

Wayland Mission Statement

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Contact Information

Course: MGMT 6318 VC01 – Theories of Employee and Labor Relations

Campus: WBUonline

Term/Session: Spring II 2023 (Mar 27 – May 20)

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Class Meeting Time and Location: Online, Blackboard

Textbook Information

Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials:

No Textbook

Optional Materials:

- APA 7th Ed. Manual
- [Grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com)©
- [Recite](https://www.recite.com)© Reference Checker (Free version available)

Course Information

Catalog Description:

Examination of both classical and current research into relations between the organization and employees and/or unions and the effects on organizational performance.

Prerequisite: In good standing with the DMGT program

Course Outcome Competencies:

- Examine and evaluate employee and labor relations theories as strategic tools
- Critique and synthesize employee and labor relations theories as strategic tools
- Propose research projects that extend or combine research in the management of employee and labor relations
- Apply research theories to current employee and labor relations issues
- Integrate course concepts relative to the Christian Worldview

Attendance Requirements

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

University Policies

Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty: Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

Disability Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Director of Counseling, Career and Disability Services serves as the coordinator of students with disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation request at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Accessibility issues with content in WBUonline courses or in Blackboard should be addressed to the WBU accessibility coordinator, Dr. Trish Ritschel-Trifilo, trifilot@wbu.edu or call (806) 291-3745.

Student Grade Appeals: Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

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Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

Requirements:

Grading Topic Points (Total 100%)

- Discussion Board 50%
- Devotionals 10%
- Written Assignments 40%

Grading Scale:

100-90	A	W	Withdrawal
89-80	B	WP	Withdrawal Passing
79-70	C	WF	Withdrawal Failing
69-60	D	I	Incomplete
Below 60	F		

Late Policy:

Unless there are special circumstances as noted below, all work (including Discussion Board assignments and any other graded assignment) must be submitted by the due date.

- Assignments submitted within one week after the due date will receive a 10% deduction. **This does not apply to Discussion Board work. Discussion Board assignments must be completed by the stated due date.**
- Assignments submitted more than one week and less than 2 weeks late will receive a 20% deduction. **This does not apply to Discussion Board work. Discussion Board assignments must be completed by the stated due date.**
- Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis. ***To be considered for an exemption to the policy, students must contact the professor in advance of the due date.***

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term,

within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Tentative Schedule

Session	Theoretical Research Topics	Assignments
Week 1 Mar 27 – Apr 2	Union History and Influences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required First Assignment • Discussion Board
Week 2 Apr 3 - 9	Participants and Union Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Essay (Union Process) • Paper topic ideas discussion • Devotional
Week 3 Apr 17 - 23	Bargaining and Negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Board • Research paper progress
Week 4 Apr 24 - 30	Resolving Disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Board • Devotional
Week 5 May 1 - 7	Contract Administration and Arbitration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Board • Research paper progress
Week 6 May 8 -14	Employee Discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Essay (Discipline) • Devotional
Week 7 May 15 - 21	Labor Relations in the Public Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Board • Draft paper SafeAssign Review
Week 8 May 22 - 27	Labor Relations in Multinational Corporations Note: Last day of the session is Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Board • Final Paper due on Wednesday • Course Reflections

Additional Information

Week 1 Attendance Participation Requirement: By Wednesday, Midnight, your local time zone, complete the acknowledgment statement in the discussion board to avoid being dropped from this class.

Discussion board: The discussion board is where you “attend” class and share ideas based on theoretical research with your colleagues. Discussion board activities are planned for Weeks 1,3,5,7, and 8. In general, your initial post is due on Fridays and your response to colleagues are due on Sundays, Midnight, your local time zone. Following late policy procedures, making up a discussion board may be considered on a case-by-case basis and only for emergency situations.

Devotionals: Three topic-related devotionals are included in this course. The initial response is due on Wednesdays, with one follow-on response due on Sundays.

Written Assignments:

Short Essays:

Essay 1 due in Week 2:

Develop a three to a four-page essay reporting on the unionization process from the perspectives of employee representatives, organizational leaders, and union organizations. See Blackboard for the rubric, template, and instructions.

Essay 2 due in Week 6:

(Option 1) Develop a three to a four-page essay comparing and contrasting the employee discipline process between nonunionized and unionized organizations.

(Option 2) Discuss employee discipline and the Family Medical Leave Act. See the case analysis in Blackboard.

Course Research Paper:

Craft an 8 – 10 mini research paper on a topic of interest in this course. See Blackboard for the rubric, template and instructions. A draft of your paper is due by the end of Week 7 for a *SafeAssign* review with the final version due by **Wednesday, of Week 8**. As this is a session-long endeavor, extensions will not be granted so plan accordingly.