

# Everyone's Smart University

## Project (Spring 2021)

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## PROJECT LEADERSHIP

### Instructions:

- ☐ آخر موعد للتسليم هو يوم الخميس 20-05-2021 في تمام الساعة ٩ مساءً.
- ☐ الإجابة متاحة باللغة الإنجليزية أو اللغة العربية مع مراعاة أن تكون المصطلحات العلمية باللغة الانجليزية.
- ☐ يتم تسليم المشروع في صيغة ملف pdf مع الالتزام بنموذج الجامعة ولن تقبل أي مستندات أخرى.
- ☐ يجب مراعاة أقسام البحث الرئيسية (مقدمة Introduction، دراسات علمية سابقة Literature Review، طريقة البحث Methodology، النتائج والمناقشة Results and Discussion، وأخيراً المراجع References. وان كان هناك ملحقات Appendices يتم إضافتها)
- ☐ يجب الالتزام بـ Theme موحد كما يلي:
  - حجم الخط 12.
  - نوع الخط Arial.
  - لون الخط أسود.
  - المسافة بين الأسطر 1.5 line spacing.
  - عدد صفحات البحث (لا تقل عن ثلاث صفحات ولا تزيد عن ستة صفحات).

Instructor's Name: **Dr. Sara Adel**

## THE IMPACT OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS ON PROJECT SUCCESS IN **YOUR ORGANIZATION**: A CASE OF YOUR OWN.

Different leadership styles are the key factor in the success of any project. Project Leaders are responsible and accountable for the success/failure of the project. There are numerous responsibilities that are assigned to a Project Leader during the leadership journey.

### **YOUR MISSION:**

Your research/project must provide an overview of information and knowledge in a corporate environment with an underlying theme of **defining leadership styles within applying the hard and soft skills** for that style needed by the leader to ensure successful project delivery in your organization. (You are required to demonstrate your understanding of the relevant body of works to real-life business research).

Choose one only of the following project leadership skills using the tools that we learned during the project leadership course; starting from identifying and assess the case till executing the project.

- Prioritization (Using tools for Estimation – Scheduling – Tracking – prioritizing stakeholders).
- Team management (Using Team structures – Team development stages – Team needs).
- Embracing Accountability (Using RASCI)
- Conflict resolution (Using the Thomas-Kilmann conflict mode instrument).
- Motivation (Using one theory of motivation – Types of motivators).
- Communication in the project.
- Influencing (Using different sources of LEADER POWER).

### **What you have to do:**

Your project task requires the preparation of a full project proposal that should contain the following components:

- **Introduction:** A detailed statement of the problem, research aim, and objectives that you would like to investigate and discuss. **(2 points)**

- **Literature Review and Conceptual framework:** An analysis of the literature relevant to the research topic that will give you the conceptual basis for conducting your research from the previous studies. **(2 points)**
- **Methodology:** Based on the conceptual framework, research aim(s), and objectives, you need to provide a detailed description of the data collection tools, data sources. **(2 points)**
- **Results and Discussion:** Description about the main findings of a research, outline your thoughts to defend your research and to emphasize the significance of it. **(4 points)**
- **References:** Lists all the resources you've used in your project, and your refereed journal articles as well. **(2 points)**
- **Appendices (If it is available in your study):** Any supplementary material you need to add. (Optional)

[Write the names of the chapters/sections of your research/ project and briefly discuss what you will write in those chapters/sections] .

Best of luck...

**Dr. Sara Adel**

## تأثير مهارات القيادة على نجاح المشروع في مؤسستك: حالة عملية خاصة بالطالب.

أساليب القيادة المختلفة هي العامل الرئيسي في نجاح أي مشروع. قادة المشروع مسؤولون عن نجاح / فشل المشروع. وهناك العديد من المسؤوليات الموكلة لقائد المشروع خلال رحلة القيادة.

### مهمتك:

يجب أن يوفر بحثك لمحة عامة عن المعلومات والمعرفة في بيئة المؤسسة الخاصة بك وهي موضع الدراسة مع تحديد أنماط القيادة في إطار تطبيق المهارات الخاصة بالقائد والمناسبة لهذا النمط الذي يحتاجه القائد لضمان تسليم مشروع ناجح في المؤسسة. (أنت مطالب بإثبات فهمك لما تم دراسته وتطبيقه بالأبحاث الواقعية في مؤسستك).

