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Office Hours: Monday 2:30-3:30 pm and Tuesday 2:30-4:30 pm  
(You may contact me to schedule office visits at other days and times)

This course uses a systematic approach to study organizations, with special interest in health care organizations. Topics include organizational strategy, goals, technology, size, design, adaptation, decision making, control, culture, processes, politics, conflict, learning, and inter-organizational relations. Conceptual foundations are drawn from organizational theory, management science, systems theory, sociology, and psychology. This course is required; it has no pre-requisites.

*The challenges are organizational, not just clinical.* (Ranga Ramanujam and Denise Rousseau)

*It all depends.* (Common expression)





The schedule has been planned to enable you to meet course objectives. It may change, based on factors that evolve during the semester. Changes will be discussed with the class as much in advance as possible. Please promptly inform me if you foresee any problems or concerns with the course schedule.

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*Class Purpose*

State and describe the purpose, methods, resources, expectations, and grading for this course.

Introduce organization theory and show how managers use organization theory to manage HCOs.

*Class Content*

- \* Syllabus and course orientation
- \* What is an organization?
- \* Levels of organizational analysis
- \* Framework for the book

*Reading*

Syllabus

Designing healthcare organizations to reduce medical errors and enhance patient safety (Reserve reading)

*Reading*  
Daft, ch. 2

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*Class Purpose*

Understand how to design an organizational structure based on specific design elements.  
Analyze, compare, contrast, and evaluate alternative organizational design structures.

*Class Content*

- \* Organization structure
- \* Organizational design alternatives
- \* Functional structure
- \* Divisional and geographical structure
- \* Matrix structure
- \* Horizontal structure
- \* Virtual network structure
- \* Hybrid structure

*Reading*

Daft, ch. 3

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*Class Purpose*

Conceptualize and analyze the external environment of organizations.  
Explain how organizations respond and adapt to their external environments.

*Class Content*

- \* The external environment and sectors
- \* Changing environment and uncertainty
- \* Simple-complex environment
- \* Stable-unstable environment
- \* Adapting to environmental uncertainty and change
- \* Framework for responses to environmental change
- \* External resources

*Reading*

Daft, ch. 4

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*Class Purpose*

Explain and critique the purposes and types of relationships among organizations.  
Describe the work of managers in interorganizational relationships.

*Class Content*

- \* Organizational ecosystems
- \* Interorganizational framework
- \* Resource dependence and supply chain
- \* Collaborative networks
- \* Population ecology
- \* Institutionalism

*Reading*

Daft, ch. 5

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*Class Purpose*

Conceptualize production technology and explain its relationship to organizational structure.







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## Organizational Analysis of a Health Care Organization - Oral