

**AMBERTON UNIVERSITY**  
**e-COURSE SYLLABUS**

**HRT6560.E1 Organizational Culture  
Winter 2021**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

HRT6560.E1 Organizational Culture  
Level: Graduate  
Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, December 5, 2020  
Ending Date of Session: Thursday, February 25, 2021  
**Student access available to the Student Portal: Friday, December 4 2020.**

**Winter Holiday Break:**

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
(Classes resume on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021)**

*Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.*

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:**

None

**TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

**Title:** M: Organizational Behavior  
**Author:** McShane & Von Glinow  
**Publisher:** McGraw-Hill  
**Year Published:** 2019  
**Edition:** 4  
**ISBN-13:** 13: 9781259927676  
**Price:** Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com> and other online sources

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, [www.Amberton.edu](http://www.Amberton.edu). There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

**APA Requirement**

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA

research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

### **COURSE COMPETENCIES:**

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

The course examines the development, nature, classifications, and characteristics of organizational culture. Emphasis is placed on the investigation of behaviors and their relationship to organizational culture. The interaction of the individual, groups, the organization and environment are explored. Special attention is given to theories, models and methods for aligning culture to the organizational vision and mission.

### **UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:**

1. Analyzing the impact that the founders, history, and tradition have on an organization's culture.
2. Examining contemporary research findings with regard to organizational behavior.
3. Explaining the impact of corporate culture upon organizational communication.
4. Recognizing how interpersonal skills influence organizational communication and the need to ensure proper development of those skills.
5. Analyzing objectively the impact of organizational politics on corporate culture.
6. Analyzing strategy, structure, power networks, financial position, and systems of a specific organization and their impact on corporate culture.
7. Assessing the role organizational culture plays in the decision-making process both during crises and during daily organizational life.
8. Explaining the nature of the relationship between the individual ethics of organizational leaders and the ensuing ethics of the organization itself.
9. Describing current trends in the workplace that are a result of the conflicts between the new social values of employees and the more traditional values of the organization.
10. Assessing the impact multi-generational representation in the workforce is having on organizational culture values, norms, behaviors, and attitudes.
11. Illustrating the complexity and challenge of managing cross-cultural human relationships.
12. Analyzing contemporary approaches to designing organizations and systems that positively affect an organization's culture.
13. Conducting an in-depth analysis of the culture within an organization.
14. Identifying strategies that help companies align culture with corporate vision.
15. Recognizing the connection between culture and workplace behaviors.
16. Matching business situations to their relationship with organizational culture.
17. Matching cultural traits with their manifested workplace behaviors.
18. Identifying the applicable steps to change corporate culture.
19. Understanding the implications of subcultures.
20. Explaining the role of leadership in using culture as a tool to sustain a high performance organization.

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

**(1) DO NOT plagiarize in any way.** Any student that plagiarizes, regardless of intent, **will receive a zero** for the assignment. Academic honesty is highly valued at Amberton University. A student must always submit work that represents his or her original words or ideas. Review the section herein that discusses Academic Honesty/Plagiarism. Plagiarism can be described as, but is not limited to the following examples:

- Having a tutor or friend complete a portion of your assignments
- Having a reviewer make extensive revisions to an assignment
- Copying work submitted by another student to a public class meeting
- Using information from online information services without proper citation
- Using any source of information without proper citation

## **(2) Late Policies:**

### **Late Policy for Assignments is as follows:**

Late Assignments will be penalized with a 15% grade deduction for each day late for the first 2 days, unless you have made prior arrangements with me. If an assignment is turned in **3 or more days late, NO points will be earned. Deadlines will be defined as 11:59 p.m. CST.** Do not wait until the last minute to turn in assignments. The syllabus is offered well in advance to allow students to plan accordingly.

Special Note: No late assignments will be accepted in the last week of the course, except in extreme circumstances and arrangements have been made with the instructor prior to the due date. No assignments or exams will be accepted after the course end date.

### **Policy for Exams is as follows:**

Midterm and Final Exams are timed tests.

*Web-based Exams:* Web-based exams must be taken within the range of dates provided in the course materials, timed tests must be submitted before timer expires, or test will be lost, and no points awarded.

**(3) No Extra credit** – There is no extra credit in graduate school in my courses.

**(4)** Assignments not submitted correctly will not be graded or returned. Directions in course room.

**(5)** All assignments must be completed in order to receive a passing grade in this course. Even assignments that are late and do not receive a grade must be turned in. In other words, you do not have the option of skipping one or two assignments and taking a lower grade in the course. **Failure to complete all assignments as specified will result in a grade of an “F.”**

**(6) Assignments that do not rise to the level of graduate level work will be graded accordingly.** Please adhere to recognizable and consistent guidelines when preparing your papers, especially when citing other sources. **APA standards will be strictly enforced**, so be sure to use the latest APA Manual, rather than programs which claim to do this automatically. I have not yet seen any programs that do this perfectly.

