

HRA 502: Human Resource Management

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Course Enrollment: Nine HRA Graduate Students
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Course Purpose

This is a survey course of the human resources functions utilized within an organization and their implications for line and staff personnel. A new graduate student would take this course normally during their first semester of their proposed program. It is intended to provide the graduate student with: (a) an overview of the human resources function in organizational settings, (b) an introduction to campus information systems available, and (c) an introduction to current research resources available for success in the program. We will discuss core human resource functional topics such as human resource planning, recruitment, selection, compensation, performance review training, the legal regulatory environment affecting human resources. Ethical perspectives, international themes, as well as support activities as motivation, job design, job analysis, and planning. The course will draw upon both current HR practices and relevant research. It is imperative that new graduate students have knowledge of literacy services on campus for them to be successful in future coursework. The aim of incorporating information literacy into this course is to create an environment that strengthens the self-efficacy level of the adult learner returning to school and for future success as an HR practitioner.

Library Course Goals

Class members will:

- gain practical and factual knowledge regarding the difference in professional resources and scholarly (peer) resources and research.
- learn fundamentals of accessing this information through library links and professional websites
- develop skills in analyzing and presenting research using APA format
- develop researching skills using the UOFS library system and Blackboard system for projects

Proposed Course Objectives/Outcomes

Students will:

- I. Practice how to search, access, and evaluate current scholarly empirical research, dated

score was 93.75 with a SD of 4.21, and a variance of 17.69. The high score was 99 and low score was 87. The criterion for evaluation for this project (Level 2 Evaluation: Learning) was as follows:

- Choose a research article relevant to a topic covered the chapter/class session.
- The article needed to be from a journal that reported results of research studies (published date no earlier than 2004).
- The content was to be a minimum of 5 pages in length, using APA 5th edition style to include:
 - Cover page (APA)
 - Abstract (APA)
 - Subheadings (APA)
 - A summary of why the student chose the article
 - A photocopy of the article
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Identifies the value and differences of potential resources in a variety of formats (e.g., multimedia, database, website, data set, audio/visual, book)

- Identifies the purpose and audience of potential resources (e.g., popular vs. scholarly, current vs. historical)

3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student reevaluates the nature and extent of the information need.

Outcomes:

- Reviews the initial information need to clarify, revise, or refine the question

Standard Two: The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student selects the most appropriate investigative methods or information retrieval systems for accessing the needed information.

Outcomes:

- Selects efficient and effective approaches for accessing the information needed from the investigative method or information retrieval system
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student constructs and implements effectively-designed search strategies.

Outcomes:

- **Develops a research plan** appropriate to the investigative method
 - Identifies keywords, synonyms and related terms for the information needed
 - Selects controlled vocabulary specific to the discipline or information retrieval source
 - Implements the search strategy in various information retrieval systems using different user interfaces and search engines, with different command languages, protocols, and search parameters
 - Implements the search using investigative protocols appropriate to the discipline
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student retrieves information online or in person using investigative protocols appropriate to the discipline

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5. Performance Indicator: The information literate student extracts, records, and manages the information and its sources.

Outcomes:

- Differentiates between the types of sources cited and understands the elements and correct syntax of a citation for a wide range of resources
- Records all pertinent citation information for future reference

Standard Three: The information literate student evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system.

5. Performance Indicator: The information literate student determines whether the new knowledge has an impact on the individual's value system and takes steps to reconcile differences.

Outcomes:

- Investigates differing viewpoints encountered in the literature
- Determines whether to incorporate or reject viewpoints encountered

6. Performance Indicator: The information literate student determines whether the initial query should be revised.

Outcomes:

- Determines if original information need has been satisfied or if additional information is needed
- Reviews search strategy and incorporates additional concepts as necessary
- Reviews information retrieval sources used and expands to include others as needed

Standard Four: The information literate student, individually or as a member of a group, uses information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student applies new and prior information to the planning and creation of a particular product or performance.

Outcomes:

- Organizes the content in a manner that supports the purposes and format of the product or performance (e.g. outlines, drafts, storyboards)
 - Articulates knowledge and skills transferred from prior experiences to planning and creating the product or performance
 - Manipulates digital text, images, and data, as needed, transferring them from their original locations and formats to a new context
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student communicates the product or performance effectively to others.

