

MGT404 Organization Theory

(3 credit hours)

Course Syllabus

Course Description

An overview of organizations drawing upon the concepts of social and cultural anthropology, political science, strategic management, and organizational behavior. Topics covered include organizational types, structure and design, culture, power and conflict, and environmental relationships.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Examine how organizational design and management practices have varied over time and how the design and practices adapt to address contemporary problems in organizations.
2. Apply classic ideas and theories of organizational design to national and global organizations.
3. Discuss and justify concepts and models from organizational theory with changing events in the real world.
4. Examine how personal style and approach fit into an organization.
5. Explain and interpret organizational theory concepts as applied to a current organization and acquire practical experience working as part of a virtual team.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

MGT301

Required Textbook(s) and Resources

For this course a digital copy of your textbook is included with your DragonACCESS fees. Use the DragonACCESS tool in Moodle to view your book.

Daft, Richard L. (2021). *Organization Theory and Design (13th edition)*. Cengage Learning.

Be sure to also review the weekly **Explore** sections for additional library or web resources.

For access to databases, research help, and writing tips, visit the [Tiffin University Library](#). You

might consider registering for one of the library's many webinars on library research, source evaluation, copyright, and other topics, at the [Library Events - Upcoming Events](#) web page. For further assistance email a librarian, at: library@tiffin.edu.

Time Commitment

Effective time management is possibly the single most critical element to your academic success. To do well in this online class you should plan your time wisely to maximize your learning through the completion of readings, discussions, and assignments. Because of our accelerated, seven-week term, TU online courses are designed with the expectation that you dedicate a little over **six (6)** hours per credit hour to course activities and preparation **each week**. For example, for successful completion of a three-credit, seven-week online course you should reserve roughly **twenty (20) hours per week**.

To help plan your time and keep on track toward successful course completion, note the distinctive rhythm of assignment due dates:

1. All times assume Eastern Time (GMT-4).
2. Weeks begin at 12:00 a.m. ET on Monday and end at 11:55 p.m. ET on Sunday.
3. Unless otherwise noted, initial assignments or discussion posts are due by **11:55 p.m. ET on Wednesdays**.
4. Additional assignments or follow-up discussion posts are due by **11:55 p.m. ET on Saturdays, and**
5. Major assignments and reflections are typically due by **11:55 p.m. ET on Sundays**.

Learning Activities

Each week, you will engage with your peers in discussion forums. You will apply your acquired knowledge to a weekly case study. Finally, you will work on a final project analyzing an existing organization due in two parts.

Grading

The chart below identifies the individual contributions from each type of activity, per week.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Total
Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	Discussions	265
Activity 1.1 (n/a)	Activity 2.1 (20)	Activity 3.1 (20)	Activity 4.1 (20)	Activity 5.1 (20)	Activity 6.1 (20)	Activity 7.1 (20)	
Activity 1.2 (20)	Activity 2.2 (15)	Activity 3.2 (25)	Activity 4.2 (25)	Activity 5.2 (15)	Activity 6.2 (15)	Activity 7.2 (15)	
Activity 1.3 (15)							

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Total
Case Study Activity 1.4 (40)	Case Study Activity 2.3 (50)	Case Study Activity 3.3 (50)	Case Study Activity 4.3 (40)	Case Study Activity 5.3 (50)	Case Study Activity 6.3 (40)	Case Study Activity 7.3 (40)	310
	Project Activity 2.4 (25)				Project Activity 6.4 (120)		145
75	110	95	85	85	195	75	720

Grading Scale

- A: 90-100%
- B: 80-89%
- C: 70-79%
- D: 60-69%
- F: <69%

Please see the [Academic Bulletin](#) for grade appeal information.

Course Schedule and Weekly Checklist

Week 1 - Organizational Design

- MON: Activity 1.1: Meet Your Peers - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 1.1: Meet Your Peers - Secondary Posts
- WED: Activity 1.2: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 1.3: Key Points - Initial Post
- SAT: Activity 1.2: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 1.3: Key Points - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 1.4: Disorganization at Semco
- SUN: Activity 1.5: Final Project - Introduction

Week 2 - Structure & Relationships

- WED: Activity 2.1: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 2.2: Managing by Design - Initial Post
- SAT: Activity 2.1: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 2.2: Managing by Design - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 2.3: IKEA Case Study
- SUN: Activity 2.4: Final Project Part 1

Week 3 - International Environment & Technology

- WED: Activity 3.1: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 3.2: A Cultural Intelligence Assessment - Initial Post
- SAT: Activity 3.1: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 3.2: A Cultural Intelligence Assessment - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 3.3: Walmart Case Study

Week 4 - Organization Size, Culture, and Ethics

- WED: Activity 4.1: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 4.2: Ethics and Organizational Cultural - Initial Post
- SAT: Activity 4.1: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 4.2: Ethics and Organizational Cultural - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 4.3: The New York Times Versus Amazon

