

HRM321 Organisational Change and Agility

School: School of Business and Creative Industries

2026 | Trimester 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

Please go to unisc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

In this course, you will explore evidence-based approaches to change, and learn how to apply these insights in today's complex organisations. You will develop the mindset, skills and behaviours necessary to contribute to, foster, and lead organisational agility, change and effectiveness. This course utilises rigorous critical thinking and valid research to help build influence, optimise communication and enhance decision making skills, with consideration of ethical and sustainable (aligned with SDG definitions) business practices.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Interactive online learning activities.	1hr	Week 1	12 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Scheduled face to face workshops.	2hrs	Week 1	11 times
Seminar – Scheduled face to face seminar.	1hr	Week 1	Once Only
ONLINE			
Learning materials – Interactive online learning activities.	1hr	Week 1	12 times
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1.3. Course Topics

Introduction & Changing organisations in our complex world

How to lead organisational change: frameworks

What to change in an organisation: frameworks

Building and energising the need for change

Navigating change through formal structures and systems

Navigating organisational politics and culture

Managing recipients of change and influencing internal stakeholders

Becoming a master change agent

Action planning and implementation

Get and use data throughout the change process

The future of organisations and the future of change

Ethical considerations when leading change

**Please note that the course topics may be subject to variation*

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
1 Demonstrate critical and creative thinking to identify and solve business problems and arrive at innovative solutions.	Creative and critical thinker	PC3
2 Demonstrate knowledge of selected theories of effective change management.	Knowledgeable	PC3
3 Identify ethical and sustainable business practices (aligned with SDG definitions), and apply principles of corporate social responsibility, to business contexts.	Ethical Sustainability-focussed	PC4, PC4.1
4 Demonstrate effective oral communication skills in a human resource management context.	Empowered Engaged	PC1.2
5 Demonstrate effective written communication skills in a human resource management context.	Empowered Engaged	PC1.1

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS	
PC1.1	Written Communication
PC1.2	Oral Communication
PC3	Creative and Critical Thinking
PC4	Community Consciousness
PC4.1	Social Responsibility and Sustainability

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

In the early weeks of the trimester, students will select and seek approval for a case study to be analysed and evaluated in Assessment Task 1.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Case Study	Individual	30%	1,200 words	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Oral and Written Piece	Individual	30%	5-7 mins and 1,000 words	Week 8	Online Submission
All	3	Written Piece	Individual	40%	1,500 words	Week 12	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: Case Study of Organisational Change

GOAL:	To apply your knowledge and skills in problem solving, creativity, critical thinking and change management theory.	
PRODUCT:	Case Study	
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:		
FORMAT:	This is an individual assessment. The case study (1,200 words) requires you to collect a small amount of data to assist with analysing a local Small to Medium Enterprise (business). The data will facilitate your analysis and application of relevant theories of change management, as well as assist in understanding the decision-making processes of the SME in managing organisational change. You will be required to assist future organisational change efforts through the development of several recommendations. Content relevant to Weeks 1-3. This task is being used for measuring assurance of learning towards Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. The following Program Learning Objective will be assessed: Program Learning Competency 3 – Critical and Creative Thinking Further details will be provided in the Assignment area on Canvas.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge of problem-solving and/or analytical processes in a business context. 2
	2	Identification and critical analysis of pertinent issues in a business context 1
	3	Critical analysis of existing sources of primary and secondary data and literature in the field. 1
	4	Reflective thinking for problem solving and decision making in a business context. 1
	5	Accuracy and presentation of written work including English expression, discipline-based vocabulary, grammar, spelling, punctuation and referencing. 5
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation	

All - Assessment Task 2: Leading Change Address

GOAL:	To apply and share your knowledge and skills in problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, ethical and sustainable leadership (incorporating application of relevant SDGs), and evaluation, to a change management scenario, through a role play aimed at developing change leadership presentation skills.																						
PRODUCT:	Oral and Written Piece																						
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FORMAT:	This is a role play individual assessment. As a participant of change (leader, implementer, facilitator etc) of an organisation of your choice, you are required to prepare a 5-7-minute speech (recorded as a narrated Power Point presentation) targeted at employees who are experiencing organisational change. Theory and frameworks related to Leading Change, Vision for Change, Power Dynamics and ethical and sustainable (aligning with SDG goals) business practice, will be consulted (weeks 1-6) to justify content delivered. PowerPoint slides will have accompanying notes (up to 1000 words) related to relevant organisational change theory. Further details will be provided in Canvas.																						
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All - Assessment Task 3: Reflection of Change Management Practice

GOAL:	To apply your knowledge of change management theory in assessing and developing your personal change management approaches through personal reflection.		
PRODUCT:	Written Piece		
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:			
FORMAT:	This is an individual assessment. You will compile three separate reflections (500 words each totalling 1,500 words) related to change management theory, personal growth and your views on ethical and sustainable business practice. This task is being used for measuring assurance of learning towards Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. The following Program Learning Objective will be assessed: Program Learning Competency 1.1 - Demonstrate effective written communication skills in a business context. Further details will be provided in the Assignment area on Canvas.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge and application of selected theories of effective change management, incorporating reflections on ethical and sustainable business practice during periods of organisational change.	2
	2	Reflection or self-assessment of individual strengths and weaknesses in relation to organisational change management.	1
	3	Organisation and structure of written content.	5
	4	Development and articulation of informed arguments.	5
	5	Referencing of sources of information used within the body of the document and in a reference list using Harvard Referencing Style.	5
	6	Accuracy and presentation of written work including English expression, disciplinebased vocabulary, grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving		

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

You need regular access to the resource(s) below. Many texts are available as ebooks through the [Library](#) at no additional cost.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Recommended	Gene Deszca,Cynthia A Ingols,Evelina Atanassova,Tupper F Cawsey	2024	Organizational Change: An Action Oriented Toolkit	5th	Sage Publications, Incorporated

8.2. Specific requirements

N/A

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty
From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty
More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.5. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.6. General Enquiries

For course-specific questions, contact your teaching staff or Course Coordinator.

For other enquiries or to access support, please contact Student Central:

- [UniSC Student Central](#)
- [UniSC Adelaide Student Central](#)