Outcomes:

- Chooses a communication medium and format that best supports the purposes of the product or performance and the intended audience
 - Uses a range of information technology applications in creating the product or performance
 - Incorporates principles of design and communication
 - Communicates clearly and with a style that supports the purposes of the intended audience
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student acknowledges the use of information sources in communicating the product or performance.

Outcomes:

- Selects an appropriate documentation style and uses it consistently to cite sources

Standard Five: The information literate student understands many of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and accesses and uses information ethically and legally.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student follows laws, regulations, institutional policies, and etiquette related to the access and use of information resources.

Outcomes:

- Uses approved passwords and other forms of ID for access to information resources
- Complies with institutional policies on access to information
- Preserves the integrity of information resources, equipment, systems and facilities
- Legally obtains, stores, and disseminates text, data, images, or sounds
- Demonstrates an understanding of what constitutes plagiarism and does not represent work attributable to others as his/her own

Proposed Course Objective/Outcome II (Project 2)

Outcomes:

- Defines or modifies the information need to achieve a manageable focus
 - Identifies key concepts and terms that describe the information need
 - Recognizes that existing information can be combined with original thought, experimentation, and/or analysis to produce new information
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student identifies a variety of types and formats of potential sources for information.

Outcomes:

- Identifies the purpose and audience of potential resources (e.g., popular vs. scholarly, current vs. historical)
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student considers the costs and benefits of acquiring the needed information.

Outcomes:

- Defines a realistic overall plan and timeline to acquire the needed information

Standard Two: The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.

1. The information literate student extracts, records, and manages the information and its sources.

Outcomes Include:

- Selects among various technologies the most appropriate one for the task of extracting the needed information (e.g., copy/paste software functions, photocopier, scanner, audio/visual equipment, or exploratory instruments)
- Creates a system for organizing the information
- Records all pertinent citation information for future reference
- Uses various technologies to manage the information selected and organized

Standard Three: The information literate student evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student summarizes the main ideas to be extracted from the information gathered

Outcomes:

- Reads the text and selects main ideas
 - Restates textual concepts in his/her own words and selects data accurately
 - Identifies verbatim material that can be then appropriately quoted
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student articulates and applies initial criteria for evaluating both the information and its sources.

Outcomes:

- Examines and compares information from various sources in order to evaluate reliability, validity, accuracy, authority, timeliness, and point of view or bias
- Analyzes the structure and logic of supporting arguments or methods
- Recognizes prejudice, deception, or manipulation

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Outcomes:

- Determines the availability of needed information and makes decisions on broadening the information seeking process beyond local resources (e.g., interlibrary loan; using resources at other locations; obtaining images, videos, text, or sound)
- Defines a realistic overall plan and timeline to acquire the needed information
- Performance Indicator: The information literate student reevaluates the nature and extent of the information need.

Outcomes Include:

- Reviews the initial information need to clarify, revise, or refine the question

Standard Two: The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student selects the most appropriate investigative methods or information retrieval systems for accessing the needed information.

Outcomes:

- Identifies appropriate investigative methods (e.g., laboratory experiment, simulation, fieldwork)
 - Investigates benefits and applicability of various investigative methods
 - Investigates the scope, content, and organization of information retrieval systems
 - Selects efficient and effective approaches for accessing the information needed from the investigative method or information retrieval system
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student constructs and implements effectively-designed search strategies.

Outcomes:

- Identifies keywords, synonyms and related terms for the information needed
 - Selects controlled vocabulary specific to the discipline or information retrieval source
 - Constructs a search strategy using appropriate commands for the information retrieval system selected (e.g., Boolean operators, truncation, and proximity for search engines; internal organizers such as indexes for books)
 - Implements the search strategy in various information retrieval systems using different user interfaces and search engines, with different command languages, protocols, and search parameters
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student retrieves information online or in person using a variety of methods.

Outcomes:

- Uses various search systems to retrieve information in a variety of formats
- Uses various classification schemes and other systems (e.g., call number systems or indexes) to locate information resources within the library or to identify specific sites for physical exploration
- Uses specialized online or in person services available at the institution to retrieve information needed (e.g., interlibrary loan/document delivery, professional associations, institutional research offices, community resources, experts and practitioners)
- Uses surveys, letters, interviews, and other forms of inquiry to retrieve primary information

4. Performance Indicator: The information literate student refines the search strategy if

necessary.