Week 5 - Innovation and Change

- WED: Activity 5.1: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 5.2: Innovation Climate - Initial Post

- SAT: Activity 5.1: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 5.2: Innovation Climate - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 5.3: Costco Case Study

Week 6 - Decision-Making Process

- WED: Activity 6.1: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 6.2: Style of Decision Making - Initial Post
- SAT: Activity 6.1: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 6.2: Style of Decision Making - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 6.3: Donor Services Department Case Study
- SUN: Activity 6.4: Final Project Part 2

Week 7 - Conflict, Power, and Politics

- WED: Activity 7.1: Chapter Questions - Initial Post
- WED: Activity 7.2: Conflict - Initial Post
- SAT: Activity 7.1: Chapter Questions - Secondary Posts
- SAT: Activity 7.2: Conflict - Secondary Posts
- SUN: Activity 7.3: Cisco Case Study

Tips for Success

Online learning requires self-discipline and self-direction. As seekers of the truth, we should be willing to challenge one another's academic work in a spirit of respectful comradery. Your course is a place for you to grow as you benefit from the expertise, experience, and diverse perspectives of your instructor and peers. Constructive feedback will challenge you to stretch your own thinking, thereby expanding your knowledge and understanding.

To get the most out of your learning experience, you should actively engage (participate) in **ALL** course activities. Course elements are arranged chronologically. To complete a week, simply work your way "down the page" through all of the course materials and activities.

Your Instructor Will Expect You to:

- Thoroughly review orientation materials (Start Here) within the first 48 hours of the term.
- Monitor your TU email account **daily** for important updates and announcements.
- Take ownership of your learning experience and act in a proactive, self-directed manner. That means:
 - Fully participate in all learning activities.
 - Complete assignments as described in rubrics or other instructions.
 - Submit all work on time and in the specified format (e.g. APA format for citations).
 - Utilize and incorporate instructor provided feedback to improve your work.
 - Ask questions so you can better understand course material or assignments.
 - Use the highest standards of intellectual honesty and integrity. For details, see the TU Library guide: [Digital Literacy: Netiquette and Internet Safety](#).
 - Treat others respectfully and demonstrate "netiquette" (online politeness and respectfulness) at all times. TU celebrates cultural uniqueness and expects all students to be considerate and thoughtful throughout their learning experiences.

You Should Expect Your Instructors to:

- Post an introductory announcement/email at the beginning of each week to provide updates and help you prepare for the week's activities.
- Maintain an active and engaged presence in all course activities and throughout the course.
- Respond to your emailed questions within 48 hours, if not sooner.
- Clearly communicate any absences or expected non-participation due to extenuating circumstances. For example, "I will be traveling to attend a funeral this week and may not be able to respond to questions or participate in forums for a couple of days."
- When grading your work:
 - clearly indicate their grading approach (what they like to see in submitted work as well as what types of errors they tend to penalize more harshly),
 - thoroughly review and evaluate your submissions in a timely manner (in less than 5 days for most assignments), and

- provide constructive feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of your work with suggestions on how you can improve your performance on future assignments.
- Advocate for your success as a learner and help guide you toward successful completion of the course activities and most importantly, attainment of the course learning outcomes.

Accommodations (Disability Services)

The Office of Disability Services supports the institutional commitment to diversity by providing educational opportunities for qualified individuals with disabilities through accessible programs and services in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. If you need reasonable accommodations due to a documented disability, contact the Office for Equity, Access, & Opportunity via email at disabilityservices@tiffin.edu or by calling 419-448-3021.

Technical Support

For Moodle support, either email moodlesupport@tiffin.edu or call the 24/7 Technical Support Call Center at 855-664-1200 (3430, Option 2, from on-campus). For non-Moodle support, contact the Tiffin University ITS helpdesk at the number above or submit a [support ticket](#).

Veterans

The Veteran and Military Resource Center assists veterans, active Military, and spouses of current service members in utilizing their education benefits. VMRC provides information regarding benefit processes and procedures, as well as support in navigating the transition from military to academic life by facilitating connections with the appropriate support services on campus. More information can be found on the Veteran and Military Resource Center website, at <http://www.tiffin.edu/va>.

Additional Support

If you need to consult an academic advisor refer to TU's [Meet the Team](#) page. For information about TU's peer tutoring program see the Murphy Center's [Tutoring Policies and Procedures](#) page.

Comments or Concerns

TU's online programs are designed to be student *driven*: to empower you with a voice and stake in your learning. Our courses feature multiple and varied ways that you can share feedback, and we invite you to become an active voice and help drive our improvement

efforts. In addition to providing in-course feedback, we encourage you to submit questions or comments directly to the online team at online@tiffin.edu.