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Project Management

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Text: Information Technology Project Management by Jack T. Marchewka  
Microsoft Office Project 2003 by Teresa S. Stover  
An e-book available in Classes on Sentinel under Evans/IS476

Course Schedule

Week 1-January 26-30  Chapter 1: The Nature of IT Projects  
Organize project Teams

Week 2-February 2-6  Chapter 2: Conceptualizing and Initializing the IT Projects  
Make initial contact with your organization

Week 3-February 9-13  Chapter 3: Developing the Project Charter and Baseline Project Plan  
Needs Assessment Completed

Exam 1: Chapters 1-3

Week 4-February 16-20  Chapter 7: The Project Schedule and Budget  
Baseline Project Plan Completed

Week 5-February 23-27  Chapter 5: Defining and Managing Project Scope  
Project Schedule completed with PERT and Gantt charts.

Week 6-March 1-5  Chapter 6: The Work Breakdown Structure and Project Estimation

Week 7-March 8-12  Chapter 4: The Human Side of Project Management

Week 8-March 15-19  Chapter 8: Managing Project Risk

Exam 2: Chapters 4-8

Week 9-March 22-26  Chapter 9: Project Communication, Tracking, and Reporting  
Systems Documents completed (Data Flow Diagrams, E-R Diagrams, Program Module Block Diagrams, Web Page Map Diagrams, etc.)
SPRING BREAK

Week 10-April 5-9

Week 11-April 12-16  Chapter 10: IT Project Quality Management

Week 12-April 19-22  Chapter 11: Managing Organizational Change, Resistance, and Conflict.
  Project progress report due.

Week 13-April 26-30  Chapter 12: Project Implementation, Closure, and Evaluation
  Exam 3: Chapters 9-12

Week 14-May 3-7  Project Presentations

Week 15-May 12  10:10-12:10  Project Presentations

Grading: Each exam will contribute 20% toward your final grade making 60%.
Attendance at Friday lab in L26 will count 15%. The project will contribute an additional 25%.

Labs will meet most Fridays in L26 to work on MS Project 2003. Opportunities for students to take the class through lab activities will be available.

Projects: The class will organize into teams the first week of the semester for the purpose of developing and information system for a local organization. During the course of the semester, each team will execute the project and provide a professional caliber information system for their client. Following a list of the organizations and a brief description of the projects:

Missoula Catholic Schools

  Parent and tuition database
  Contact: Diane Curry, Tuition Officer  549-1290, 9:00am – 4:00 pm.

Loyola Sacred Heart High School

  Website
  Contact: Jeremy Beck, Principal, 549-6101

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Missoula

  Auction Database
  Contact: Paula Schroeder, 721-2380
Missoula Humane Society

Lost and Found Database
Contact: Ally Logan, 549-3934

UM Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

Athlete database and reporting system
Contact: Jean Cornwall, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Academic Services, 243-4420

Professional Conduct: All team members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner in all interactions with other team members and with clients. Professional conduct includes promptness and participation at meetings, professional attire in client meetings, sufficient communication with clients and team members, and professional caliber deliverables.