




Business Administration

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| Course Number: | BUAD 376 |
| Course Title: | COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS |
| Credits: | 3 |
| Calendar Description: | This course provides an in-depth study of compensation and benefits. Legislation, union and non-union environments, direct and indirect compensation systems, and current topics are included. |
| Semester and Year: | Fall 2022 |
| Prerequisite(s): | BUAD 269 and third year standing |
| Corequisite(s): | No |
| Prerequisite to: | No |
| Final Exam: | Yes |
| Hours per week: | 3 |
| Graduation Requirement: | Required – BBA, Human Resources Management Specialty area |
| Substitutable Courses: | No |
| Transfer Credit: | No |
| Special Notes: | Students who have received credit for BUAD 245 cannot take BUAD 376 for further credit. |
| Development Date: | November 2012 |
| Revision Date: | December 2014 |
| Chair's Approval: |  |

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Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- describe the purpose and role of reward and compensation systems.
- identify problems caused by an ineffective compensation system.
- discover how structural and strategic variables are related to compensation.
- identify a compensation strategy that best fits a given organization.
- design effective performance pay plans and benefit systems.
- use market data to calibrate a compensation structure.
- design effective processes for compensation system implementation & evaluation.

Course Objectives

This course will cover the following:

This course includes a simulation as a major team project. The simulation provides students with an opportunity to enrich their understanding of the compensation process by applying course concepts to a simulated organization. Using the simulation, students will design a compensation system from beginning (assessing organizational strategy) to end (describing the implementation and evaluation of the system).

See the Course Schedule for weekly details regarding content and deliverables.

Required Texts/Resources

Long, R. J., & Singh, P. (2022). *Strategic compensation in Canada* (Seventh edition.). Tophat.

Evaluation

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| Team Simulation Project* (Phase 1, 2 & 3) 15% each | 45% |
| Chapter Quizzes (Individual) | 5% |
| Preparation & Participation (Individual) | 10% |
| Final Exam** | 40% |
| Total | 100% |

* To pass this course, students must earn a passing grade on their individual contribution to the team project (the simulation).

** To pass this course, students must pass the final exam.

Notes

Preparation & Participation marks will be determined based on a combination of active involvement in class discussions/workshops, and completion of in-class exercises.

Late submission of deliverables will be subject to penalties, as determined by the professor.

Course Schedule

| Date | | Topic | Textbook |
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| Week | Date | Wednesday, Sept 7 - Classes Begin Friday, Sept 30 – Statutory Holiday (no classes) Monday, October 10 – Statutory Holiday (no classes) Friday, November 11 – Statutory Holiday (no classes) Tuesday, December 6 – Last Day of Regular Classes | |
| 1 | Sept 7 | A Road Map to Effective Compensation | Ch 1 |
| 2 | Sept 12 Sept 14 | A Strategic Framework for Compensation A Behavioural Framework for Compensation Teams Identified | Ch 2 Ch 3 |
| 3 | Sept 19 Sept 21 | Components of Compensation Strategy Performance Pay Choices <i>Simulation Phase 1 – Briefing</i> <i>“Formulating the Compensation Strategy”</i> | Ch 4 Ch 5 Simulation |
| 4 | Sept 26, 28 | Formulating the Reward and Compensation Strategy | Ch 6 |
| 5 | Oct 3 Oct 5 | Evaluating Jobs: The Point Method of Job Evaluation Phase 1 – simulation workshop | Ch 8 |
| 6 | Oct 10, 12 | Simulation Phase 1 Report Submission | Sim Phase 1 due this week |
| 7 | Oct 17 Oct 19 | Evaluating the Market <i>Simulation Phase 1 – Briefing</i> <i>“Aligning the Compensation System with the Market”</i> | Ch 9 Simulation |
| 8 | Oct 24 Oct 26 | Evaluating Individuals Designing Performance Pay Plans | Ch 10 Ch 11 |
| 9 | Oct 31 Nov 2 | Designing Performance Pay Plans (cont.) Phase 2 – simulation workshop | Ch 11 |
| 10 | Nov 7 Nov 9 | Designing Indirect Pay Plans – Guest speaker! | Sim Phase 2 due this week |
| 11 | Nov 14 Nov 16 | Designing Indirect Pay Plans (cont.) <i>Phase 2 Feedback; Phase 3 Briefing</i> | Ch 12 Simulation |
| 12 | Nov 21 Nov 23 | Maintaining an Effective Compensation System Phase 3 – simulation workshop | Ch 13 |
| 13 | Nov 28 Nov 30 | Simulation Full Project Presentations | Sim Phase 3 due this week |
| 14 | Dec 5 | Summary and Exam Review | |
| Dec 8-19 | | Final Exam Period | |

