Course Title	Organizational Behavior
Course Code	
Credits	3.0
Department	
Semester	2017S
Course Categories	
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Hours	
Location	
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Office Hours	
Language	English

# [Syllabus]

# **Course Goals and Objectives**

In the world where more and more new graduates are highly skilled and professional at their field of specialization, employers emphasize that many of them lack "soft skills", such as communication, leadership, teamwork, or dealing with diversity. The Organizational Behavior course aims at providing students with both **knowledge**, and well as **practical skills** in these areas.

The course will focus on the understanding and application of topics such as: individual differences in organization, communication skills, motivation, leadership, power, teamwork, decision-making, stress, and conflict resolution. Because organizational behavior is research driven, the content would be based on the newest research results in the covered areas. The focus is put on both conceptualization and acquisition of skills. For this reason, we will engage in lots of exercises designed to help students develop these skills - conceptual analyses, discussions of cases, and skill-oriented activities will be blended within each topic. Readings will also be assigned to improve students' understanding of the material. Each topic covered in class will be analyzed from the cross-cultural perspective.

### Textbook and other references

Selected assigned readings, materials, and class handouts will be distributed by the instructor. We will be basing on the most current scientific publications in the area of Organizational Behavior and using selected parts from the following textbooks:

- Hitt, M. A., Miller, C. C., & Colella, A. (2014). Organizational Behavior; 4th ed. John Wiley & sons.
- Robbins, S. P., & Judge, T. A. (2014). Essentials of organizational behavior, 12<sup>th</sup> Ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.
- Luthans, F. (2011). Organizational Behavior, 12<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Härtel, C. E. J., Zerbe, W. J., & Ashkanasy, N. M. (2005). Emotions in organizational behavior. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

# **Course Description, Methods, and Materials**

Lectures Case Studies Class activities (group projects, group discussion, etc.) Readings Videos

# Assignments, Grading Criteria, Prerequisite Subject

The final course grade will be determined on the following basis:

1. Class participation and involvement in class projects (including attendance, group projects, homework, in-class tasks, discussions) - 30%

- 2. Mid-term exam 30%
- 3. Final exam 40%

Remarks: more than 4 absences: F

### **Notice To Students**

1. Students should not come late to class.

2. Involvement in class activities will be encouraged and helpful to effective learning during this course.

# Academic Support for Students with Disabilities

In case any support is needed, please contact instructor prior to course initiation

### [Course Lesson Plan]

Course Goals and Objectives	
Introduction	
Communication 1	
- Bases of effective communication	
- Constructive feedback	
- Interpersonal decentration	
Communication 2	
- Active listening and questioning skills	
- Communication styles	
- Barriers to effective communication	
Bases of motivation	
- Theories of motivation	
- Internal vs. external motivation	
- The undermining effect	
Motivation and engagement	
- Psychological contract	
- Work engagement	
- Job crafting	
- Equality and distributional justice	
Leading Self 1	

	- Locus of control	
	- Self-efficacy	
	- Learned helplessness	
	- Managing wellbeing in the workplace	
7	Leading Self 2	
	- Dealing with emotions	
	- Temperament and personality	
0	- Self-esteem vs. self-compassion	
8	Review and mid-term exam	
	Groups and teams 1	
9	- Group and team formation	
9	- Groupthink and risky shift	
	- Cooperation - Conflicts	
	Groups and teams 2	
10	- Power	
10	- Leadership	
	- Social influence (manipulation, persuasion, defense against manipulation)	
	Making decisions	
11	- Bases of decision making	
	- Cognitive biases	
12	Self-presentation skills	
	Organizational Culture and structure	
	- Bases of organizational culture	
13	- Competing values framework	
	- Artifacts	
	- Fundamentals of organizational structure	
	Dealing with difficulties	
1.4	- Stress	
14	- Burnout	
	- Mobbing	
15	Review and final exam	

Cheating, plagiarism, and other dishonest practices will be punished as harshly as Kyungpook National University policies allow. The University specifies that cheating is grounds for dismissal. Penalties less severe may be imposed instead. A list of possible disciplinary actions is given below. Actions by the university:

- Failure in course
- Suspension from university for a designated period
- Expulsion from university