# Information about the module Project Management II

# WS 2016/2017

## Lecture part / Course time

(12:30 – 14:00, nearly every <u>Friday</u>)

#### 1. Course Overview & new issues in the seminar

14th Oct 2016

# 2. Budgeting, cost and time estimation

Estimating project budgets, times and costs, Improving the process of cost estimation, Estimating guidelines for times, costs and resources, Refining estimates and contingency funds

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016

### 3. Scheduling

Background, Network techniques, Extensions and Applications

28th Oct 2016

# 4. Reducing project duration + International projects

Rationale for reducing project duration,
Project cost-duration graph, Constructing a project
Cost-duration graph, Practical considerations,
Options for accelerating project completion, What
If cost reduction, not time, is the issue?
Assessing the motivation for international projects,
Environmental factors, Project Site selection, CrossCultural considerations, Selection and training for
International projects

11th Nov 2016

#### 5. Resource Allocation

The resource allocation problem, Resource loading, Resource leveling, Constrained resource scheduling, Multiproject scheduling and resource allocation, Goldratt's critical chain

18th Nov 2016

#### 6. Monitoring and information systems

The planning-monitoring-controlling cycle, Information Needs and the reporting process, Earned value Analysis, Computerized PMIS

25th Nov 2016

# 7. Project control

The fundamental purposes of control, Three types of control process, Comments on the design of control systems, Control as a function of Management, Balance in a control system, Control of creative activities, Control of change and scope creep

02<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016

### 8. Project Auditing and Termination

Purposes of evaluation, The project audit, Construction and use of the audit report, The project audit life cycle, Some essentials of an audit/ evaluation, Measurement, The varieties of project termination, when to terminate a project, The termination process, The final report, Project closure, Team/Team member and project manager evaluations

09th Dec 2016

#### 9. Leadership: Being an effective Project Manager

Manageing vs. Leading a project, Managing project Stakeholders, Influence as exchange, social network Building, Ethics and project Management, Building Trust: The key to exercising influence, Qualities of an Effective Project Manager

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016

# 10. Managing Project Teams + Managing customer relations

The five-stage team development model, Situational factors affecting team development, Building high-performance project Teams, Managing virtual project teams, Project Team pitfalls

06<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

# 11. Exercises & test (in preparation for exam)

13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

#### Literature, text references:

Amongst others:

Project Management: a managerial approach / Jack R. Meredith, Samuel J. Mantel, Jr. – 5th ed.

Project Management: the managerial process/Clifford F. Gray, Erik W. Larson – 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

**Lecture characteristics:** 

**Exercise:** sometimes within the course time

Activity confirmation: ... written test

#### Seminar characteristics:

- Research & Practical part with the software tool MS Project

- Associated assignments

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(lecture)	
(Seminar / Research & Practical part)	

# Seminar / Research & Practical part:

time:

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Group one - Thursday from 8.30 Group two - Wednesday from 12.00 Group three - Friday from 10.45

(Status: Aug. 16, FB 16, Soe)