (A) – bring (B) to class*

Readings:

- Greiner and Poulfelt: Ch.18 & 19, *Will Consulting Go Online? And Research on Consulting and Consultants*

Prepare for Client Presentations

Agenda:

- Finalize work with clients to complete engagement
- Complete assessment of key elements of the consulting engagement and major practice areas

Readings:

- Block: *Appendix, Another Checklist You Can Use*

WEEK 15

Session 29

12/4

Presentations of Projects in Class and/or Future of Consulting continued

Agenda:

- Practice or Start to Make Client Presentations
and/or
- Further discussion of the Future of Consulting
and/or

Complete Presentations and Individual Written Papers

Session 30

12/6 - ELC 8

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Presentations of Projects in Class and/or Future of Consulting continued

Agenda:

- Make Client Presentations *and/or*
- Conclude discussion of the Future of Consulting

Due:

Team Field Project Report – electronic and hard copy to be submitted

Individual Written Self-Assessment Paper - What did you learn about consulting and your skills from the project?

TBD

Final Examination / Assignment

Due: Final Team Project Slides – electronic only to be submitted

Notes

1. The course schedule is subject to change depending on pace of class. **It is the collective responsibility of all class members to take note of any course changes to the syllabus as well as to assist the course to move at an acceptable pace.**

Check e-mail and/or Blackboard often for messages and/or presentation materials.

2. Additional cases will be distributed/made available depending on interest and time.

3. **Attendance is very important** to your performance in this course. Therefore, **after the 2nd non-excused absence, each additional absence will result in a reduction of grade per absence.**

4. Participation will be assessed using the attached behavior anchored rating scale.

5. School policy and guidelines require that you have your laptops closed during class and you turn off other electronic devices and phones. All cell phones must be turned off before the start of class; no text messaging is allowed during class.

All phones should be off the desktop and out of sight.

With prior approval, computers may used only for note taking; no internet surfing or working on other documents or e-mail is allowed. Students will be excused from class for violation and the class session will be counted as an absence.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is a critical value of the University Community.

Integrity violations destroy the fabric of a learning community and the spirit of inquiry that is vital to the effectiveness of the University.

Academic integrity policies, the description of prohibited behavior, and the appropriate sanctions are described in SCAMPUS.

The use of unauthorized material, communication with fellow students during an examination, attempting to benefit from the work of another student, and similar behavior that defeats the intent of an examination or other class work is unacceptable to the University. It is often difficult to distinguish between a culpable act and inadvertent behavior residing from the nervous tensions accompanying examinations. Where a clear violation has occurred, however, the instructor may disqualify the student's work as unacceptable and assign a failing mark.

Student Work

Returned paperwork, unclaimed by a student, will be discarded after 4 weeks and hence, will not be available should a student pursue a grade appeal following receipt of his/her course grade.

Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester.

A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP.

Please be sure the letter is delivered to me as early in the semester as possible.

DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

MOR 462 - Management Consulting Client Field Project

This major field project requires that you develop a client engagement and perform consulting services for that client. Its purpose is to improve our consulting skills through the actual performance of a consulting assignment.

You are asked to work in a minimum of three to five person teams. (The usual team size is four.) Your team will identify a potential project, negotiate a defined assignment, enter the client organization, gain access to needed data and employees, identify and diagnose issues / problems, and deliver a report with recommendations intended to result in positive and lasting changes.

You should have your team formed and hold sufficient meetings to discuss and target to decide on a potential client by the end of the sixth class session. The client should be secured through a written proposal, a copy of which is due in class as noted in the syllabus. Work for the client should begin no later than mid semester. Your client contact must be a responsible individual in an organization that has a problem / opportunity / issue in need of study. Such study areas can range from marketing to business strategy to organization and system issues. The project should be sufficiently focused to be completed within the limited time of the course.

A professional oral presentation (with printed copies of overheads or power point slides) will provide the basis for evaluation and feedback. The oral presentations will be made on the last class day. Your client is invited to hear your presentation at that time. If your client cannot make it that day, an audience of student peers will listen to and critique your presentation, and it will be videotaped for review and evaluation. The oral report should be approximately 30 minutes in length, and if your client cannot make it, your report should be presented as if the client was the primary audience. I ask that in addition to your presentation you describe issues/problems that arose during your engagement. If your client cannot make it, you are required to make this same presentation to your client before the end of the semester and provide to me a confirmation from your client that this presentation has been made.

Based on requirements developed with your client, you may be asked (required) to provide a written report for your client (and then for me as well). If your client needs a written report, your report should include a description of (1) the client organization, (2) how you entered and what you contracted to do, (3) your methodology and (4) your identified problems / issues and recommendations. In the report provided to me you need to include a fifth section describing what you have learned about consulting as a result of performing this project. Your grade on the team project is a 'team grade' that will be assigned equally to all members of the team unless otherwise determined by differences in evaluations by team members (which will be collected at the end of the semester).

Fifteen to twenty power point slides for your presentation should be prepared in line with our classroom discussion on professional presentations. Include 'notes' pages with your presentation.

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Individual Paper Assignment

In this required assignment, you should choose from one of two general alternatives on which to write your paper:

1. **A self assessment of your consulting skills based on your experience in the field project.**

What skills did you perform well? Which were you deficient? Was this what you expected at the outset? How have your views changed or remained the same about consulting? What would you have to do to improve your skills if you were to pursue a career in consulting? Use examples and evidence from your project to support your conclusions. Try to make it an honest assessment that can be useful to you in the future.

