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Advanced Organizational Behavior

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Course Description: Understanding the essentials of individual and group behavior is critical to success in today’s organizations. This was true when the economy was driven by manufacturing firms, but it is even more important in the information economy. This course is designed to explore behavioral science as it applies to organizations, and it will take a decidedly practical approach. Class discussion will focus on students’ experiences, the text topics, and current events. While there will be some reliance on traditional lectures, it is expected that much of our class time will be interactive.


Course Requirements: Mid-Term Exam 30%
Final Exam 30%
Presentation 30%
Class Contribution 10%

The details of course grading will be discussed on the first day of class. Exams will consist of short essay questions. The presentation will also be fully explained on the first day of class. Class contribution will be critical to the success of this course. Each of us will have experiences that can be of great benefit to the entire class, and you will be expected to share them. Please read the assigned material prior to each class. You should also keep abreast of major business news. These topics will frequently be discussed during class.
Course Objectives:

• Understand the contributions of Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology to Organizational Behavior
• Understand the roles that ability, attitude, personality and values have on performance
• Understand the nature of perception and how it impacts individual behavior
• Understand the nature of motivation and how to use it as a management tool
• Understand the ways in which emotions and moods impact an individual’s work life
• Understand the nature of groups and teams and how they are used and misused in today’s organizations
• Understand the basics of human communication and how to avoid typical barriers to effective communication
• Explore the nature of power and politics
• Explore the differences and similarities between management and leadership
• Understand the nature of organizational structures and the linkages between structure and mission
• Understand the ways in which organizational culture develops and the impact of culture on employees
• Understand the basics of Organizational Development
**Proposed Schedule of Events:**

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