BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BUSAD)

BUSAD 519: Developing Creative High Performance Organizations

3 Credits

This course focuses on how to create high performing organizations based on models provided by business, science and the arts. BUSAD 519 BUSAD (LEAD) 519 Developing Creative High Performance Organizations (3) Overview: This course focuses on how to create high performing organizations based on models provided by business, science and the arts. We will examine the key assets that these disciplines bring and show how to apply them to business activities. For example, it has been shown that improvisational models from music are highly relevant to new product development. Course activities will include a discussion of the readings from relevant academic research in the business field. We will discuss the philosophy of aesthetics, analyze cases, and review original works. We will also listen to short lectures by practicing artists, musicians, actors, scientists, and writers. Together, these activities will help students to develop strategies to help their organizations attain higher levels of performance. This course is a graduate elective for MBA students and could also be taken by other students (such as Leadership students) if it meets their degree requirements. The way the course will run: This course will be run as a graduate seminar designed to maximize the learning of the members of the group including the instructor’s. We will learn about each of the topics noted above through a variety of means. Our interaction will include general discussions, lectures, case discussions, exercises, small group meetings, and on-line chats. We will have invited speakers for the class representing the arts, music, science and business.

Prerequisite: 6 graduate credits in business
Cross-listed with: LEAD 519

BUSAD 523: Prices and Markets

3 Credits

A survey of analytical concepts and techniques essential to an understanding of the business environment.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501

BUSAD 525: Quantitative Methods in Finance

3 Credits

Study of quantitative methods used in financial and investment analysis and modeling. BUSAD 525 BUSAD 525 Quantitative Methods in Finance (3) BUSAD 525 studies statistical and econometric methods to provide a quantitative foundation in financial and investment analysis. Students will be introduced to the statistical and econometric methods necessary in quantitative financial modeling. Students will acquire practical knowledge, skills and abilities in financial modeling, including sampling, estimation, and hypothesis testing, regression analysis and its application in finance, portfolio analysis methods, and time-series analysis and forecasting. Spreadsheet programs such as the Microsoft Excel program will be used extensively throughout the course.

BUSAD 542: Global Intercultural Management

3 Credits

This course develops students’ global cross-cultural competencies and cultural intelligence to enhance ability to manage global organizations and work interculturally.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501 or equivalent graduate-level preparation on organizational behavior or a closely related social science area of inquiry

BUSAD 545: Negotiation Strategies

3 Credits

This course covers strategies and tactics for understanding conflicts, for negotiating effectively, and for dealing successfully with power in organizations. BUSAD 545 BUSAD 545 Negotiation Strategies (3) Although situations involving international incidents, corporate acquisitions, or national collective bargaining contracts demonstrate the dramatic effects of the need for negotiation, it is something that most people do every day. Negotiation is not a process reserved for skilled diplomats, top salespeople, or leaders of labor unions. The structure and processes of negotiation at the interpersonal level are fundamentally the same as at the corporate or international level. For this reason, knowledge about and skill in negotiating is essential to anyone who works with and through other people to accomplish objectives. It is part of the normal “give and take” of any business situation, such as negotiating salaries, arranging deals with vendors, or allocating resources for a project. Unfortunately the ability to simply recognize conflict and the need for bargaining does not insure successful negotiating situations. Negotiation is a complex human activity, involving a dynamic interpersonal process. The skilled negotiator possesses a number of skills including: the intellectual ability to understand the key facts that shape and characterize different negotiation situations; the skills to diagnose problems and select appropriate strategies and approaches to address them; and the understanding of one’s own personality and value system, which affect the perception of a situation and the choice of tactics and strategy. Negotiation is a learnable process. In this course students will learn how to recognize and resolve conflict through bargaining, what the bargaining process involves, and how to plan and carry out a successful negotiation.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501

BUSAD 551: Business, Ethics, and Society

2-3 Credits/Maximum of 3

The course focuses upon the exploration and analysis of the ethical, political, technological, social, legal and regulatory environments of business. BUSAD 551 Business, Ethics, and Society (2-3) Students will explore and analyze the challenging issues that lie at the intersection of business, government, and society through a lens of business ethics. Topics covered include the importance of ethics in the business decision process and the types of ethical issues business practitioners face in the business environment; consequentialist and nonconsequentialist ethics principles and their application to business decision-making; the role of personal and organizational values in business decision-making and the impact that organizational culture has on the ethical dimension of decision making. Students will evaluate and analyze the ethical dimension of decision-making; become familiar with the stakeholder concept and utilize it in the business decision-making process; identify the constraints societal values place upon the firm; examine the role
government plays in the marketplace; explore the social and ethical dilemmas that arise from the globalization of business; and understand and explain the process through which corporations attempt to influence societal and government institutions.