**(7) Academic Resources** - When you are conducting research for any assignment, the majority of your sources should be the **text books** or **peer-reviewed academic journals**, such as those you find in the University library databases. Some sources can be from article written by experts in magazines or online, but only if they are verifiable experts and have author names.

**WARNING: Internet searches will often take you to non-academic information resources** such as Wikipedia.com, Ask.com, Answers.com, Encarta.msn.com, Infoplease.com, etc. Keep in mind that the information you find in these sources is unreliable and may not be accurate, since it does not come under a formal oversight or peer-review process. Avoid using these types of sources. **It is NOT permitted in this course and will NOT be counted towards fulfilling assignments.**

While you may use and cite some non-academic resources such as trade journals or an organization's website only when researching a company, you may not rely on them exclusively, keep them to minimum. With this exception of company Web sites for company-research, no un-authored material may be cited in this course. If a company Web site is used, students must take strong measures to determine the *author* (corporate or individual) and *date* of the material cited, per APA guidelines. No other un-authored sources may be used.

The use of primary sources, when appropriate, is always encouraged. For example, when writing about leaders in certain industries, one may want to issue questionnaires, surveys or conduct interviews. Data from these sources is considered primary, as opposed to secondary data found in some peer-reviewed journals. Keep in mind, there are proper ways of conducting primary research and these methods go beyond the scope of this class. Therefore, quality secondary sources should be your primary source of research and information.

Remember that you are responsible for the accuracy of any facts presented in your assignments and therefore should confirm the veracity of information you find on non-academic sources through further research.

Read the Research Resources section at the end of this document.

**(8)** A successful learning experience depends on the student's willingness to stay on schedule with respect to due dates, course readings and other requirements. You are encouraged to plan ahead and pace yourself so that adequate time is allotted for each assignment and unexpected circumstances do not hinder your success.

**(9) Feedback** – I will provide grades for **graded assignments** within 5-6 days of the due date. Graded assignments are **not** the same as those that receive participation grades. Assignments and DQs that count as participation grades are merely assigned a numerical point grade. However, if you need feedback at any time regarding participation grades, please ask me, and I will be happy to provide it.

**(10)** Amberton University policy states that it is up to an instructor's discretion as to whether or not he or she grants an "Incomplete" at the end of a course. Be advised, **I do NOT grant "Incompletes"** in my courses.

**(11) Student's Responsibilities** – This syllabus contains information, policies and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

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### ***Attendance Policy:***

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. Ceasing to attend classes **does not** constitute an official withdrawal.

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be dropped at the discretion of Amberton University.

### ***Plagiarism Policy***

Plagiarism is using another person's work as your own. Plagiarism is a violation of the University's code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operated on an honor system, and honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All

Amberton University students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all of their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based anti-plagiarism services and applications at any time.

### COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:

Week	Due Date	Activity	Points	Grade Type	Competencies Covered
<b>Course Start: Sat. 12-5-20</b>					
Week-1	Fri. 12/11	DQ 1	1	Participation Grade	0
		Assign. 1	2	Participation Grade	0
Week-2	Thurs.. 12/17	Assign. 2	2	Participation Grade	2,3,4,5
Week-3	Fri. 1-8-21	Assign. 3	2	Participation Grade	6,1,7,8,9
Week-4	Fri. 1-15-21	DQ2	5	Assignment Grade	8,10,9,3,11
Week-5	1/16 - 1/22	Midterm	25	Exam Grade	1,2,4,5,6,7,8,3
Week-6	Fri. 1-29-21	Assign. 4	2	Participation Grade	12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Week-7	Fri. 2-5-21	Assign. 5	30	Assignment Grade	15,16,17,18
Week-8	Fri. 2-12-21	DQ 3	5	Participation Grade	3,4,8,10
Week-9	2/13 - 2/19	Final	25	Exam Grade	10,11,12,13,14,15,16,18
Week-10	Thurs. 2-25-21	DQ 4	1	Participation Grade	0
<b>Course End: Thrs. 2-25-21</b>					

### GRADING CRITERIA:

(Grading Scale – Provide the number and percent value of assignments, exams, papers, reports, group projects, etc. **along with** the appropriate University’s grading scale below. Be DETAILED to give your students the most information possible prior to the start of the session.)

Graduate	
92 – 100	A
82 – 91	B
72 – 81	C
62 – 71	D
Below 62	F

### GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

A successful distance learning experience requires a flow of communication between instructor and student throughout the session. Instructor comments are considered essential to the learning process. Therefore, each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded and returned to the student in a timely manner along with the appropriate commentary. Students should carefully review all comments.

