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MBAP 401. Leadership Assessment and Development. 3 Units.
This course is designed to increase competitive attractiveness in the marketplace and maximize the added value of the M.B.A. program. The objective of the course is to have students learn a method for assessing and developing in themselves the knowledge and abilities relevant to management throughout their careers. This is accomplished by helping students develop an individualized learning plan to enhance their level of knowledge in 11 fields and 22 abilities. Students engage in a number of assessment activities, then receive feedback and interpret it. This occurs in the context of an Executive Action Team (i.e., students and a facilitator) in which students help each other assess their current capability and future development needs. This course is limited to students in the Part-time Cohort M.B.A. program. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program only.

MBAP 403. Statistics and Decision Modeling. 3 Units.
This course provides the foundations of statistical and operations research methodologies for managerial decision-making. Business statistics focuses on statistical thinking as one of the fundamentals of effective management. Topics covered include sampling and the normal distribution, making inferences from data via confidence intervals and hypothesis tests, and analyzing relationships between samples. Decision modeling of organizational systems uses mathematical and computer models to provide a quantitative perspective on identifying, analyzing and solving complex decision problems. This course includes an introduction to linear programming models and applications, simulation techniques in decision-making, and project management. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program.

MBAP 404. Managing People and Organizations. 3 Units.
Examines the behavioral sciences relevant to the effective management of people and the effective design of human resources system, structure and policies. Topics include leadership, change management, motivation and pay systems, team dynamics, staffing, decision making, organizational communications, employee participation, performance appraisal, conflict management, negotiation, work design, organizational design, and organizations culture. A variety of methods, including experiential and interactive learning methods, are used to study these topics. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program.

MBAP 405. Financial Management I. 3 Units.
This is a Corporate Finance course that deals with investment theory and financial value. The course materials cover discounted cash flows, bond and stock valuation, capital budgeting, applications of real options in investment analysis, asset’s risk and return, cost of capital, market efficiency and capital structure. The tools, problem solving techniques, and ways of thinking that you develop in this course have broad applicability to all areas of business. They also form the basis for sensible personal decisions in the areas of investments, borrowing, and financial planning. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program.

MBAP 406. Economics for Managers. 3 Units.
This course surveys the basic principles of micro and macroeconomics. Topics covered in microeconomics include supply and demand, the theory of production and costs, market structures and factor markets. Macroeconomics topics are the national incomes accounts, the determination of national income, employment and inflation, fiscal and monetary policies and international trade. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program only.

MBAP 407. Managerial Marketing. 3 Units.
This course focuses on managing marketing as a process of creating value and mutually desirable exchanges of values. That is the foundation of a customer orientation and a central theme of market-driven management. Methods for strategic marketing planning, understanding buyer behavior, market analysis, segmentation and devising integrated marketing programs are introduced. Creating customer value and competitive advantage in worldwide markets is the central theme. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program, Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program or MSM in Healthcare only.

MBAP 408. Operations Management. 3 Units.
Operations management deals with the design of products and processes, the acquisition of resources, the conversion of inputs to outputs, and the distribution of goods and services. It is central to a firm's ability to compete effectively. As global competition in both goods and services increases, the management of operations is becoming more and more important. This course provides a broad overview of the managerial issues associated with production and delivery of goods and services. It includes the use of quantitative modeling using computers as a central methodology. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or MSM in Healthcare only.

MBAP 409. Sustainability and Social Entrepreneurship. 3 Units.
This course creates a foundational platform featuring key models and managerial tools for building sustainable value and "turning the social and global issues of our day into business opportunities." Case studies of leading mainstream companies are used to analyze how business value is created for a range of social and environmental initiatives. Students will look at sustainability business strategies that reduce risks, drive down costs, create new revenue streams, serve new markets, and position companies to take advantage of changing societal expectations. Environmental issues such as climate change are covered along with social issues such as global poverty. Students acquire the competencies required to make effective business decisions based on integrating sustainability into the core of a company's value added activities. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program only.

MBAP 410. Strategic Issues and Applications. 3 Units.
This course wraps up the M.B.A. core by providing an integrative experience of applying the full range of managerial skills addressed throughout the core in a comprehensive case exercise. Students develop, document, and present comprehensive, implementable strategic and tactical actions programs in groups. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or Cleveland Clinic Part-time Cohort MBA Program only.
MBAP 411. Identifying Design Opportunities. 3 Units.
Designing is giving form to an idea for a more desirable product, service, process or organization, and refining the idea into something that can be delivered reliably and efficiently. Good design integrates these evolving ideas with the day-to-day realities of a firm’s operations, systems, marketing, economics, finance and human resources. Designing is thus a unique managerial activity that brings together changing technologies, capabilities, relationships, activities and materials to shape an organization’s plans and strategies. It combines analysis and synthesis to create opportunities for improvement and means of attaining them. Viewed this way, designing is a core competence of a successful entrepreneur or innovative leader. Design analysis is the systematic review of the four orders of design found in every firm—namely, the firm’s communications, products, interactions and environments—and the creation of opportunities to increase firm value by improving each. Students will identify ill-defined, ill-structured problems within organizations. Such problems are ones for which there are no definitive formulations and for which the formulation chosen affects the solutions available. For such problems, there is no explicit way of knowing when you have reached a solution, and solutions cannot necessarily be considered correct or incorrect. But finding innovative solutions to such problems can provide unique opportunities to create exceptional value. A major outcome of the semester’s inquiry is a presentation of the design problem and proposed design solution. Prereq: This course is for students in the Part-time Cohort MBA Program or MSM in Healthcare only.