Prerequisite: B A 517 , MGMT 501

BUSAD 555: Full Range Leadership Development

3 Credits

Development of behavioral skills associated with outstanding leadership of individuals, teams, and organizations through advanced information technology, experimental exercises, and case analysis. BUSAD 555BUSAD (LEAD) 555 Full Range Leadership Development (3) Leadership is one of the world’s oldest preoccupations. Since the beginning of civilization, prophets, kings, rulers and managers have struggled to find answers to an important question: Why do most leaders or managers elicit merely competent performance from their followers, while a select few inspire extraordinary achievement? Given increased globalization, diversity, restructuring, e-business and innovation in today’s business environment, finding answers to this question is important for maintaining organizational competitiveness. The purpose of this course is to provide answers to this question by identifying traits and behaviors associated with outstanding leaders, explaining how they get results, and why their leadership often exceeds all expectable limits. This course is designed to introduce students to a) behaviors associated with outstanding leadership, b) social learning and cognition in organizations as a context to promote outstanding leadership, and c) leadership development as a strategic intervention to enhance individual, group, and organizational motivation and performance. The course will be run as a graduate seminar. We will interact through Web site technology, general group discussions, team projects, lecture-ttes, case discussions, exercises and videos. Class sessions will focus on issues raised by the readings, cases, and issues relevant to students’ organizational experiences. A portion of the class time may be set aside for the coordination of team projects.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501 or LEAD 501
Cross-listed with: LEAD 555

BUSAD 556: Diversity Leadership

3 Credits

Analysis and application of models, theories, and strategies for managing an increasingly diverse workforce and customer base. BUSAD 556 (LEAD 556) Diversity Leadership (3) In this course students will explore the theory and practice of diversity leadership through experiential exercises, video and didactic presentations, small group and class discussions, and the analysis and application of models, theories, and strategies for managing an increasingly diverse workforce and customer base.

Prerequisite: LEAD 501 or MGMT 501
Cross-listed with: LEAD 556

BUSAD 558: Knowledge Management

3 Credits

This course examines the strategic value of knowledge and how organizations can manage their knowledge assets for competitive advantage. BUSAD 558 Knowledge Management (3) This course is designed to explore the topic of knowledge management (KM), which differs from information management in critical ways. Knowledge pertains to the subset of all information that embodies experience, experimentation, organizational learning, best practices, and technoscientific knowledge. Knowledge thus differentiates average firms from great ones; e.g., Google vs Alta Vista. KM is now on the short list of strategic objectives for firms large and small. Future managers thus need to better understand the issues and challenges posed by knowledge management. Students taking the course will learn about KM as a human social process as is evident in Communities of Practice. We will examine the processes of knowledge creation, acquisition, retention and utilization. To understand how knowledge-based systems and practices are implemented in the "real world"; e.g., Merck, Lockheed Martin, Vanguard) we will review various case examples that highlight the unique problems posed by KM to business organizations. Experts from industry will be invited to speak to the class and students are invited to attend the Knowledge Management Group of Philadelphia (www.kmgphila.org) meetings that meet once a month. The course will be run as a graduate seminar designed to maximize the learning of the members of the group including the instructor’s. We will learn about each of the topics noted above through a variety of means. Our interaction will include general group discussions, lectures, case discussions, exercises, small group meetings, and on-line chats.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501 and ACCTG512

BUSAD 559: Career Management

3 Credits

Provides students with a conceptual understanding of careers/career design making through an examination/discussion of the literature in career management.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501

BUSAD 577: Management of Information Technology

3 Credits

This course focuses upon the challenges of aligning IT strategy with organizational goals. BUSAD 577 Management of Information Technology (3) This course identifies the challenges facing managers of information technology resources and addresses the methods of managing them. These resources include hardware, software, networking, data, information, and personnel. The course takes the approach of high-level management of what has become an important strategic resource in almost every organization. Therefore, it focuses on strategies rather than project management of individual efforts. The course focuses on decision making at the level of chief information officers and their immediate underlings. Its premise is that to succeed, an organization must align its IT strategy with the general organizational and business goals.

Prerequisite: MGMT 501

BUSAD 578: Managing Business Processes

3 Credits

Develop and evaluate process models, performance metrics, and information flow to facilitate cross-functional business processes for 21st century organizations. BUSAD 578 Managing Business Processes (3) Twenty-first century executives cross-functional business processes rather than managing their organizations as independent functional silos. Consequently, the ability to design and implement process oriented
organizations has considerably evolved over the past decades. More importantly, initiatives related to Service Oriented Architectures (SOA) and Business Process Management (BPM) systems are predicated on the existence of well-designed business processes. However, the task of designing processes has become harder due to the disappearance of boundaries both within and across enterprises. Managing Business Processes provides students with an understanding of the key aspects of business processes such as collaboration, information flow, people, and business rules. The main objective is to provide an overview of various techniques and tools for analyzing, improving, and implementing business processes and information system controls. The course will utilize cases, process modeling methodologies, and simulations to strengthen the students' understanding of business processes and their contribution to business performance.

