

# **BCM524: CONSTRUCTION SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS**

Course Name (English)	CONSTRUCTION SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS APPROVED		
Course Code	BCM524		
MQF Credit	4		
Course Description	This course introduces to students to the field of production management and it represents a mixed concept of scientific and quantitative methods. Production and operation activities start from forecasting, planning for facilities and equipment, designing the best work system, procuring materials and equipment, measuring productivity levels and operational research.		
Transferable Skills	Research and Analytical skills, Numeracy Skills, Problem Solving		
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Blended Learning, Tutorial		
CLO	CLO1 Analyse various business problems using quantitative analysis and production management.  CLO2 Solve various business problems through the use of mathematical measurements and calculations, statistical modeling and research  CLO3 Select suitable production management techniques in improving various business problems  CLO4 Demonstrate good relationship and social interaction among community.		
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations		

### **Topics**

# 1. Introduction to Quantitative Analysis/Operational Research

- 1.1) What is quantitative analysis
- 1.2) The quantitative analysis approach
- 1.3) How to develop a quantitative analysis approach
- 1.4) The role of computers and Spreadsheet Models in the quantitative analysis approach

# 2. Probability Concepts and Application 2.1) Bayes' Theorem

- 2.2) The Normal Distribution
- 2.3) The Exponential Distribution 2.4) The Poisson Distribution

# **3. Linear Programming : The Graphical Method & Simplex Method** 3.1) Solving minimization problems with two or more constraints

- 3.2) Solving maximization problems with two or more constraints

# 4. Transportation Method

- 4.1) Setting up a transportation problem4.2) Solving a problem using the shadow costs method
- 4.3) Solving an unbalanced transportation problem
- 4.4) Explanation on degeneracy in transportation problem

## 5. Assignment Model

- 5.1) Approach of the assignment model5.2) Using Konig Method & Hungarian Method to solve minimization and balanced
- 5.3) problem
- 5.4) Solving a maximization problem and unbalanced problem

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#### 6. Decision Theory

- 6.1) Explanation on the six steps in decision theory
  6.2) Discussion on the types of Decision-Making Environment
- 6.3) Decision making under risk
- 6.4) Decision making under uncertainty

#### 7. Decision Tree and Utility Tree

- 7.1) Explanation on the five steps of Decision Tree analysis
- 7.2) Develop accurate and useful decision trees
- 7.3) Solving a problem by computing expected monetary values
- 7.4) (EMVs) 7.5) Solving a more complex or multi-stage problem
- 7.6) Application of utility theory to solve problems using decision
- 7.7) tree model

#### 8. Introduction to Production Management

- 8.1) Introduction
- 8.2) Functions within business organization
- 8.3) Operations
- 8.4) Finance
- 8.5) Marketing
- 8.6) Other functions
- 8.7) Operations management function
- 8.8) Designing and operating production system
- 8.9) Classifying production systems 8.10) Types of operation
- 8.11) Implications for production system

#### 9. Design of Production System

- 9.1) Capacity Planning: Facilities and equipment
- 9.2) Introduction
- 9.3) Product or service choices
- 9.4) Importance of capacity decisions
- 9.5) Defining and measuring capacity
- 9.6) Determinants of effective capacity
- 9.7) Determining of capacity requirements
- 9.8) Long-term
- 9.9) Short-term 9.10) Design Work System
- 9.11) Introduction
- 9.12) Work systems design
- 9.13) Human factors
- 9.14) Work system measures 9.15) Reliability

- 9.16) Availability 9.17) Maintainability
- 9.18) Job Design
- 9.19) Job design factors 9.20) Method analysis
- 9.21) Working environment
- 9.22) Work Measurement 9.23) Time study
- 9.24) Motion study
- 9.25) Work sampling
- 9.26) Labour standards and incentives
- 9.27) Learning curves 9.28) Inventory planning

### 10. Forecasting

- 10.1) Introduction
- 10.2) Steps in the forecasting process
- 10.3) Approaches to forecasting
- 10.4) Forecasts based on judgement and opinion
- 10.5) Forecasts based on historical data
- 10.6) Associative forecast techniques
- 10.7) Accuracy and control of forecasts
- 10.8) Elements of good forecasts

## 11. Aggregate Planning

- 11.1) Aggregate Planning
  11.2) Introduction and overview of aggregate planning
- 11.3) The concepts of aggregate planning
- 11.4) Purpose and scope of aggregate planning
- 11.5) Demand and capacity
- 11.6) Inputs to aggregate planning 11.7) Decision variables and costs
- 11.8) Basic strategies for meeting uneven demand

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- 11.9) Choosing a strategy
  11.10) Techniques for aggregate planning
  11.11) Informal techniques
  11.12) Mathematical techniques

- 11.13) Disaggregating the aggregate plan

## 12. Material Requirements Planning (MRP)

- 12.1) Introduction
  12.2) Independent versus dependent demand items
  12.3) Just-in-time philosophy
  12.4) The approach of MRP
  12.5) Inputs and outputs

- 12.6) Bills of materials 12.7) Master production plan
- 12.8) Inventory record files

- 12.9) MRP processing 12.10) Lots sizing 12.11) Safety stock 12.12) Extension of MRP
- 12.13) Business requirement planning (MRPII) 12.14) Capacity requirement planning (CRP)

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Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	40.00%
Final Assessment	60.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment				
	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Assignment	Calculation assignment on quantitative analysis	15%	CLO2
	Assignment	Students require to conduct case study and present their finding. Task related to managerial skills.	15%	CLO3
	Group Project	n/a	10%	CLO4

Reading List	Recommended Text	Lau Too Kya 2011, <i>Quantitative Business Analysis for UiTM</i> , 9, Oxford Fajar Sdn Bhd Selangor Darul Ehsan [ISBN: 9789834509842]	
		Alan Griffith; Paul Watson 2013, Construction Management: Principles and Practice, Palgrave Macmillan [ISBN: 978033396878]	
	Reference Book Resources	Barry Render;Ralph M. Stair; Michael E; Hanna; Trevor S. Hale 2014, <i>Quantitative Analysis for Management</i> , 12 Ed., 15, Prentice Hall [ISBN: 978013350733]	
		Jon Curwin; Roger Slater; David Eadson 2013, <i>Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions</i> , 7 Ed., Cengage Learning Bedford Row London [ISBN: 1408060191]	
Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources		
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources		

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