

SYLLABUS

Procurement and acquisition
planning

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1. General Organization

1.1. Subject Information

Subject Information	Topic	Procurement and acquisition planning
	Topic Code	11_2MaPM_FT-EN-11
	Program Name	Master in Project Management Official Program of Universidad Internacional de la Empresa
	Credits	3 ECTS
	Type	Obligatory
	Year	First
	Period	Second
	Language	English
	Teaching Modality	On-Campus
	Recommended study dedication per 1 ECTS	25 hours

1.2. Faculty

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1.3. Subject Presentation

The planning of procurement and acquisitions of the project includes the processes for the acquisition of the products, services or results necessary for the development of the project, as well as the management of the contracts to use and manage for the aforementioned Acquisitions and also the basic knowledge of the legal aspects to be taken into account that are carried out in all types of contracts, either private, public or international.

1.4. Learning results

CC6 Understanding the legal aspects and the different contract models the planning and management of contracts and acquisitions under the frame management.

HD2 Applying values and the values of the organisation in ethical and corporate social responsibility dilemmas in project management.

HD6 Applying time management in the project to prioritise the activities carried out according to criteria of urgency and importance, among others.

CP8 Applying the most suitable contract strategy for the type of Project.

CP9 Inform positively about of a project's values from stage to the presentation of results in order to create interest and encourage results.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Knowledge of the processes taking place in the project supply management functional area Learning the foundations for a project supply management methodology applicable to any type of project.
- Knowing contract administration techniques to optimise resources, reduce risks and conflicts and meet specifications

2. Content

Topic 11. Acquisition planning. Contract strategies and legal agreements

1. Legal aspects of Project Management.

- a. Main legal spheres.
- b. National and International Legal Relationships: International Law.
- c. Private Sector and Public Sector.
- d. Employment legislation applied to contracts
- e. Tax legislation applied to contracts

- f. Civil law applied to contracts
 - g. Trade law applied to contracts
 - h. Safety legislation applied to contracts
- 2. Market, economic operators and procurement.
- 3. General aspects of modern business procurement.
- 4. Private contract regulation
- 5. Industrial property and the business secret
- 6. Types of contract
 - a. Fixed-price contracts, reimbursable cost contracts, time and material contracts.
 - b. Elements of an agreement.
 - c. FIDIC contracts
 - d. Contract standardisation. NEC and ENAA contracts
 - e. Contract procedures
- 7. Public procurement
 - a. The procurement system of public administration: sphere of application, procurement entities and procurement authorization
 - b. Contractor classification
 - c. Types of public contract
 - d. Determining the contract price
 - e. The new configuration of administrative procurement. The Public Sector Contracts Act
 - f. Tenders in national and international contracts
 - g. Economic management of projects and international procurement programmes
 - EPC/turnkey project procurement Outsourcing contracts
 - Service contracts
- 8. Claims
- 9. Disputes and arbitration Contract interpretation. Especially important contract clauses. Dispute settlement methods
- 10. Project procurement planning
 - Procurement process stages
 - Procurement lots and strategy. Relationship with project design and execution phases
 - The Procurement Programme
- 11. Acquisition planning. Contract strategies and legal agreements
- Free competition law and new commercial practices and structures

3. Teaching and Learning Methodologies

Problem-based learning: This methodology places the student at the center of learning. Having previously shared the information and knowledge necessary to deal with the problems, the resolution of these demands the student a process of recognition of the lessons learned, identification of the needs of the problem and development of the appropriate skills to achieve a satisfactory result. The key to the success of this methodology in the program we are dealing with, is the problem-solving and prior exposure, analysis and synthesis of information and knowledge to be sufficient to achieve the best possible outcome in solving the problem,

but also to address enough learning and improvement challenges that motivate students and achieve effective learning

Learning based on experience: This methodological approach bases its effectiveness on the weight of experience in our learning processes. We learn much more from what we do than from what we hear or see. In the program that concerns us, we train professionals to manage and manage projects, so each step, each subject and each module must be oriented towards the development of appropriate skills in project management and management situations. In this sense, the students will work in different projects, across the course and throughout the course to be able to deploy and test the learning as the course progresses.

Case study: The case method would be a complement or a nuance with respect to the methodologies previously proposed. While the final project and business practices may place students in real contexts of problem solving and learning based on experience, most situations must be fictitious, supported by real cases, known or experienced by teachers, and will promote student learning in a simulation environment, without jeopardizing the success of a real project.

Seminars and conferences: Your training will be complemented by the organization of seminars and conferences in which professionals of recognized prestige and real experience in the field will participate.

“Students with disabilities or special educational needs”

EAE Business School will guarantee the achievement of the skills listed for all students. Those students who present special educational needs related to their hearing, visual, physical and/or organic, intellectual disability, mental health problems or temporary disability that directly affect the achievement of their academic results, will be attended by Student Services. Analyzing the particular case, the unit will establish the appropriate measures for curricular adaptation and will provide academic support to both the faculty and the student to achieve them.

It will be an essential requirement for this to issue a report on curricular adaptations by said Unit, so students with disabilities or special educational needs must contact it, in order to jointly analyze the different alternatives.