اختر واحدة فقط من مهارات قيادة المشروع التالية باستخدام الأدوات التي تعلمناها خلال مقرر القيادة في المشاريع.

- Prioritization (Estimation – Scheduling – Tracking – prioritizing stakeholders).
- Team management (Team structures – Team development stages – Team needs).
- Embracing Accountability (RASCI)
- Conflict resolution (The Thomas-Kilmann conflict mode instrument).
- Motivation (Using one theory of motivation – Types of motivators).
- Communication in the project.
- Influencing (Using different source of power).

### ما عليك القيام به:

تتطلب مهمة مشروعك إعداد مقترح مشروع كامل يجب أن يحتوي على المكونات التالية:

- **مقدمة:** بيان تفصيلي للمشكلة محل الدراسة، تحديد هدف البحث والأهداف التي ترغب في التحقيق فيها ومناقشتها من خلاله.
- **دراسات علمية سابقة:** تحليل الأدبيات والدراسات السابقة ذات الصلة بموضوع البحث والتي ستساعدك في مجال الدراسة لإجراء هذا البحث.
- **المنهجية وطريقة البحث:** بناءً على أهداف البحث، تحتاج إلى تقديم وصف تفصيلي لأساليب وأدوات جمع البيانات ومصادر البيانات والأساليب / الأدوات التي ستستخدمها.
- **النتائج ووصف المناقشة حول النتائج الرئيسية للبحث:** شرح مفصل للمشكلة محل الدراسة.
- **المراجع:** تسرد جميع المصادر التي استخدمتها في مشروعك، ومنها مقالات المجلات المحكمة أو المواقع المستخدمة للبحث.
- **الملحقات** (إذا كانت متوفرة في دراستك): أي مواد تكميلية تحتاج إلى إضافتها. (خيارية).

{اكتب أسماء فصول وأقسام (البحث / المشروع) الخاص بك، وناقش بإيجاز ما ستكتبه في كل قسم}.

كل التوفيق لكم جميعاً.....

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## **Communication In The Project**

### **Introduction**

Communication is an essential process in our day-to-day life, and the entire world revolves around it. Lasswell's Maxim defines communication as “who says what to whom in what channel with what effect”. Communication is exchanging of information from one point of the project to the other point in an efficient manner. Like this, there are various definitions and concepts about communication in today's world. However, how important is this communication in project management, we can say that this is “Project—Life Blood” as everything in a project is based on how efficiently we perform this. (Rajkumar, S. (2010))

So, the communication is the most important skill to the project manager and members and as we know that about 80% of communication is handled and managed by the project manager.

In this research we will discuss and present solutions for some of the mistakes and problems in communication that happened either in projects or life and the purpose of that is to increase the quality of the communication to reduce the bad impact on the project.

### **Mistakes and problem in communication**

The problem in communication is usually a reason for mistakes happened from the sender and receiver and the following some of these problems:

1. Not truly listening.

2. Assuming you know the message before the person finishes
3. Interrupting the speaker
4. Letting your emotions dictate your response.
5. Failing to account for cultural differences in communication.
6. Misinterpreting the message
7. Attacking character rather than behavior

### How to avoid communication mistakes?

The project manager should be strong in his leadership and active listening skills at the beginning. Also, he should add to risks registrar the mistakes in communication that might happened with its mitigation plan, the benefit from this is ensuring that the awareness about these mistakes is there. As shown in the below table.

| No | Risk                                                          | Mitigation Plan                                                                                                 |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Not truly listening                                           | Active listening and stop all interrupters                                                                      |
| 2  | Assuming you know the message before the person finishes      | Do not ever assume just listen and ask                                                                          |
| 3  | Interrupting the speaker                                      | Write the idea that come to your mind at the middle of discussion on your phone or note then say it later.      |
| 4  | Letting your emotions dictate your response                   | A good communicator allows emotions to sit for a while and then chooses to carefully respond rather than react. |
| 5  | Failing to account for cultural differences in communication. | When communicating with people from other cultural backgrounds, It's important to account for cultural          |

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|   |                                          | differences in communication styles.<br>If we don't, we may accidentally offend or miscommunicate with someone. |
| 6 | Misinterpreting the message              | Be sure to use appropriate punctuation and ask clarifying questions to ensure you understand the other person.  |
| 7 | Attacking character rather than behavior | An effective communicator should address the actual behavioral issue and leave it at that.                      |

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