

IE 400: Principles of Engineering Management – Fall 2020

IMPORTANT: Due to the ongoing pandemic, any change in the university policies about conducting classes and examinations will result in an update on the topics covered and grading assessments, including their percentages. All effort will be made to make these changes as smooth as possible.

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- **Prerequisites:** There are no formal prerequisites for this course. However, students will be expected to be comfortable with mathematics.
- **Recommended Textbooks:** We will not have a formal textbook in this course. Most of the material covered in this course (and much more!) is available in *Operations Research: Applications and Algorithms* by Wayne L. Winston, 4th edition, Thomson Brooks/Cole, 2004. The library has several copies (including earlier versions). For topics in engineering economy: *Contemporary Engineering Economics* by C. S. Park, 5th Ed., Prentice Hall, 2010 is a good reference.
- **Course Objectives:** This course is designed to develop an understanding of management decision making situations faced by engineers in designing, constructing, and operating engineering systems. The objective is to enable students to acquire knowledge and skills on methods and techniques developed for handling and solving problems encountered in such situations. The project assignment will help students gain hands-on experience with software to model and solve several classes of optimization problems.
- **Study Sets:** Study sets will be assigned. Though they will not be collected or graded, it is strongly recommended that you work on these problems on your own since they will serve as an excellent educational tool and preparation for the exams.
- **Homeworks:** There will be a total of 4 homeworks.
- **Project:** The project assignment (due sometime towards the end of the semester) will be a group project involving **at most 3** students from Sections 1 and 2 combined. Please form your project groups as soon as possible and e-mail the names of your group members to İrem, by 23:59 on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Students who do not belong to any group by the deadline will solely be responsible from the project. The details of the project will be subsequently announced during the semester. We will mainly rely on Xpress software (available on campus wide computers) to solve linear and integer programming problems formulated in the MOSEL modeling language (students are welcome to use Gams/CPLEX, Opl/CPLEX, AMPL/CPLEX options as well). You will be on your own in learning how to use the software. **All** the group members are responsible from every step of the project. You will be called in for an oral exam to present the knowledge on the project.

- **Exams:** There will be one in-class midterm and a comprehensive final exam some time during the final exam period. The exact dates and places will be announced during the semester.
- **Make-up Policy:** A make-up examination will only be given under highly unusual circumstances (such as serious health or family problems). The student should contact the instructor as early as possible and provide the instructor with proper documentation (such as a medical note certified by Bilkent University's Health Center).
The **comprehensive** make-up exam will be given before the final exam period.
- **Grading Policy:** Your overall score will be computed based on 20% project, 35% homework (HW1, HW2: 7.5% each; HW3, HW4: 10% each), 20% midterm exam, 25% final exam.
- **FZ Policy:** There is **no** FZ grade, everyone is entitled for the final exam.
- **Tentative Course Outline:**
 - Introduction to Operations Research and Mathematical Modeling
 - Linear Programming Models and Solution Techniques
 - Integer Programming and Network Models and Solution Techniques
 - Project Management via CPM/PERT
- **Rules:**
 1. Please make sure that you have a STARS password and a valid e-mail in the STARS system. All of our communications will be conducted through the STARS system. Please check your **e-mail** regularly for announcements.
 2. A **make-up** examination will only be given under extenuating circumstances (such as serious health or family problems). The student should contact the instructor as early as possible and provide the instructor with proper documentation (such as a medical note certified by Bilkent University's Health Center). The (comprehensive) make-up exam will be given during or right after the final exam period.
 3. Homework assignments will be done individually and should reflect the student's own work.
 4. **Cheating will not be tolerated and will be severely penalized. Disciplinary action will be taken.**