Module Descriptor

Title	Transformational HRM		
Session	2026/26	**Status**	Existing
Code	HURM10009	**SCQF Level**	10
Credit Points	20	**ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)**	10
School	**Business and Creative Industries**		
Module Co-ordinator	C Clark		

Summary of Module

The aim of this module is to allow students to develop knowledge in the transformative role of human resource management, through strategy development, implementation, and responsiveness to the external environment. The role of HR in strategy development is explored, providing a theoretical basis for strategy development and implementation. A focus of this module is the contemporary external environment and the challenges this presents to HRM practitioners in the development of strategy. This includes the issues of sustainability, changing economic contexts, and socio-demographic changes. Change is also explored within this module providing students with a theoretical foundation to adapt HR strategy to the contemporary environmental challenges.

Module Delivery Method	**On-Campus[1]** ☒	**Hybrid[2]** ☒	**Online[3]** ☐	**Work -Based Learning[4]** ☐
Campuses for Module Delivery	☐ Ayr ☐ Dumfries	☐ Lanarkshire ☐ London ☒ Paisley	☐ Online / Distance Learning ☐ Other (specify)	

Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	☒	Term 2	☐	Term 3	☐

[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

Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	☐	Term 2 – Term 3	☐	Term 3 – Term 1	☐

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Critically evaluate HRM strategies and their relevance to organisational strategies
L2	Critically analyse the external environment to identify and respond to pertinent challenges
L3	Critically evaluate the HRM role in change management
L4	Develop an HRM response to environmental changes impacting on organisations
L5	Appraise the transformational role of HRM within an organisation.

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** Knowledge and understanding of theoretical approaches in HRM strategy and change. Knowledge and understanding of empirical research and cases in HR strategy and change. Knowledge and understanding of current theoretical and empirical debates in HR strategy and change. Critical evaluation of theory and research in strategy and organisational change.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	**SCQF 10** Interpreting and explaining complex organisation contexts and HR strategy concepts. Developing solutions to complex organisation and HR strategy challenges. Using change management tools, models and practices to plan organisational change projects. Retrieving, interpreting and manipulating primary and secondary information from a variety of sources including electronic sources.
Generic Cognitive skills	**SCQF 10** Critically define, conceptualise and analyse HR strategy and change problems and issues. Bringing together information from a variety of sources, including academic research publications. Develop solutions to strategic or change related problems.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	**SCQF 10** Communicating effectively and appropriately in speech and writing. Interpreting complex primary materials.

	Making effective use of information retrieval systems and use information technology applications to present documents in an appropriate form
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	**SCQF 10** Working effectively, together with others in groups or teams, taking a leadership role where appropriate. Systematically identifying and addressing their own learning needs both in current and in new areas, making use of primary HRM source materials as appropriate.

Prerequisites	**Module Code**	**Module Title**
	Other Students must be enrolled on the BA (Hons) Business & HRM or BA (Hons) People Management.	
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. In line with UWS' Curriculum Framework, providing a flexible, student-centred and inclusive approach to learning and teaching, the module has been designed around the delivery of engaging, activity- and discussion-based workshops, nurtured by meaningful online content, including short videos, reading materials, quizzes, etc. This is further supported by the assessment approach adopted, enabling students to develop both academic and employability-focused knowledge and skills within the key areas of the module content. The contact hours shown below reflect full-time delivery — these may differ for students studying towards the BA(Hons) People Management due to the blended/work-based learning nature of the programme — please refer to the 'Teaching & Assessment' section on the UWS website (https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/undergraduate-course-search/people-management) for more information.	
Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	**Student Learning Hours** (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Laboratory / Practical Demonstration / Workshop	36
Independent Study	164
Please select	
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Please select	
TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources
The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes: The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes: Boxall, P. And Purcell, J. (2020) Strategy and Human Resource Management. 5th edn. Dublin: Bloomsbury Press. Cheese, P. (2021) The New World of Work. London: Kogan Page. Details of further resources, including textbooks, journals and online resources will be identified at the beginning of delivery in the module handbook and made available via the 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:** Students are academically engaged if they are regularly attending the on-campus lectures/tutorials/workshop. Also, they need to engage with the AULA site regularly to access to the teaching materials and complete assessments and submit these on time. Students should also reference the 'BCI Guidance on Implementation of the Revised Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure' which details the School attendance and engagement requirements and how this will be monitored for attendance

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. To meet the diverse needs of our student body, we are dedicated to adapting learning experiences where required. This personalised one-to-one approach ensures that all students can succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances. By embracing and promoting these principles, we aim to cultivate a learning community where everyone feels valued, supported, and empowered to achieve their full potential.
(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 and People
Moderator	E Tzouramani
External Examiner	S Singh
Accreditation Details	The module is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
Changes / Version Number	

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)
Assessment 1
Individual Written Report (60%)
Assessment 2
Group Presentation (40%)
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**
Individual Written Report	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	60	0

Component 2							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
Group Presentation	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	40	0

Component 3							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
n/a	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		
Combined total for all components						100%	0 hours

Change Control

What	When	Who