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Course Code: MGT520
Course Name: Organizational Behavior
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Course Information

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Classes:

Monday & Thursday, 08:30 – 10:20

(Course duration: March 2 of 2026 ~ April 27 of 2026)

Final Exam: 08:30 – 10:30 on Wednesday April 29, 2026

Venue: PHBS Building, Classroom 231

Course Website: n/a.

Class participants will communicate and discuss course related issues mainly via WeChat Class Groups.

Course materials will be upload onto PHBS CMS, or shared within WeChat Class Groups.

1. Course Description

1.1 Context

Course overview:

Organization Behavior is the study of human behavior in organizational settings, the interface between human behavior and the organization, and the organization itself. This course, therefore, encourages students to better understand, explain, and yet improve human behavior in organizations. Particularly, students will understand how some factors, such as individual characteristics, group

processes and organizational design (including structure, mechanism, culture, etc.), would influence work and organizational performance.

Topics in Organizational Behavior can be divided into three levels, i.e., the study of:

1. individuals in organizations ('micro-level'),
2. work groups ('meso-level'), and
3. how organizations behave ('macro-level').

Prerequisites: Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Introduction to Management, Psychometrics, Statistics.

1.2 Textbooks and Reading Materials

Required Textbook:

Stephen P. Robbins and Timothy A. Judge (2023). *Organizational Behavior* (19th Edition). Pearson Education. ISBN 13: 9780137474677 ¹

Supplemental Textbook and Readings:

Jason A. Colquitt, Jeffery A. LePine, and Michael J. Wesson (2023). *Organizational Behavior: Improving Performance and Commitment in the Workplace* (8th Edition). McGraw-Hill Education, ISBN-13: 9781264124350.

Harvard Business Review, <http://hbr.org>

Other Top journals in Management and OB/HR

2. Learning Outcomes

2.1 Intended Learning Outcomes

Learning Goals	Objectives	Assessment
1. Our graduates will be effective communicators.	1.1. Our students will produce quality business and research-oriented documents.	Group essay
	1.2. Students are able to professionally present their ideas and also logically explain and defend their argument.	Classroom discussion, case study, and final
2. Our graduates will be skilled in team work and leadership.	2.1. Students will be able to lead and participate in group for projects, discussion, and presentation.	Yes
	2.2. Students will be able to apply leadership theories and related skills.	Yes
3. Our graduates will be trained in ethics.	3.1. In a case setting, students will use appropriate techniques to analyze business problems and identify the ethical aspects, provide a solution and defend it.	Yes

¹ Online purchase price: \$99.99 (365-day access), is available at: <http://www.pearson.com>
You may also access its 18th Edition in Chinese Translation.

	3.2. Our students will practice ethics in the duration of the program.	Yes
4. Our graduates will have a global perspective.	4.1. Students will have an international exposure.	Partially through reading and engaging with international community
5. Our graduates will be skilled in problem-solving and critical thinking.	5.1. Our students will have a good understanding of fundamental theories in their fields.	Yes
	5.2. Our students will be prepared to face problems in various business settings and find solutions.	Yes
	5.3. Our students will demonstrate competency in critical thinking.	Yes

2.2 Course specific objectives

Upon completion of this course, I hope you will:

1. Gain an overall understanding of the theories and concepts of organizational behavior at the individual, group and organizational levels.
2. Obtain the insights on the factors that influence individual, group and organizational performance.
3. Acquire a set of skills that allow you to manage and improve performance, commitment and satisfaction in organizations.

Meanwhile, you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate comprehension of key concepts and theories by actively participating in class discussions and group works.
2. Apply analytic skills in simulated settings relating to various aspects of organizational behavior.
3. Synthesize multiple perspectives and theories of organizational behavior by writing and presenting group works.
4. Evaluate the ability of different theories to explain organizational problems in team projects.
5. Enhance teamwork skills through group exercises.