2. **An essay on some aspect of the consulting field that interests you.**

This could involve, for example, some predictions about future developments in the industry, or a new market opportunity that you've identified, or a new approach to consulting, or a proposal for developing better consultants, etc. *Develop and support your essay as if your paper would be published in a trade magazine on consulting.*

The paper must be printed, double-spaced, and is due in class on the last class day. It should be 10-15 pages in length. The style of presentation and format is your own choice - through it should be interesting and readable. Whichever alternative you choose, you should ask one other student/colleague to read your completed paper and comment on it before you submit it.

Additional Reference Consulting Books

Please refer to the list of references in the Greiner and Poulfelt text, *The Contemporary Consultant*, on page 359. Additional references not included in Greiner and Poulfelt are the following books. While all of the additional reference texts are not required reading, they may prove helpful for those who are interested in learning more about consulting.

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Weinberg, Gerald M. *The Secrets of Consulting*. New York: Dorset House Publishing, 1985.

Participation Behavioral Anchor Rating Scale

Excellent Performance

- Initiates information relative to topics discussed
- Accurately exhibits knowledge of assignment content
- Clarifies points that others may not understand
- Shares personal experiences or opinions related to topic
- Offers relevant / succinct input to class
- Actively participates in simulations and class exercises
- Demonstrates ability to apply, analyze, evaluate & synthesize course material.
- Demonstrates willingness to take risks in attempting to answer unpopular questions.

Good Performance

- Regularly participates in discussions
- Shares relevant information
- Gives feedback to classroom discussions
- Consistently demonstrates knowledge of reading assignments
- Demonstrates ability to analyze / apply course material
- Demonstrates willingness to attempt to answer questions

Fair / Average Performance

- Participates in group discussions when asked
- Demonstrates knowledge of course material
- Offers clear, concise, “good” information on class assignments
- Offers input, but tends to reiterate the intuitive
- Attends class regularly

Poor Performance

- Occasional input, often irrelevant, unrelated to topic
- Reluctant to share information
- Not following the flow of ideas
- Personal applications only
- Drains energy from the class

Unacceptable Performance

- Fails to participate even when specifically asked
- Gives no input to discussions
- Does not demonstrate knowledge of the readings
- Shows up to class: does nothing
- Distracts group / class
- Irrelevant discussion

PEER EVALUATION FORM

Class: _____ Your Name: _____

Team Identification: _____

Directions: Evaluate yourself and each of your team members on their contributions to the team using the rating categories and competencies below. This evaluation is adopted with permission from an actual evaluation used by the Hallmark Corporation.

Rating Categories:

- 5 = this team member shows outstanding skills in this area and far exceeds expectations
- 4 = this team member performs strongly in this area, and consistently exceeds expectations
- 3 = this team member is competent in this skill meeting and, at times, exceeds expectations
- 2 = this team member meets many, but not all, of the expectations
- 1 = this team member fails to meet the expectations

Team members (include yourself):

A = _____
B = _____
C = _____
D = _____
E = _____
F = _____
G = _____

COMPETENCIES:

RATINGS

TEAM EFFECTIVENESS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Deals fairly and equitably with teammates and other people with whom the team interacts.							
2. Meets commitments reliably and on time.							
3. Is committed to the team's goals and objectives.							

LEADERSHIP

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Encourages the ideas of others							
2. Motivates team members, particularly by offering praise & encouragement when appropriate.							
3. Shows initiative and helps the team succeed by volunteering for assignments.							
4. Provides leadership and vision to help the team develop long-term direction.							

COMMUNICATION

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Provides others with honest, adequate and timely communication							
2. Listens openly and effectively to other individuals							
3. Is clear when communicating ideas, expectations, or needs.							

INTERPERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Shows respect for ideas/suggestions of others.							
2. Admits mistakes and is open to feedback on his/her decisions or actions.							
3. Creates a climate in which others can feel comfortable and safe when surfacing concerns.							

MANAGING CHANGE

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Adapts easily to new situations and unexpected changes							
2. Maintains a positive, constructive outlook							
3. Continues to operate effectively during periods of high stress							
4. Is willing to take appropriate risks.							

PLANNING & EXECUTING

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Develops logical plans, with specific objectives when needed to achieve goals.							
2. Focuses effort on the most important task(s) at any given time.							
3. Allows others an appropriate amount of time to complete related or supportive tasks.							
4. Follows through effectively when a course of action is chosen.							
5. Is persistent in overcoming obstacles when they arise.							

PROBLEM SOLVING & DECISION MAKING

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Takes initiative, not only to identify, but also to solve problems.							
2. Involves appropriate individuals in seeking the best solution.							
3. Finds imaginative, creative solutions to work-related problems when appropriate.							

SUMMARY QUESTIONS:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Create an average score for each team member and yourself by summing the scores on each of the competencies (by summing the scores and dividing by the number of competencies you rated).							
2. Provide your subjective overall evaluation for each team member. This may or may not agree with the average score above.							

In the matrix below, provide some summary comments that can be fed back to each of your team members:

Greatest strength

A =	
B =	
C =	
D =	
E =	
F =	
G =	

Areas for improvement

A =	
B =	
C =	
D =	
E =	
F =	
G =	