**Prerequisite:** MGMT 501, and ACCT 511 or OPMGT510

**BUSAD 583: Future of the Biotechnology and Health Industry: Strategic Implications**

3 Credits

Strategic in biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and health industries; impact of technological innovation and economic, social, political trends, and events. BUSAD 583 BUSAD 583. Future of the Biotechnology and Health Industry: Strategic Implications (3) BUSAD 583 explores and analyzes future trends in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and health industries. An analysis of trends in technology, administration and control, advances in research methods, emerging products and services, and preparing for the future will be undertaken. The strategic management impact of these trends will be explored from the perspective of suppliers of goods and services, professional care providers, payors and governmental and regulatory activities. Teaching methods include facilitator led didactic presentations, class discussions/classroom exercises, small group activities centered on case studies, team project/group presentations, and papers. The course will be offered twice annually by the Penn State Great Valley School of Graduate Professional Studies' MBA program and is a required course in the Penn State Great Valley MBA program option in biotechnology and health industry management.

**Prerequisite:** BUSAD530

**BUSAD 585: Research in Security Valuation**

3 Credits

Analysis and valuation of equity investments. BUSAD 585 BUSAD 585 Research in Security Valuation (3) BUSAD 585 focuses on the analysis and valuation of a firm's equity securities in the financial market using a fundamental analysis. Students will learn how to use different valuation techniques for different types of companies (e.g., companies in financial distress/bankruptcy, private companies, start-up companies with no earnings). The course integrates topics discussed in various finance courses to help students to develop their analytical ability to identify strategies that enhance value creation. The philosophical basis for this topical integration is that valuation of a firm's securities requires one to know not only the accounting issues involved in the preparation of financial statements and how to analyze financial statements, but also to understand the impact of monetary policy, the operation and regulation of financial markets on the value of the firm's equity securities. Moreover, because firm value depends on how well the company is managed, a good understanding of its operations in the global markets, its internal control and risk management strategy is also essential. Finally, because valuation is also based on quantitative models, knowledge of quantitative methods is paramount.

**Prerequisite:** completion of all core courses in the Master of Finance program

**BUSAD 801: Statistical Analysis for Managerial Decision Making**

3 Credits

This course is designed to provide the M.B.A. students with an exposure to the most commonly used statistical concepts, methods, techniques, and their applications to business problems. This course covers the basic concepts of business statistics and data analysis integrated in a contemporary spreadsheet environment. The course emphasizes practical applications and business decision making.

**BUSAD 802: Cornerstone of Sustainability**

3 Credits

In-depth exploration of the social, environmental, and organizational sustainability challenges facing business leaders in the 21st Century. BUSAD 802 Cornerstones of Sustainability (3) BUSAD 802 provides students with an overview of the social, environmental, and organizational sustainability challenges facing 21st Century business leaders. The course seeks to develop students' critical capacities for reflection and action based upon a systems thinking framework. Topics to be explored include the history of the sustainability movement, an overview of pressing environmental and social issues, and alternative perspectives on the local and global economy. The course addresses local and global issues surrounding sustainable management and reviews the major frameworks of sustainability that provide the scientific foundations and economic principles of how sustainability can help organizational leaders to achieve natural competitive advantage. Students will apply theoretical and practitioner frameworks to real world cases.

**BUSAD 809: Triple Bottom Line Accounting**

3 Credits

In-depth exploration of the issues related to implementing measurement, reward and reporting systems for economic, social, and environmental impacts. BUSAD 809 Triple Bottom Line Accounting (3) BUSAD809 expands the traditional financial and managerial accounting topics to encompass economic, social, and environmental impacts. Students will investigate the strategic linkages between sustainability and the value of the organization, define true costs and become familiar with alternative cost measurement systems, and assess the impact of social risk. Other topics include the design and implementation of management performance evaluation and reward systems that align with social and environmental as well as economic goals, and global reporting standards and best practices.

