

# MGT703 Strategy, Governance and Ethics

School: School of Business and Creative Industries

2024 | Session 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast

**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.

Please go to [usc.edu.au](http://usc.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

Managers must understand how to identify trends in an organisation's external and internal environment. To do this, managers at all levels must be able to think critically and ethically so that strategies effectively address stakeholder' priorities. Also, managers are ultimately responsible for the governance of their organisations and should have knowledge of the legal expectations of directors, ethical practices, and the Sustainability Development Goals. This course critically analyses stakeholder participation in decision-making and the ethical obligations of organisational managers.

### 1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
<b>BLENDED LEARNING</b>			
<b>Learning materials</b> – Interactive online learning activities.	2hrs	Week 1	6 times
<b>Tutorial/Workshop 1</b> – Scheduled face to face workshops.	3hrs	Week 1	6 times
<b>Information session</b> – Online assessment information sessions (recorded)	1hr	Week 2	2 times
<b>ONLINE</b>			
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### 1.3. Course Topics

- Strategic leadership
- External Analysis
- Internal Analysis
- Levels of strategy
- Implementing Strategy
- Understanding ethics in a business context
- Corporate social responsibility, sustainability, and strategic stakeholder management
- Equity and inclusion
- Concepts of corporate governance
- Corporate governance in Australia
- Risk, issue and crisis management
- Strategic business influence on government and regulation

## 2. What level is this course?

700 Level (Specialised)

Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

## 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 Ability to problem-solve and apply critical thinking and analytical processes in a business context.	Creative and critical thinker	PC3, PC3.1
2 Apply appropriate discipline knowledge and theory to identify relevant CSR/sustainability(SDGs)/risk issues.	Knowledgeable Ethical Engaged Sustainability-focussed	PC5, PC5.1
3 Demonstrate an appreciation of the need to embrace and respect cultural and other forms of diversity and foster inclusivity in a business context	Knowledgeable Ethical Sustainability-focussed	PC5, PC5.1
4 Identify and explain corporate governance issues, functions and structures.	Engaged	PC1, PC6, PC6.2
5 Demonstrate effective communication skills in a business context	Empowered Engaged	PC2.1, PC4, PC6, PC6.1, PC6.2

\* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS	
PC1	Communication
PC2.1	Leadership and Teamwork
PC3	Creative and Critical Thinking
PC3.1	Problem Solving
PC4	Community Consciousness

CODE	COMPETENCY
PC5	Cultural Awareness
PC5.1	Diversity
PC6	Career-adaptive
PC6.1	Adaptability
PC6.2	Discipline Knowledge

## 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

Enrolled in any PGRD Program

### 5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

### 5.3. Anti-requisites

MBA712 or EMB762

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

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

Formative feedback will be provided during each week of semester by participation in review questions relating to the weekly topics

### 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	Oral	Individual	50%	15 minutes	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Report	Individual	50%	2,000 words	Week 7	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

### All - Assessment Task 1: Business Strategy Presentation

<b>GOAL:</b>	Demonstrate cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to practice through interpretation of company strategy
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Oral
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Choose a firm whose current business strategy you will analyse following the guidelines provided on Canvas at the start of session. This is an individual assessment and needs to be submitted electronically through Canvas.

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed	
	1	Knowledge and application of appropriate frameworks	1 2 3 4
	2	Capacity to develop and articulate arguments which are informed and grounded to arrive at insights into an area of interest.	3 4
	3	Oral communication skills	1

#### All - Assessment Task 2: Corporate Governance and Ethics Case Study

<b>GOAL:</b>	Demonstrate ability to critically appraise ethical corporate conduct and to report findings to improve practice in corporate social responsiveness by aligning with the United Nations Sustainability Goals.		
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Report		
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Written report		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge and application of appropriate frameworks.	1 2 4
	2	Appreciation and respect for cultural and other forms of diversity in a business context	3
	3	Valuing of the need for inclusion in a business context	3
	4	Interaction and negotiation with stakeholders in business contexts	2 3
	5	Understands appropriate human and Indigenous rights* and how they relate to and can improve contemporary Indigenous Australian circumstances	2 3
	6	Organisation and structure of written content	5

## 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

Please note that you need to have regular access to the resource(s) listed below. Resources may be required or recommended.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Recommended	Charles W. L. Hill, Melissa A. Schilling, Gareth R. Jones	2016	Strategic Management: Theory: An Integrated Approach	12th	Cengage Learning

### 8.2. Specific requirements

Nil

## 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:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

### 10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

### 10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email [safe@usc.edu.au](mailto:safe@usc.edu.au).

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email [studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au).

### 10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or [studentcentral@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentcentral@usc.edu.au).

### 10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email [studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au) or call 07 5430 1226.

### 10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email [AccessAbility@usc.edu.au](mailto:AccessAbility@usc.edu.au) or call 07 5430 2890.

## 10.8. 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>

## 10.9. 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.

## 10.10. General Enquiries

### In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **UniSC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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