UNIT OUTLINE Semester 1 – 2010

Students should read this unit outline carefully at the start of semester. It contains important information about the unit.

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About this Unit

Assumed knowledge: There is no specific assumed knowledge for this unit.

Description

Following an introduction to the subject the unit begins with an examination of aspects of strategic planning and policy making in relation to asset management and engineering functions in hospitality properties. It explores areas such as the design and renovation of structures, maintenance of a safe and secure environment, containment of energy costs, preservation of physical facilities and compliance with building codes. These issues are important in ensuring long-term operational profitability.

Topics

• Examination of the attributes of sound architectural design and construction methods.
• An analysis of the reasons why understanding property management is a vital part of strategic management.
• Planning the design briefing documents for refurbishment programs.
• Preparing a project management schedule for capital works.
• Examining the requirements for a maintenance agreement.
• Analysing the principles of asset management and preparing basic policy guidelines for the management of physical facilities
• The preparation of budget estimates
• Examining the basic concepts of energy management.
• Preparing a plan to implement health, safety and security procedures in the workplace.

Assessment

Individual project assignment (Hospitality Facility Feasibility Report [length 5,000 words]) 30%
Classroom Presentation 20%
Final examination 50%

Teaching Staff

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CLASSES

12 x 3 Hr Lectures to be conducted 2-5 pm Tuesdays commencing Tuesday 23rd February.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

Main Text:

Supplementary Text Reading:

• Weekly Handouts from lecturer

UNIT WEB PAGE

• Blackboard link to Hospitality and Facilities Management

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The learning outcomes for this unit are that students will be able to:

• list the attributes of sound architectural design and construction methods
• state the reasons why understanding property management is a vital part of strategic management
• outline the design brief documents for refurbishment programs
• prepare a project management schedule for capital works
• outline the requirements for a maintenance agreement
• critically examine the principles of asset management and prepare basic policy guidelines for the management of physical facilities
• prepare budget estimates
• describe the basic concepts of energy management
• develop a plan to implement health, safety and security procedures in the workplace.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGY

• The strategies used to achieve the aims and objectives of this unit will be formal lectures, group discussions and class exercises.
• Students are expected participate within the classroom.
• Students will be required to complete a written assignment (Feasibility Study) and deliver a classroom presentation on their report in the classroom.
• Students will need to read in advance notes which are listed within the Blackboard and to follow current industry developments.
Unit Outline
Semester 1, 2010 – Tuesday Class

Week 1 - 23 February
Topic: Introduction: The Hospitality Industry
What is the Hospitality Industry?
What Facilities does it need?
What are the costs?
Activity: Class introductions and scoping facilities in Hospitality

Week 2 - 02 March
Topic: Feasibility Studies and Life-cycle Costs
Construction Development (Site, Building, Fit-out)
Operating Costs (Energy, R&M, Cleaning etc.)
Activity: Life-cycle costing

Week 3 - 09 March
Topic: Development
What the design team does
The Building Code of Australia
The design brief
Building Construction
Refurbishment
Activity: Outlining a design brief
Introduction of Assignment

Week 4 - 16 March
Topic: Development (cont)
Building Construction
Refurbishment
Activity: Outlining a design brief

Week 5 - 23 March
Topic: Building Services
Mechanical Ventilation
Refrigeration
Air Conditioning
Activity: Sizing plant & plant rooms

Week 6 - 30 March
Topic: Building Services (cont)
Lifts and Escalators
Electrical Installations
Hydraulic Installations
Fire Fighting Systems
Communications Installations
Kitchens & bars
Activity: Mechanical services distribution

**Mid- Semester Break Monday April 05 to Friday April 16**

**Week 7 - 20 April**
**Topic: Energy Management**
Elements of Passive Design
Active Design
Activity: Energy Audit

**Week 8 - 27 April**
**Topic: Repairs & Maintenance**
Statutory Obligations
Depreciation
Wear & Tear
Obsolescence
Activity: CAPEX Plan, Maintenance Management

**Week 9 - 04 May**
**Topic: Occupational Health and Safety**
Activity: OHS Planning and Implementation

**Week 10 - 11 May**
**Topic: Operational Management**
Other Costs
Cleaning & Security
Insurance
Waste Disposal etc
Activity: Guest Lecturer TBA

**Week 11 - 18 May**
**Topic: Facility Management Information Systems**
Asset Register
Condition Register
Schedule of Tasks
In-house or Out Source
Activity: Guest Lecturer TBA

**Week 12 - 25 May**
Topic: Student presentations

**Week 13 - 01 June**
Topic: Final exam
The various multiple choice, short answer and essay question are to be answered within 3 hours.
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ASSESSMENT AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Facilities and property management is a vital part of planning and controlling an entity and this is particularly important in the hospitality industry. Understanding the importance of architectural design and construction methods underpins the preparation of design documents for refurbishment programs. This unit provides a rigorous, theoretical base and meaningful application to industry scenarios that combine to make the unit an exciting, practical and memorable learning experience. The hospitality and tourism industries depend on senior managers with skills to achieve viable redevelopment strategies, managers who understand the implications of sound facilities and property management that provides superior quality venues and distinctive quality service.