Outcomes:

- Assesses the quantity, quality, and relevance of the search results to determine whether alternative information retrieval systems or investigative methods should be utilized
 - Identifies gaps in the information retrieved and determines if the search strategy should be revised
 - Repeats the search using the revised strategy as necessary
5. Performance Indicator: The information literate student extracts, records, and manages the information and its sources.

Outcomes:

- Selects among various technologies the most appropriate one for the task of extracting the needed information (e.g., copy/paste software functions, photocopier, scanner, audio/visual equipment, or exploratory instruments)
- Differentiates between the types of sources cited and understands the elements and correct syntax of a citation for a wide range of resources
- Records all pertinent citation information for future reference
- Uses various technologies to manage the information selected and organized

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- Reads the text and selects main ideas
 - Restates textual concepts in his/her own words and selects data accurately
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2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student articulates and applies initial criteria for evaluating both the information and its sources.

Outcomes:

- Examines and compares information from various sources in order to evaluate reliability, validity, accuracy, authority, timeliness, and point of view or bias
 - Analyzes the structure and logic of supporting arguments or methods
 - Recognizes prejudice, deception, or manipulation
 - Recognizes the cultural, physical, or other context within which the information was created and understands the impact of context on interpreting the information
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student synthesizes main ideas to construct new concepts.

Outcomes:

- Recognizes interrelationships among concepts and combines them into potentially useful primary statements with supporting evidence
 - Utilizes computer and other technologies (e.g. spreadsheets, databases, multimedia, and audio or visual equipment) for studying the interaction of ideas and other phenomena
4. Performance Indicator: The information literate student compares new knowledge with

prior knowledge to determine the value added, contradictions, or other unique characteristics of the information.

Outcomes:

- Determines whether information satisfies the research or other information
 - Uses consciously selected criteria to determine whether the information contradicts or verifies information used from other sources
 - Draws conclusions based upon information
 - Determines probable accuracy by questioning the source of the data, the limitations of the information gathering tools or strategies, and the reasonableness of the conclusion
 - Integrates new information with previous information or knowledge
 - Selects information that provides evidence for the topic
5. Performance Indicator: The information literate student determines whether the new knowledge has an impact on the individual's value system and takes steps to reconcile differences.

Outcomes:

- Determines whether to incorporate or reject viewpoints encountered
6. Performance Indicator: The information literate student validates understanding and interpretation of the information through discourse with other individuals, subject-area experts, and/or practitioners.

Outcomes:

- Participates in classroom and other discussions
 - Seeks expert opinion through a variety of mechanisms (e.g., interviews, email, listservs)
7. Performance Indicator: The information literate student determines whether the initial query should be revised.

Outcomes:

- Determines if original information need has been satisfied or if additional information is needed
- Reviews search strategy and incorporates additional concepts as necessary

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2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student communicates the product or performance effectively to others.

Outcomes:

- Chooses a communication medium and format that best supports the purposes of the product or performance and the intended audience
- Uses a range of information technology applications in creating the product or performance
- Incorporates principles of design and communication
- Communicates clearly and with a style that supports the purposes of the intended audience

Standard Five: The information literate student understands many of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and accesses and uses information ethically and legally.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student understands many of the ethical, legal, and socio-economic issues surrounding information and information technology.

Outcomes:

- Demonstrates an understanding of intellectual property, copyright, and fair use of copyrighted material
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student follows laws, regulations, institutional policies, and etiquette related to the access and use of information resources.

Outcomes:

- Uses approved passwords and other forms of ID for access to information resources
 - Complies with institutional policies on access to information
 - Preserves the integrity of information resources, equipment, systems and facilities
 - Legally obtains, stores, and disseminates text, data, images, or sounds
 - Demonstrates an understanding of what constitutes plagiarism and does not represent work attributable to others as his/her own
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student acknowledges the use of information sources in communicating the product or performance.

Outcomes:

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Proposed Course Outcome IV

Students will:

- III . Develop research skills utilizing the library system, during a two-session literacy workshop presentation, at the beginning of the course with 100% accuracy.

