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Periode: Autumn 2017 Grading: Internal grading Assessment: Grade Offered in:Odense.

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ECTS / weighting: 5

Programmes:

BA in Business, Language, and Culture - English, BA Autumn Semester, elective subject. Offered in: Odense.

Subject director:

Postdoc Travis Wiltshire, Department of Language and Communication

Content - Key areas:

Working in teams is essential for success in nearly all modern business and organizational environments. To meet this need, this course provides an introduction to teamwork and its many facets. We will focus both on theory and research that help us understand team effectiveness and we will engage in activities that utilize methods to gain practical knowledge of what it means to be a good team member/leader and how to work effectively with others. Importantly, we will cover topics such as team cognition, attitudes, leadership, communication, coordination, collaboration, conflict resolution, and cohesion through readings, lecture and discussion, class exercises, and applied team activities. This knowledge and experience will provide students with not only the teamwork skills that are highly sought by businesses and organizations today, but also techniques for diagnosing and implementing interventions to enhance teamwork effectiveness.

Goals description:

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of and capability to critically evaluate research on effective teamwork.
- 2. Model effective teamwork skills in a real team, including leadership, communication, coordination, collaboration, cooperation, and conflict management.
- 3. Diagnose issues with team effectiveness and recommend techniques/strategies for improving them.
- 4. Implement team development interventions in order to enhance teamwork processes and outcomes.

Time of classes:

Wednesday from 12 to 14 (Travis Wiltshire)

Changes may occur.

Scheduled classes:

2 hours per week. Weighting: 5 ECTS

Literature:

Literature ~400 pages.

Form of examination:

Examination form: An open written home assignment in groups

Group answer: Yes, max 3 students Individual contribution 8-10 standard pages

Second examiner: None

Assessment: 7-point grading scale

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Supplemental information for the form of examination:

1st attemp is offered to the ordinary exam December 2017 / January 2018 2nd attemp is offered to the reexam February 2018 3rd attemp is offered to the ordinary exam June 2018

Comments: BA 2017

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