4. Activities

Activity	# Hours	Face to face (%)
Exposition: Group activities in which the teacher shares with the group knowledge and experiences that serve to frame or provide content for the subject. This exhibition can be oral or written, in the form of a presentation or using any other technological or audiovisual medium. In certain circumstances, the teacher instructs students individually or in	4	100

teams, they are the ones who perform exposure of the key aspects of a subject, prior research topics to be exhibited.		
Comparison of previous knowledge: The contrast with previous knowledge, before or after an exhibition, will be key to reinforce, and strengthen the lessons learned. The diversity of profiles, previous knowledge and experience of the students that make up a group makes this permanent exercise of contrast with their previous knowledge especially difficult, but it is at the same time a source of enrichment that guarantees that the limits of how far each can reach group only depends on the group itself.	4	100
Discussion: Once a knowledge acquisition phase is over, activities are proposed that make it necessary to relate this knowledge, understand it in order to explain and contrast it. These are the activities that we include under the debate and that are of a group nature, although they can be carried out in a different way. In small groups or groups, orally or in writing, based on some questions and discussion guidelines or the students being the protagonists of the moderation itself. In any case, any debate activity will be aimed at achieving a series of conclusions that will be the guarantee of progress in the acquisition of the expected learning. The comparison of scenarios is usually an activity of debate that helps in moderating them and in addressing the conclusions reached.	2	100
Summary: It gathers a whole set of activities, individual or group, that allow to clearly identify the lessons learned. From the realization of a scheme or conceptual map, to the resolution of an exercise, through a presentation or a role-playing game, we will find multiple activities that try to show the acquisition of specific knowledge and skills.	2	100
Síntesis: Este epígrafe recoge todo un conjunto de actividades, individuales o grupales, que permiten identificar claramente los aprendizajes conseguidos. Desde la realización de un esquema o mapa conceptual, hasta la resolución de un ejercicio, pasando por una presentación o un juego de rol, encontraremos múltiples actividades que tratan de poner de manifiesto la adquisición de unos conocimientos y habilidades específicas.	2	100
Problem solving: Problem solving activities generate scenarios of application of the lessons learned and deployment of the	15	26.7

skills developed during the course. They can be both individual and group activities. In solving problems, the scenario is limited and the student is presented very clearly the type of resolution that is expected and the competencies to be deployed for such resolution.		
Case Studies: The resolution of cases places the student in a context very close to that of business reality, where he, individually or in groups, must identify the problem or problems to be solved and display the competencies that he considers most appropriate depending on of the expected outcome. The resolution of cases will involve, in most cases, the creation of management and project management scenarios to display the acquired competencies.	20	40
Self-study: Individual study for exam preparation.	24	0
Tutorials: Sessions to resolve doubts about theoretical concepts or practical work.	4	0
TOTAL	79	

5. Assessment

5.1. Assessment methods

The Student Assessment Model at the University follows the principles of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

Assessment system	Weighting
Continuous assessment activities *	60 %
Weight of each activity: Problems resolution: 10 % Case study/Project design: 40 % Oral presentations: 10 %	
Assessment system	Weighting
Exams*	40%

***In order to pass the course it is mandatory to obtain a minimum average of 5 points in each part independently (Continuous assessment activities and Exams)**

The final grade will be calculated using the weighting described above, except in the case of failure to pass at least one of the two sections. In the latter case, the final grade will be the lowest grade between the continuous assessment activities and the exams.

For sanctions associated with lack of academic honesty, the 'Normativa General de Evaluación y Calificación de la Universidad y la Normativa de Convivencia y Reglamento Disciplinario de Estudiantes' (General Regulation for Assessment and Qualification of the University and the Coexistence and Disciplinary Regulations for Students) will be applied. In particular, the use of content authored by someone other than the student himself must be adequately cited in the submitted work. In the event of a coincidence of more than 15% -reproducing information from sources without properly citing them-, the sanction will be a fail grade (0) in the activity in which it is detected.

In case of repeated behavior, the penalty will be a fail grade (0) in the subject and loss of the call in which the infraction occurred, in addition to the decision taken by the disciplinary committee for being a very serious infringement. Likewise, the use of fraudulent means during the exams will imply a fail (0) and may imply the opening of a disciplinary file.

In order to be assessed in ordinary call, you may not have more than 25% of absences in attendance.

In extraordinary call, the same competences/learning results will be assessed using the same system as in ordinary call. The student must repeat only the evaluative activities that he/she has not passed in ordinary call. Only students who have obtained a final grade of "Fail" or "Not submitted" may apply for extraordinary call.

5.2. Grading system

The course grade will be established on a numerical scale from 0 to 10, with the following associated qualitative grades:

Level of Proficiency	Official Grade	Qualitative Grade
Very competent	9,0 - 10	Outstanding
Proficient	7,0 - 8,9	Remarkable
Acceptable	5,0 - 6,9	Passing
Not yet competent	0,0 - 4,9	Failed

The mention of "Matrícula de Honor" ("Honors" degree) may be awarded at the discretion of the teacher to students who have obtained a grade equal to or greater than 9.0. One honors degree may be awarded for every 20 students when the teacher of the subject considers the performance of the candidates have been exceptional. In the event that the number of students in the group is less than 20, just one Honors Degree may be awarded.

In each of the activities carried out, **the achievement of the learning results** will be measured, with impartiality and objectivity.

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