SKILLS ACROSS THE BUSINESS CURRICULUM

The Okanagan School of Business promotes core skills across the curriculum. These skills include reading, written and oral communications, computers, small business, and academic standards of ethics, honesty and integrity.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC HONESTY

What is the Disruption of Instructional Activities?

At Okanagan College (OC), disruption of instructional activities includes student “conduct which interferes with examinations, lectures, seminars, tutorials, group meetings, other related activities, and with students using the study facilities of OC”, as well as conduct that leads to property damage, assault, discrimination, harassment and fraud. Penalties for disruption of instructional activities include a range of sanctions from a warning and/or a failing grade on an assignment, examination or course to suspension from OC.

What is Cheating?

“Cheating includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct during tests or examinations in which the use is made of books, notes, diagrams or other aids excluding those authorized by the examiner. It includes communicating with others for the purpose of obtaining information, copying from the work of others and purposely exposing or conveying information to other students who are taking the test or examination.”

Students must submit independently written work. Students may not write joint or collaborative assignments with other students unless the instructor approves it in advance as a group/team project. Students who share their work with other students are equally involved in cheating.

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is defined as “the presentation of another person’s work or ideas without proper or complete acknowledgement.” It is the serious academic offence of reproducing someone else’s work, including words, ideas and media, without permission for course credit towards a certificate, diploma, degree and/or professional designation. The defining characteristic is that the work is not yours.

“Intentional plagiarism is the deliberate presentation of another’s work or ideas as one’s own.” Intentional plagiarism can be a copy of material from a journal article, a book chapter, data from the Internet, another student, work submitted for credit in another course or from other sources.

“Unintentional plagiarism is the inadvertent presentation of another’s work or ideas without proper acknowledgement because of poor or inadequate practices. Unintentional plagiarism is a failure of scholarship; intentional plagiarism is an act of deceit.”

What are the Students’ Responsibilities to Avoid Plagiarism?

Students have a responsibility to read the OC Plagiarism Policy and Procedures outlined in the OC calendar, which is available in online format www.okanagan.bc.ca. Students must acknowledge the sources of information used on all their assignments. This usually involves putting the authors’ name and the year of publication in parentheses after the sentence in which you used the material, then at the end of your paper, writing out the complete references in a Reference section.

“Students are responsible for learning and applying the proper scholarly practices for acknowledging the work and ideas of others. Students who are unsure of what constitutes plagiarism should refer to the UBC publication “*Plagiarism Avoided; Taking Responsibility for your Work*”. This guide is available in OC bookstores and libraries.

Students are expected to understand research and writing techniques and documentation styles. The Okanagan School of Business requires the use of the APA or MLA style, but suggests that students cite references using the APA guidelines (see Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition (2019)). A copy of the APA manual is available in the reference section and also available for circulation from OC libraries. The library website has access to these two major citing styles.

What are the Penalties for Plagiarism and Cheating?

The Okanagan School of Business does not tolerate plagiarism or cheating. All professors actively check for plagiarism and cheating and the Okanagan School of Business subscribes to an electronic plagiarism detection service. All incidents of plagiarism or cheating are reported and result in a formal letter of reprimand outlining the nature of the infraction, the evidence and the penalty. The Dean of the Okanagan School of Business and the Registrar record and monitor all instances of plagiarism and cheating. Penalties for plagiarism and cheating reflect the seriousness and circumstances of the offence and the range of penalties includes suspension from OC.