**BUSAD 811: New Ventures Ideation and Feasibility Analysis**

3 Credits

BUSAD 811 focuses on the ideation process and determining whether an idea has commercial potential in both an entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial setting. In order to see and evaluate opportunities, students learn about entrepreneur characteristics; develop skills such as marshaling resources (HR, legal, financial, operational, and technical)
BUSAD 828: Mergers and Acquisitions

3 Credits

The mission of this course is to survey the drivers of success in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and develop students’ skills in the design and evaluation of these transactions. The course will combine a survey of mergers and acquisitions, an investment banking product-training class for associates, and a case study. We will focus on the type of merger most class participants will potentially be involved with - the acquisition of a modest-sized private company by a larger private company, or by a mid-size public company. At the same time, due to the availability of date, much of the case material relates to larger public-to-public transactions. We will use these cases to illustrate major points applicable across a range of transactions.

Prerequisite: ACCTG 512

BUSAD 829: Data Analysis in Finance

3 Credits

Financial markets produce huge amounts of data, which poses a big challenge for financial institutions. This course provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills to analyze financial data to extract valuable insights in order to facilitate financial decisions. This course focuses on how statistical methods and data mining techniques can be used to analyze real financial data.

Prerequisite: BUSAD 525

BUSAD 830: Biotechnology and Health Industry Overview

3 Credits

The course explores current issues and trends in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and health care industries. The classic cost, quality, and access paradigm is applied from the perspective of multiple stakeholders. Organization of care, financing, policy, regulatory, and ethical problems and issues are emphasized.

BUSAD 834: Ethical Dimensions of Management in the Biotechnology and Health Industry

3 Credits

This course provides an overview of various ethical decision-making frameworks, which are then applied to critically examine issues within the biotechnology and health industries. Ethical decision-making frameworks include utilitarian principles, rights and justice theories, virtue ethics, feminist ethics, and various medical ethics models. Applications to cases involving genetic testing, stem cell research, euthanasia, organ retrieval and transplantation, and pharmaceutical development are among those to be explored. BUSAD 834 BUSAD 534. Ethical Dimensions of Management in the Biotechnology and Health Industry (3)BUSAD 534 introduces the students to various ethical decision-making frameworks, which are then applied to critically examine issues within the biotechnology and health industries. Ethical decision-making frameworks include utilitarian principles, rights and justice theories, virtue ethics, feminist ethics, and various medical ethics models. Applications to cases involving genetic testing, stem cell research, euthanasia, organ retrieval and transplantation, and pharmaceutical development are among those to be explored. Teaching methods include faculty lectures, case study analysis, small group and class discussions, and industry guest speaker presentations. Students will be evaluated on the quality of individual
Computers are the technological foundation of the information age. Well over half of workers in the U.S. and around the globe make their living by collecting, storing, and manipulating data. Technology has improved our lives, but has also created some unpleasant situations that raise serious ethical questions. The course explores important ethical issues that are affected by information technology, such as privacy, free speech, computer crime, intellectual property, IT professionalism, and software product liability.

**PREREQUISITE BUSAD 537**

BUSAD 879: Sustainable Supply Chain Management

3 Credits

In-depth exploration of sustainability of manufacturing and supply chain operations. BUSAD 879 Sustainable Supply Chain Management (3) BUSAD 879 provides students a set of tools and skills to identify, evaluate, and improve the sustainability of manufacturing and supply chain operations. This course enables students to understand the core concepts related to both supply chain and sustainability. After taking this course, students will be able to design sustainable manufacturing, transportation and supply chain operations. The emphasis in this course is on the design and operations of supply chains to minimize their environmental footprint. Students will also learn how to evaluate suppliers’ sustainability to assign purchasing contracts to minimize the environmental impact. Other important concepts such as product remanufacturability design and techniques to reduce energy usage and raw materials will also be discussed.

**Prerequisite: OPMGT510**

BUSAD 882: Social Entrepreneurship and Community Leadership

3 Credits

This course uses entrepreneurial and leadership skills to craft innovative responses to social needs. Entrepreneurs are particularly good at recognizing opportunities, exploring innovative approaches, mobilizing resources, managing risks, and building viable, sustainable enterprises. Entrepreneurial skills are just as valuable in the social sector as they are in for-profit business. Social Entrepreneurship aims at social impact but does not exclude economic wealth creation. Therefore it is not limited to the non-profit sector. Despite a sustained economic boom in this country, numerous social problems remain and some seem to be getting worse. The course will provide an overview of business leadership and entrepreneurship principles for both profit and non-profit organizations whose products and services are designed to create social value.

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:** Completion of 24 credits in the MLD program for MLD students

Cross-listed with: LEAD 882

BUSAD 888: Applications of Financial Data Analytics

3 Credits

This course is the capstone course for the financial data analytics option of the MFIN program. After students acquire different techniques and knowledge from other courses, including financial data processing, data cleanup, data mining, and other statistical analysis skills, they will apply these concepts in this course to do case analysis related to real-world applications.

**Prerequisite: BUSAD 525, BUSAD 829, IE 575, SWENG 545**