

# **TR401** Engineering Project Management

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| Term                          | June 27, 2022<br>- July 22, 2022  | Credits | 4 units |
| Class Hours                   | Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day  |         |         |
| Discussion<br>Sessions        | 2.5 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)   |         |         |
| Total Contact<br>Hours        | 66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)   |         |         |
| Required Texts<br>(with ISBN) | Project Management – The Managerial Process (7th E), by Erik W. Larson,<br>Clifford F. Gray, ISBN: 9781259666094, McGraw Hill<br>Engineering Project Management by Nigel J. Smith, ISBN- 13: 978-<br>1405168021 |         |         |
| Prerequisite                  | N/A   |         |         |



#### **Course Overview**

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of project management considering different aspects throughout a project life cycle. The course is designed to cover the duties and deliverables of engineering managers from the project's initiation to successful completion. It will provide learning modules from basic understanding to advanced project management fundamentals considering an interdisciplinary and relevant to all fields of engineering practice. Topics to be covered include project management fundamentals and practices, project delivery with timing, costing and planning, risk mitigation and resources scheduling; progress, performance, and evaluation, building managerial and leadership skills, interorganizational relations, environmental and cultural considerations, agile project management and future of project management.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- 1. Develop a comprehensive understanding of project management in engineering practices
- 2. Identify the responsibilities and deliverables of engineering managers from the project's initiation to successful completion
- 3. Compare different project delivery methods, assess the associated risks, and follow standard procedures for risk mitigation
- 4. Estimate project timelines and scheduling resources within required budgets
- 5. Evaluate progress and performance, and take necessary measures for optimum output
- 6. Develop concept and knowledge of various project management techniques, project development, design, optimization, budgeting, planning scheduling, monitoring, supervising, recruiting, procurement
- 7. Build knowledge and skills on environmental and cultural factors for large scale international projects
- 8. Learning agile project management and the future of engineering project management



## **Grading Policy**

| Midterm exam  | 20% |
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| Group project | 30% |
| Case studies  | 20% |
| Final exam    | 30% |

## **Grading Scale is as follows**

| Number grade | Letter grade | GPA |
|--------------|--------------|-----|
| 90-100       | A            | 4.0 |
| 85-89        | A-           | 3.7 |
| 80-84        | B+           | 3.3 |
| 75-79        | В            | 3.0 |
| 70-74        | B-           | 2.7 |
| 67-69        | C+           | 2.3 |
| 65-66        | С            | 2.0 |
| 62-64        | C-           | 1.7 |
| 60-61        | D            | 1.0 |
| ≤59          | F (Failure)  | 0   |



#### **Class Schedule**

| Date   | Lecture   | Readings   |
|--------|---|--|
| Day 1  | Introduction, Engineering Project Management Overview and Definitions, Modern Project Management  | Chapter 1: Project Management<br>by Erik Larson<br>Chapter 2 – Nigel Smith   |
| Day 2  | Organization Strategy and Project Selection, Organization Structure and Culture   | Chapter 2 and 3: Project Management by Erik Larson, Chapter 13 – Nigel Smith |
| Day 3  | Defining the Project, Project Appraisal -<br>Estimating Project Time and Cost   | Chapter 4 and 5: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson                        |
| Day 4  | Developing a Project Plan, Risk Management, Risk<br>Evaluation, Engineering Risks, Uncertainty<br>Management  | Chapter 6 and 7: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson                        |
| Day 5  | Case Study 1 (Exam)   | In-class Case Study Exam   |
| Day 6  | Scheduling Resources and Cost – Overview, Types of Resource Constraints, Scheduling problem, Resource allocation methods, Multiproject Resource Schedules           | Chapter 8: Project Management<br>by Erik Larson                              |
| Day 7  | Case Study and Project Preparation  | In-class Case Study and Project<br>Preparation                               |
| Day 8  | Reducing Project Duration – Accelerating Project<br>Completions, Project Cost-Duration Graph,<br>Practical Considerations   | Chapter 9: Project Management<br>by Erik Larson                              |
| Day 9  | Building Managerial Skills, Managing Project<br>Stakeholders, Managing vs Leading, Ethics and<br>Project Management, Qualities of an Outstanding<br>Project Manager | Chapter 10: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson                             |
| Day 10 | Midterm Exam  | N/A  |
| Day 11 | Case Study and Project Preparation  | In-class Case Study and Project<br>Preparation                               |
| Day 12 | Managing project teams, Five stage team development model, Building high performance project teams, Minimizing risks and pitfalls                                   | Chapter 11: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson                             |



| Day 13 | Managing Interorganizational relations, Outsourcing, Negotiations, Customer relations, Accounting and Contract Management  | Chapter 12: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson                                    |
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| Day 14 | Project Evaluation, Progress and Performance<br>Measurement, Monitoring time and resources<br>allocation, Indexes to monitor progress, Project<br>control using Earned Value Technique | Chapter 13: Project Management by Erik Larson, Chapter 10 – Nigel Smith             |
| Day 15 | Case Study 2 (Exam)  | In-class Case Study Exam  |
| Day 16 | Project Closure, Audits, Post Implementation<br>Evaluation   | Chapter 14: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson                                    |
| Day 17 | Environmental considerations, Legal/Political, security and Geographic considerations, Crosscultural considerations, Managing international projects                                   | Chapter 15: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson,<br>Chapter 5 and 10 – Nigel Smith |
| Day 18 | Introduction to Agile Project Management, Traditional vs Agile   | Chapter 16: Project<br>Management by Erik Larson,<br>Chapter 20 – Nigel Smith       |
| Day 19 | Final Project Presentation and Discussion  | N/A   |
| Day 20 | Final Exam   | N/A   |