

IB2C4-15 Managing Human Resources

21/22

Department

Warwick Business School

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This is an elective module available for WBS and non-WBS students.

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Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Outline Syllabus

Introduction. Origins, approaches and the HR function.

Resourcing: recruitment and selection.

Performance management.

Pay and rewards.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

Training, learning and development

Employee voice.

Employee engagement and high-performance work practices.

HRM and business strategy.

HRM and the future of work. Module summary.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand issues, approaches and debates in a number of the key "people-management" areas .
- Be able to critically question different models and approaches.
- Be able to handle material in an analytical rather than merely descriptive way and evaluate and marshal evidence to present a well argued case.
- In addition, through group work and regular class contributions, students should develop their team working, communication and representational skills.
- Problem solving .
- Analysing a case.
- Critical thinking.

Indicative reading list

Beardwell, J. and Thompson, A. (eds) (2017) Human resource management: a contemporary approach. Eighth edition. Harlow, England: Pearson.

Beer, M., Boselie, P. and Brewster, C. (2015) 'Back to the Future: Implications for the Field of HRM of the Multistakeholder Perspective Proposed 30 Years Ago', Human Resource Management, 54(3), pp. 427–438.

Boxall, P. F. and Purcell, J. (2016) Strategy and human resource management. 4th edition. London: Macmillan Education. Edwards, P. and Wajcman, J. (2005) The politics of working life. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Grugulis, I. (2017) A very short, fairly interesting and reasonably cheap book about human resource management. Los Angeles: SAGE.

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Thompson, P. (2011) 'The trouble with HRM', Human Resource Management Journal, 21(4), pp. 355–367.

Townley, B. (1994) Reframing human resource management: power, ethics and the subject at work. London: Sage

Ulrich, D. et al. (2013) 'The State of the HR Profession.', Human Resource Management, 52(3), pp. 457–471.

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Subject specific skills

Able to execute, analyse and evaluate actions taken by HR professionals to deal with a range of issues, including:

- Learning needs analysis
- Recruitment & selection (interviews and assessment centres)
- Discipline and dismissal

Transferable skills

- Able to analyse a case relating to HRM and propose relevant and feasible solutions
- Able to interpret HRM data
- Able to defend a particular perspective on managing people
- Able to critically evaluate arguments about the management of people at work, including complex academic arguments, models and perspectives (e.g. critical readings of 'power')

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	10 sessions of 2 hours (13%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Total	150 hours

Type	Required
Private study	48 hours (32%)
Assessment	73 hours (49%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Private Study.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time
Participation	10%	8 hours
Individual Assignment	90%	65 hours

Assessment group R1

	Weighting	Study time
Individual Assignment	100%	

Feedback on assessment

Feedback via My.WBS.

Availability

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics

- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 4 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 3 of UESA-HN15 BEng Engineering Business Management

This module is Option list B for:

- USTA-Y602 Undergraduate Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 3 of Y602 Mathematics, Operational Research, Stats, Economics
 - Year 3 of Y602 Mathematics, Operational Research, Stats, Economics