



Module Descriptor

Title	Change Management		
Session	2025/26	Status	Approved
Code	BUSN10055	SCQF Level	10
Credit Points	10	ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)	5
School	Business and Creative Industries		
Module Co-ordinator	P McGuire		
Summary of Module			
The aim of this module is to equip students with knowledge and skills in the practice of Change Management. In the contemporary business world, organisations need to continually change, develop and evolve, or they are unlikely to survive. Therefore for the 21st century graduate, having a grasp of change management theory, tools and being able to apply these is essential.			

Module Delivery Method	On-Campus¹ ☒		Hybrid² ☐		Online³ ☐		Work -Based Learning⁴ ☐
Campuses for Module Delivery	☐ Ayr ☐ Dumfries		☒ Lanarkshire ☐ London ☒ Paisley		☐ Online / Distance Learning ☐ Other (specify)		
Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	☒	Term 2	☐	Term 3	☐	
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	☐	Term 2 – Term 3	☐	Term 3 – Term 1	☐	

¹ Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

² The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

³ Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

⁴ Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Understand the nature of the Change Management Theory and Tools and the relevance of its application to contemporary organisational challenges
L2	Develop a critical application of Change Management Theory and Tools
L3	Be able to critically apply selected Change Management tools in specific organisational circumstances
L4	N/A
L5	N/A

Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	SCQF 10 Demonstrate and/or work with: Knowledge that covers and integrates most of the principal areas, features, boundaries, terminology and conventions of Change Management Theory and Practice. A critical understanding of the principal theories, concepts and principles of Change Management Theory and Practice. Detailed knowledge and understanding in Change Management Theory and Practice, some of which is informed by, or at the forefront of, Change Management Theory and Practice. Knowledge and understanding of the ways in which the Change Management Theory and Practice is developed, including a range of established techniques of enquiry or research methodologies.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	SCQF 10 Apply knowledge, skills and understanding: In using a wide range of the principal professional skills, techniques, practices and/or materials associated with Change Management Theory and Practice. In using a few skills, techniques, practices and/or materials that are specialised, advanced and/or at the forefront of a Change Management Theory and Practice. In executing a defined project of research, development or investigation and in identifying and implementing relevant outcomes. To practise in a range of professional level contexts that include a degree of unpredictability and/or specialism.
Generic Cognitive skills	SCQF 10 Critically identify, define, conceptualise and analyse complex/professional problems and issues. Offer professional insights, interpretations and solutions to problems and issues. Demonstrate some originality and creativity in dealing with professional issues. Critically review and consolidate knowledge, skills, practices and thinking in Change Management Theory and Practice. Make judgements where data/information is limited or comes from a range of sources.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	SCQF 10 Use a wide range of routine skills and some advanced and specialised skills in support of established practices in Change Management Theory and Practice, for example: Present or convey, formally and informally, information about specialised Change Management Theory and Practice topics to informed audiences. Communicate with peers, senior colleagues and specialists on a professional level. Use a range of ICT applications to support and enhance work at this level and adjust features to suit purpose. Interpret,

	use and evaluate a wide range of numerical and graphical data to set and achieve goals/targets.
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	SCQF 10 Exercise autonomy and initiative in professional/equivalent activities. Exercise significant managerial responsibility for the work of others and for a range of resources. Practise in ways that show awareness of own and others' roles and responsibilities. Work, under guidance, in a peer relationship with specialist practitioners. Work with others to bring about change, development and/or new thinking. Manage complex ethical and professional issues in accordance with current professional and/or ethical codes or practices. Recognise the limits of these codes and seek guidance where appropriate.

Prerequisites	Module Code	Module Title
	Other	
Co-requisites	Module Code	Module Title

Learning and Teaching	
In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours.	
Learning Activities	Student Learning Hours
During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	(Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Lecture / Core Content Delivery	12
Tutorial / Synchronous Support Activity	6
Independent Study	82
Please select	
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Please select	
TOTAL	100

Indicative Resources
The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes: Burnes, B. (2014) Managing Change (6th edn), Pearson: Harlow Cawsey, T., Deszca, G., Ingols, C. (2016) Organizational Change: An Action-Oriented Toolkit (3rd edn). Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, Ca. Details of further resources, including textbooks, journals and online resources will be identified at the beginning of each delivery in the module handbook and made available via VLE

(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements

In line with the [Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure](#), Students are academically engaged if they are regularly attending and participating in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time.

For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:

Equality and Diversity

The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: [UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code](#).

(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)

Supplemental Information

Divisional Programme Board	Management, Organisations People
Overall Assessment Results	☐ Pass / Fail ☒ Graded
Module Eligible for Compensation	☐ Yes ☒ No If this module is eligible for compensation, there may be cases where compensation is not permitted due to programme accreditation requirements. Please check the associated programme specification for details.
School Assessment Board	Management, Organisations & People
Moderator	B Mackie
External Examiner	R Stevenson
Accreditation Details	
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	☐ Yes ☒ No
Changes / Version Number	

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)

Assessment 1

Case Study (100%)

Assessment 2

N/A

Assessment 3

N/A

(N.B. (i) Assessment Outcomes Grids for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed.

(ii) An indicative schedule listing approximate times within the academic calendar when assessment is likely to feature will be provided within the Student Module Handbook.)

Component 1

Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
Case Study	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐	100	

Component 2

Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
N/A	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		

Component 3

Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
N/A	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		
Combined total for all components						100%	hours

Change Control

What	When	Who