MN4100 – Contemporary Issues in Management

Module Type/Semester: Senior Honours/Core (20 Credits)/Semester 2

Pre-Requisite(s): MN2001 & MN2002 & Entry to Senior Honours

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AIM:
This module seeks to provide a structured context within which students can: (1) reflect back on their prior learning within their honours degree and synthesise insights that can be drawn from modules taken in the course of their degree studies; (2) gain an appreciation of the demands that contemporary and future issues will provide for them as managers in a variety of organisations; and (3) reflect upon their future professional pathways, especially with respect to what responsible enterprise entails.

Method of Teaching & Learning:
During term there will be 2 hours of lectures a week as well as (from week 2) workshops linked to the lecture material.

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

- Articulate what responsible enterprise entails and what competencies are required to be a responsible manager;
- Understand the nature and complexity of contemporary pressures and trends (from a variety of sources) and how these might impact upon organisations and their management;
- Systematically outline the dynamics of socio-economic-ecological systems and their relevance for organisations using a multiple capitals framework;
- Work as part of a team to diagnose challenges and potential solutions for an organisation and to present that information;
- Reflect on prior learning and existing knowledge in order to be a reflective management practitioner.
TOPICS
There will be a range of topics discussed in class. The topics are based around issues that organisations currently, and potentially, face in the business environment. Topics include equality, social responsibility, climate change and understandings of value.

ASSESSMENT:
There is no exam for this module. There are two elements (Coursework) of assessment:
   (i) Consulting report
   (ii) Portfolio
These will be discussed further in class, and detailed information can be found on Moodle.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:
There will be up to 35 students per group. The workshops will run weeks 2-8. Further information can be found on the module page on Moodle.

READING LIST:
A detailed reading list can be found on the module page on Moodle.

There is no set textbook for this module.