2.3 Assessment/Grading Details

To maximize learning in this required course, all participants are expected to read assigned materials before each class meeting, attend lectures, actively participate in class activities, conduct independent share of work in and contribute substantially to the group projects (such as case studies, news reports, and journal papers). Students are strongly encouraged to bring questions and thoughts to the class. The overall performance will be evaluated on the basis of individual achievement as well as the contribution to group tasks. Specifically, the overall grades in this course (100%) will be assigned on the basis of performance on the following items:

- (1) Class Active Participation, 20%
- (2) Group Work, 30%
- (3) Final (closed-book exam) 50%

Please NOTE: Anyone who has missed 4 lectures or more, for whatever reason, will automatically

“Fail” this course.

- (1) **Class Active Participation (20%).** Since this is a required course, all participants are supposed to show up in every class meeting. Class activities will be based on the assumption that the student read the assigned readings before each class session; therefore, students should be prepared for class meetings and actively participate in discussions of assigned materials, answer questions, and make critical comments. The quantity and quality of the student’s contribution in class will determine the participation grade. Students should plan to attend every class and be on time. Regular lateness and/or leaving early will result in a diminishing participation grade. Needless to say, no show-up in the classroom shall deteriorate your participation performance evaluation in the same way, but severely.
- (2) **Group Work (30%).** Students will be purposely assigned to a group of 5 members and work together for case or paper studies that come along with certain chapters. Group members are expected to work on the project together, to share their analyses with, and to response critics from, other members.
- (3) **Final (50%).** The final examination will cover all the materials that I have delivered in classroom or presented in the required textbook, up to the very last day of lecturing. Therefore, I wish you fully understand those important organizational behavior concepts, classical theories and model that explain individual or collective behaviors in the workplace.

2.4 Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

It is important for a student’s effort and credit to be recognized through class assessment. Credits earned for a student work due to efforts done by others are clearly unfair. Deliberate dishonesty is considered academic misconducts, which include plagiarism; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using test materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; or altering, forging, or misusing a University academic record; or fabricating or falsifying of data, research procedures, or data analysis.

All assessments are subject to academic misconduct check. Misconduct check may include reproducing the assessment, providing a copy to another member of faculty, and/or communicate a copy of this assignment to the PHBS Discipline Committee. A suspected plagiarized document/assignment submitted to a plagiarism checking service may be kept in its database for future reference purpose.

Where violation is suspected, penalties will be implemented. The penalties for academic misconduct may include: deduction of honor points, a mark of zero on the assessment, a fail grade for the whole course, and reference of the matter to the Peking University Registrar.

3. Topics, Teaching and Assessment Schedule

CLASS MEETING SCHEDULE:

(Subject to minor changes according to the process)

Week	Date	Topics	Readings²	Notes
1	March 2/ 2026	Course Administrative Issues, Introduction, What is Organizational Behavior?	Ch.1	

² Some corresponding materials may also be provided to read or watch.

	March 5	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Organizations	Ch. 2	
2	March 9	Job Attitudes	Ch. 3	
	March 12	Emotions and Moods	Ch. 4	
3	March 16	Personality and Individual Differences	Ch. 5	
	March 19	Perception and Individual Decision Making	Ch. 6	
4	March 23	Motivation Concepts	Ch. 7	
	March 26	Motivation: From Concepts to Applications	Ch. 8	
5	March 30	Foundations of Group Behavior	Ch. 9	
	April 2	Understanding Work Teams	Ch. 10	
6	April 8	Communications	Ch. 11	Monday class (April 6) make-up
	April 9	Leadership	Ch. 12	
7	April 13	Power and Politics	Ch. 13	Wednesday class (April 15) add-on
	April 15	Conflict and Negotiation	Ch. 14	
7/8	April 16	Foundations of Organization Structure	Ch. 15	
	April 20	Organizational Culture and Change	Ch. 16	
8/9	April 23	Human Resource Systems and Practices	Ch. 17	
	April 27	Stress and Health in Organizations	Ch. 18	
9	April 29	Final Exam (close book)		8:30 ~ 10:30

Note: Additional Readings related to the chapters will be announced in class and send them to you via email or WeChat. Readings handed out in class or in e-copy at least one week before the final are deemed examinable.