Final Course Outcomes

Students initially met with Eugeniu Grigorescu, from the CTLE, on September 6, 2006 for a hands-on Computer lab with formal instruction covering the elements of Blackboard and how the Blackboard Course Management system would be utilized in the HRA 502 course. Students were to utilize Blackboard for the following:

- Course content and supporting materials
- To upload project 1 and 2 into the digital drop box
- Practice using Live chat on September 6th

- Utilized the discussion boards and threads during a scheduled online sessions during week 13 of the class the 13 to post and respond to information
- Post PPT presentations for their Oral Report
- Utilized the A&Q discussion thread for Self-directed learning

The students met with Clara Hudson on September 13 and on October 4, 2006 in McGurrian Hall, lab room 406, for hands-on library instruction on how to search, access, and evaluate Scholarly Research for their first course project and how to search, access, and evaluate Law/Legal Research using Lexis Nexis for their third course project.

All three sessions were imperative to the successful completion of each project as presented in the first three course outcomes. Each student completed each assignment for an overall 100 % pass rate for each project and overall course grade. Based on this information and the outcomes of the course, this faculty member will continue the hands-on Instructional Library Literacy sessions and a hands-on session for Blackboard. A possible fourth session to incorporate more advance library researching techniques is currently under consideration to include in the next course offering of HRA 502.

Presented next are the information literacy standards linked to the specific performance indicators and outcomes achieved through Course *Objective/Outcome 4*. These Literacy Standards are cited as written in the ACRL Information Literacy guidelines located at www.scranton.edu/department/wml/infolit.html

Information Literacy Standards Accomplished in Project 4:

Standard One: The information literate student determines the nature and extent of the information needed.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student defines and articulates the need for information.

Outcomes:

- Confers with instructors and participates in class discussions, peer workgroups, and electronic discussions to identify a research topic, or other information need
- Explores general information sources to increase familiarity with the topic

2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student identifies a variety of types and formats of potential sources for information.

Outcomes:

- Recognizes that knowledge can be organized into disciplines that influence the way information is accessed
- Identifies the value and differences of potential resources in a variety of formats (e.g., multimedia, database, website, data set, audio/visual, book)

3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student considers the costs and benefits of acquiring the needed information.

Outcomes:

- Considers the feasibility of acquiring a new language or skill (e.g., foreign or discipline-based) in order to gather needed information and to understand its context

Standard Two: The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student retrieves information online or in person using a variety of methods.

Outcomes:

- Uses various search systems to retrieve information in a variety of formats
 - Uses specialized online or in person services available at the institution to retrieve information needed (e.g., interlibrary loan/document delivery, professional associations, institutional research offices, community resources, experts and practitioners)
2. Performance Indicator: The information literate student extracts, records, and manages the information and its sources.

Outcomes:

- Uses various technologies to manage the information selected and organized

Standard Three: The information literate student evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system.

1. Performance Indicator: The information literate student articulates and applies initial criteria for evaluating both the information and its sources.

Outcomes:

- Examines and compares information from various sources in order to evaluate reliability, validity, accuracy, authority, timeliness, and point of view or bias
 - Analyzes the structure and logic of supporting arguments or methods
 - Recognizes prejudice, deception, or manipulation
 - Recognizes the cultural, physical, or other context within which the information was created and Performance Indicator: understands the impact of context on interpreting the information
2. The information literate student synthesizes main ideas to construct new concepts.

Outcomes:

- Recognizes interrelationships among concepts and combines them into potentially useful primary statements with supporting evidence
 - Extends initial synthesis, when possible, at a higher level of abstraction to construct new hypotheses that may require additional information
 - Utilizes computer and other technologies (e.g. spreadsheets, databases, multimedia, and audio or visual equipment) for studying the interaction of ideas and other phenomena
3. Performance Indicator: The information literate student compares new knowledge with prior knowledge to determine the value added, contradictions, or other uniqueTd [(Perfor 1 0 0 1 71.

- Participates in classroom and other discussions
- Participates in class-sponsored electronic communication forums designed to encourage discourse on the topic (e.g., email, bulletin boards, chat rooms)

Standard Four

- Participates in electronic discussions following accepted practices (e.g. "Netiquette")
- Uses approved passwords and other forms of ID for access to information resources
- Complies with institutional policies on access to information
- Legally obtains, stores, and disseminates text, data, images, or sounds