Course Title:
Seminar in Issues in Human Relations Training

Course Number:
HR 5183-221

Course Description:
Students in this course will study their own learning processes and will participate in their own self-directed learning project on an issue related to human relations training.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:

Location: Wiesbaden, Germany. Class will be held in Basement of the Education Center building at Clay Kaserne; Building #1023E.
Hours: Tue-Fri 6:00-9:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: January 28, 2013

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklamamaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahamaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-7140 (outside the U.S.). (Text prices are available online.)


Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

Course Objectives:

- Students will understand their own learning processes and be able to use specific “peak learning” methodologies as evidenced by the pre-class assignment.
- Students will be able to explain and use the “self-directed learning process” as evidenced by their completion of a “Learning Contract.”
- Students will have a greater understanding of a specific “human relations training” issue as evidenced by their class presentation and documentation of the fulfillment of their “Learning Contract.”

Specifically, students will:

1. Keep a learning log and a class journal;
2. Participate in a team presentation on a topic related to learning;
3. Assess their own learning needs in an area related to human relations training that is of special interest to them;
4. Complete a "Learning Contract," specifying how they will meet their learning needs;
5. Fulfill their "Learning Contract" (sufficient class time will be allowed for this);
6. Make a presentation about what they learned, how they learned it, and an analysis of their learning experience; and
7. Provide documentation that they met their learning needs and analyze their “Learning Contract” experience.

Examples of subjects for "Learning Contracts" are:

- Self-directed learning and using learning contracts
- Experiential learning methods
- Accelerated learning
- Multiple intelligences
- Critical thinking
- Ethics in human relations
- Using Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP) techniques in education/training
- Learning styles
- Adults as learners
- Aging and learning
- Diversity training
- Team building
- Total quality management
- Leadership training
- Learning organizations
- Conflict management training
- Conflict mediation
- Assertiveness training
- Attitudes and learning
- Self Esteem and learning
- Stress Management training
- Consulting methods and skills
- Career development counseling
- Facilitating group process
- Literacy training
- Continuing education
Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

Pre-Class Assignments:

1. Read *Peak Learning* first. As you begin *Peak Learning*, keep a "Learning Log". Include in your log (but do not limit yourself to) a description of your experiences with the following activities from the book:
   a. Those Slow-Learning Blues
   b. Activating Your Inner Learner
   c. Personal Learning-Style Profile
   d. Mind-Mapping Something that Matters to You
   e. Using the Six Hats
   f. Your Ideal Learning Place--Not-So-Instant Replay
   This is not a journal or diary, but rather a log in which to jot notes about your experiences and insights related to your own learning during the few weeks before the class. This will be turned in the first class period.
2. Then read *Training Design Basics (ASTD Training Basics) (Paperback)* by Saul Carliner. Outline each chapter and bring your outline to class. You will be using this text for class presentations.
3. Learning Contract: Because you will only have a few days to complete your "learning contract," you need to begin collecting resources on one of the above topics or a related subject. It needs to be a topic in which you are particularly interested. It could be a subject that you will use in your work or volunteer activities or simply one about which you always wanted to know more. Do not select a topic with which you are already familiar. I will bring as many resources as I can with me. If you want to check about a topic other than the ones listed or ensure that I bring specific resources, E-mail me at drcoberg@aol.com. My phone number is (405) 360-4353.

Post Seminar Project Assignment:

Select one of the subjects listed above for possible "Learning Contracts." This needs to be approved by me before the end of class. Research and read five to seven chapters or articles about the subject and write a four to five page analysis, sharing your reactions to the readings as a human relations professional and/or possible facilitator of adult learning. This may be mailed or e-mailed to me.

Grading:

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

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Education

1982 Ph.D. in Lifelong Learning, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Current Positions

Director, Educational Alternatives, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

• HR 5003 Theoretical Foundations of Human Relations
• HR 5013 Current Problems in Human Relations
• HR 5083 Seminar in Group Dynamics
• HR 5093 Introduction to Graduate Studies in Human Relations
• HR 5113 Grant Writing & Development
• HR 5113 Women & Men in Organizations

Representative Publications and Presentations

• With Feuquae, C. (1988, Spring). *Perceptions of residence halls at the University of Oklahoma - a focus group approach.*
• Coberg, R. L. (1985). *Community leader’s guide, the young Oklahoman drinking driver alternative project.* Oklahoma Highway Safety Office.

Representative Honors and Awards Received

• Oklahoma Safe-Kids Seatbelt Award, 1993
• National Commission Against Drunk Driving 1990 Distinguished Service Award in Prevention
• Advertising Council Award of Merit 1988, Oklahoma Challenge Video
• Outstanding Staff Member 1983, University of Oklahoma Student Association
• Award of Excellence, Managerial Staff Council, University of Oklahoma, 1982

Major Professional Affiliations

• Oklahoma College Personnel Association
• Oklahoma Adult Education Association
• Oklahoma Community Education Association
• Toastmasters International
• Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society