Final grades are mailed approximately one week after the last day of the session to the student’s address of record. Amberton University staff will not post or release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their University email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in *Professor Information* area.

### ***Incomplete Grades***

An “I” (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an “I” be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An “I” which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an “F” grade.

### ***How To Withdraw From a Course***

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

### **COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:**

This course is offered as a distance-learning course through the Moodle Learning Platform. Amberton's distance learning courses, called e-Courses, are identical to classroom courses in terms of learning outcomes, competencies, and instructor expectations. A student choosing to take an e-Course must have the following skills and technical capabilities:

1. Access to the Internet
2. General knowledge in:
  - Internet browser settings and configuration
  - e-mail and file attachments
  - Uploading and downloading files
  - Using a word processing package
3. Ability to conduct on-line research

Students who have not mastered these skills should not enroll for this course, but should consider enrolling in MIS2110 Computer Concepts and Internet Technologies for instruction in these areas.

### **HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:**

#### ***Through the Amberton University Student Portal***

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may access the course through the Amberton University Student Portal. The site may be accessed through the University's main page (<http://www.Amberton.edu>) or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>. After selecting the "Student Portal" link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password.

Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below to enter the AU Student Portal:

**Username** = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

\* Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University's records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789

Username: JJonesJr789

**Password** = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including your individual E-Course, email account, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi, Research Tutorials and Electronic Instructor Folders (FTP).

If you are accessing the Student Portal from a public or shared computer, close the browser completely when finished, or click on the Logout button. For security purposes, no other person should have access to your Username or Password. If you feel your information has been compromised or if you experience technical difficulties, contact the e-course system administrator at: [e-sysop@amberton.edu](mailto:e-sysop@amberton.edu)

If you have lost or do not know your Amberton ID#, please contact the Student Services Office 972/279-6511 or [advisor@Amberton.edu](mailto:advisor@Amberton.edu) for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send email to your professor.

### **Through the Amberton University Moodle Website**

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may also access the course by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's University email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

### **Moodle Tutorial:**

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

### **COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system ([my.Amberton.edu](http://my.Amberton.edu)). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for University news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

The student's assigned email address would be Username@my.Amberton.edu

Example: LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith   SSN: 123-45-6789  
Email Address = LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: LJones-Smith789) and your Amberton ID# (including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current account. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your my.Amberton.edu email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>

**Students are responsible for reviewing the "Communication Guidelines" provided on the individual E-Course for specific instructor requirements.**

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodle system. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

### **FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:**

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate assignment Drop Box in the Moodle system. Specific directions and guidelines for submission of assignments are located on-line in the "Communication Guidelines"

of the e-course. Due to compatibility issues, Office 2007 files cannot be read by earlier versions of Microsoft Office. Before submitting an exercise file, confirm the file is in the proper format for grading by the instructor.

### **INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:**

Each session, all Amberton students are provided with the opportunity to evaluate their courses and instructors. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. All information provided is anonymous.

The Instructor/Course Evaluation will be open for completion during week 9 of the session. An evaluation assignment will be placed in week 9 of the Moodle course, along with the instructions on how to complete the evaluation. Prior to week 9, the University will send out an email containing instructions and dates for the evaluation period.

### **ACADEMIC HONESTY/PLAGIARISM:**

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's information as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas or information, or if you use material from a source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge the source. Failure to do so violates Amberton University's ethics policy.

### **RESEARCH RESOURCES:**

The student is encouraged to use the Amberton Electronic Library as a research resource for this course. The Electronic Library provides access to full-text and abstract articles as well as links to a variety of remote research tools. Students can search Amberton Library Resource Center holdings through the on-line public access circulation system. The physical library contains a specialized collection of research materials specifically chosen to support the degrees and courses offered at Amberton. Interlibrary loan and document delivery services are available. The TexShare Card offers borrowing privileges in libraries all across the state of Texas. Students with research questions or questions about Library services are encouraged to visit the Library or email their questions to [library@Amberton.edu](mailto:library@Amberton.edu).

### **RESEARCH TUTORIALS:**

Online research resources are available through "Research Tools Database", accessible through the Student Portal. (For additional assistance, students may access the "Research Tutorials" link located in the General Tools area on the Student Portal.) Access the Portal by clicking "Student Portal" from the University's website. You must know your Amberton ID to access the Portal.

### ***Library Live Chat Feature***

The website allows for a live chat feature with librarians on the library pages. This service allows students to connect with librarians on questions regarding resource assistance, searching data bases and access to library services. [www.amberton.edu/current-students/library/index.html](http://www.amberton.edu/current-students/library/index.html)