

IB2C4-15 Managing Human Resources

24/25

Department

Warwick Business School

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

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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.

- 1 - Introduction: origins, approaches and the HR function
- 2 - Resourcing: recruitment and selection
- 3 - Performance management
- 4 - Employee voice
- 5 - Equality, diversity and inclusion
- 6 - Training, learning and development
- 7 - Pay and rewards: foundations
- 8 - Pay and rewards: advanced topics
- 9 - HRM and business strategy
- 10 - 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 regular class contributions and discussions, students should develop their team working, communication and presentational skills
- Analysing a case.
- Critical thinking.
- Problem solving

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.
- Frey, C. B. and Osborne, M. A. (2017) 'The future of employment: How susceptible are jobs to computerisation?', *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, 114, pp. 254–280.
- 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.

Wright, C. (2008) 'Reinventing human resource management: Business partners, internal consultants and the limits to professionalization', *Human Relations*, 61(8), pp. 1063–1086

Subject specific skills

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

- Recruitment & selection (interviews and assessment centres)
- Training and development
- Performance management

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	1 session of 1 hour (1%)
Seminars	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Online learning (independent)	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	47 hours (31%)
Assessment	74 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 A5

	Weighting	Study time
Individual Assignment	60%	44 hours
Individual Assignment	20%	15 hours
Individual Assignment	20%	15 hours

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
- UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
 - Year 2 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
 - Year 2 of L1CC Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway)
 - Year 2 of L1CD Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway)
 - Year 2 of L1CE Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway)
 - Year 3 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy

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- Year 3 of L1CE Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway)
- UPHA-L1CB Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CG Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CH Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CJ Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CB Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CB Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics

This module is Unusual option for:

- UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
 - Year 2 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
 - Year 3 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
- UMDA-B990 Undergraduate Health and Medical Sciences
 - Year 2 of B990 Health and Medical Sciences
 - Year 2 of B990 Health and Medical Sciences

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 3 of UESA-HN15 BEng Engineering Business Management
- Year 4 of UESA-HN13 BEng Engineering Business Management with Intercalated Year

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