ASSESSMENT AND ATTENDANCE

• Attendance: The minimum attendance requirement is 80%
• The Feasibility Report is due to be submitted in class on Tuesday 18th May during the programmed class. Word length is 5,000. Marked work will be returned to students on Friday 28th May.
• Presentation of your report to the class will occur on Tuesday 25th May and marks will be provided to students on Friday 28th May by email.
• The Feasibility report should be submitted bound and of a standard that could be presented to a prospective investor wishing to build the facility upon which you have undertaken your study. The presentation should be no more than 15 minutes in length with a further five minutes allocated for questions from the audience. Use of limited Power Point slides is encouraged.
• Late submission of the assignment will result in a penalty of 5% per day up to a maximum of 6 days at which time a failed assessment will be given. No extensions of time will be permitted.

EXAMINATION

• Examination will take place at ICMS on TUESDAY JUNE 01 during normal class time
• Exam duration will be 3 hours
• The examination will consist of multiple choice, short answers and one essay
• The University policy requires that a student must achieve a pass in the exam in order to pass the unit irrespective of accumulated marks
• Calculators will be permitted to be used in the exam
The only exception to not sitting an examination at the designated time is because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances you may wish to consider applying for Special Consideration.

You are advised that it is Macquarie University policy not to set early or delayed examinations for individuals or groups of students. All students are expected to ensure that they are available until the end of the teaching semester, which is the
final day of the official University examination period, and can attend the exam at the designated time and place.

PLAGIARISM

The University defines plagiarism in its rules: "Plagiarism involves using the work of another person and presenting it as one's own." Plagiarism is a serious breach of the University's rules and carries significant penalties. You must read the University's practices and procedures on plagiarism. These can be found in the Handbook of Postgraduate Studies or on the web at: http://www.student.mq.edu.au/plagiarism/
The policies and procedures explain what plagiarism is, how to avoid it, the procedures that will be taken in cases of suspected plagiarism and the penalties if you are found guilty. Penalties may include a deduction of marks, failure in the unit, and/or referral to the University Discipline Committee.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON GRADING

Academic Senate has a set of guidelines on the distribution of grades across the range from fail to high distinction. Your final result will include one of these grades plus a standardised numerical grade (SNG).

On occasion your raw mark for a unit (i.e., the total of your marks for each assessment item) may not be the same as the SNG which you receive. Under the Senate guidelines, results may be scaled to ensure that there is a degree of comparability across the university, so that units with the same past performances of their students should achieve similar results.

It is important that you realise that the policy does not require that a minimum number of students are to be failed in any unit.
The process of scaling does not change the order of marks among students. A student who receives a higher raw mark than another will also receive a higher final scaled mark.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

In addition to the support services available at Manly a range of Academic Student Support Services is provided by Macquarie University.

Details of these services can accessed at http://www.student.mq.edu.au
GRADE DEFINITIONS

HD High Distinction
85-100%
Denotes performance which meets all unit objectives in such an exceptional way and with such marked excellence that it deserves the highest level of recognition.

D Distinction
75-84%
Denotes performance which clearly deserves a very high level of recognition as an excellent achievement in the unit.

Cr Credit
65-74%
Denotes performance which is substantially better than would normally be expected of competent students in the unit.

P Pass
50-64%
Denotes performance which satisfies unit objectives.

PC Pass Conceded
45-49%
Denotes performance which meets unit objectives only marginally.

F Fail
0-44%
Denotes that a candidate has failed to complete a unit satisfactorily.

FA Fail Absent
0-44%
Denotes that a candidate has failed to complete a unit satisfactorily and was absent from a compulsory final examination

W Withdrawn
No grade as student withdrew with permission prior to final examination

I Incomplete
Grade yet to be determined as all assessment tasks have not yet been completed

IS Incomplete
Supplementary
Supplementary examination approved and yet to be completed