Course Information

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Course Pre-requisites and Related Courses

• Pre-requisites: OPRE 6302 and exposure to probability, or consent of the instructor.
  Knowledge of equation solving, derivatives and integrals of polynomials, expectation, variance, covariance, probability distributions. Familiarity with linear and integer programming formulations. Read MBA math review 1-2 under the “Supplements” section of the course web site.
• Math refresher: UTD has a math refresher course that can help you remember what you learnt in a calculus course. Similar content is offered to incoming MBA students as Quantitative Foundations Primer.

Course Description - Objectives

This course explores the key issues associated with the design and management of industrial Supply Chains (SC). SC are concerned with the efficient integration of suppliers, factories, warehouses and stores so that products are distributed to customers in the right quantity and at the right time. One of the primary objectives of SC management is to minimize the total supply chain cost subject to various service requirements.

Students will be able to describe and explain fundamentals of SC and to derive and compute optimal policies/variables, performance measures such as costs/profits, and be aware of SC practices.

Required Textbooks and Materials

• Cases for class discussion: “Aviation Spare Parts Supply Chain Management Optimisation at Cathay Pacific Airways Limited”, HBS case #HKU820-PDF-ENG, Benjamin Yen, Karen Lee, Jonathan Pelosi, publication date Feb 24, 09;
  “Sport Obermeyer Ltd.”, HBS case #695022, Janice H. Hammond, Ananth Raman, publication date Aug 15, 2006;
  Cathay Pacific and Obermeyer cases will be used as a class discussion tool and parts of it may be assigned as a homework.
  “Resta Mattress Company”, by S. Şimşek and M. Çakanyıldırım. Available for free at the course web site. Access to an optimization software such as Excel Premium Solver add-in or capability to work with open source software such as COIN-OR. Premium Solver is available from http://www.solver.com/premium-solver-platform, free for 15 day trail period and purchasable at a fee for longer durations. COIN-OR libraries are available for free from http://www.coin-or.org.
  A recent case on “Amazon”, if there is interest.
• Linear/Integer Programming Notes: Students are expected to know how to formulate a linear/integer program. This subject is discussed in OPRE 6302. To refresh that discussion and see more formulation examples, students are advised to study the “Formulation”, “Transportation” (pp. 1-4) and “Location” course notes under the “Supplements” section of the course web site.
Suggested Course Material

- Textbooks for other Supply Chain Management cores:

- Supplementary books:

- See “SCM News and articles” under the “Supplements” section of the course web site.

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The faculty and administration of the School of Management expect from our students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work. We want to establish a reputation for the honorable behavior of our graduates, which extends throughout their careers. Both your individual reputation and the school’s reputation matter to your success. The Judicial Affairs website lists examples of academic dishonesty: http://www.utdallas.edu/judicialaffairs/UTDJudicialAffairs-Basicexamples.html.

Plagiarism on written assignments, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable. On written assignments, this course can use the resources of https://turnitin.com, which searches the web for plagiarized content and is over 90% effective.

During tests/quizzes, students in this section are not allowed to use any electronic devices, including iPads, iPhones, iPods, MP3 Players, earphones, radios, smart phones, cameras, multi-function timepieces or computers. When possible, students should sit in alternating seats, face forward at all times, and remove any clothing which might conceal eye movements, reflect images of another’s work. Exam proctors will monitor any communication/signaling between students by talking, whispering, making sounds or by using your hands, feet, other body movements, the test paper itself or your writing implement.
Assignments & Grading Policy

• Classes start on Jan 14. Students are advised to attend the classes.
• Grading
  - 8% for Class attendance and contribution to discussion.
  - 25% * Homeworks: There will be about 5 homeworks. You may discuss homework problems with others, but you must write up by yourself with the full understanding of what you write. Students handing in identical assignments will be violating university regulations and will not receive credit! Late homeworks are not allowed unless you negotiate with the TA at least one day in advance. Your minimum homework grade will be dropped from consideration.
  - 23% * Quiz 1: Mar 3.
  - 21% * (Case report 15% on April 21 + Case presentation 6% on April 28).
  - 23% * Quiz 2: Apr 28.
• Overall grades will be curved by considering the current class average and previous class averages. Class averages over 2001-2010 are available on the course web page.
• Students who score less than 50% of the quiz grade must schedule an appointment with the instructor to discuss the possible ways to improve their performance.
• In this course, you will be given +/- minus grades. For example, you may get an A- or B+ grade. Students earn a grade in this course by mastering the course material. Students are not graded based on any type of need, amount of effort, family, personal circumstances, or their previous record in other courses.

UTD Resources

• Practice Lecture Series: We expect to host 1-2 lectures in class. They will be on Supply Chain Management Practice and be given by practitioners from Dallas area companies. Lecture dates will be announced later on the course web site.
• Center for Intelligent Supply Networks (C4iSN): http://mgmt.utdallas.edu/c4isn.
• International Center for Decision and Risk Analysis (ICDRIA) performs interdisciplinary research and develops cooperation in risk management and decision-making by exchanging knowledge and experience among academia, industry, and public agencies. For more info: http://som.utdallas.edu/icdria.
• E-Access to Journals via UTD Library: Library electronically subscribes to many journals such as Harvard Business Review, Management Science, which are of interest. To access such a journal go to the UTD Library web page. Click on “E-Journals”. You will see an alphabetical list of journals. Click on ”H” for ”H”arvard Business Review. You will see that HBR is listed 15-20 from the top among the journals starting with letter ”H”. Click on HBR link, you will be transferred to EBSCO web site which keeps the journal. To access from a non-UTD computer, you need UTD ID and password. Please respect the copyright laws.
• Career Center: The SOM Career Center (http://som.utdallas.edu/somResources/somCareerCenter) provides the following services: Career Counseling, Resume Assistance, Interview Assistance, Job Search Assistance, Career Resource Library, Web Resume Database, On Campus Recruiting, Active Internship Program.

Related courses by Prof. Metin Çakanyıldırım

• OPRE 6366 Online: Supply Chain Management Springs.
• OPRE 6377: Demand and Revenue Analytics in Falls.
• OPRE 7310: Probability and Stochastic Processes in Falls.