

MGT 100, Foundations of Business and College Life

Greetings! My name is Dr. Bob Waris and I will be teaching the Management 100 (Foundations of Business) course in the fall and spring semesters this upcoming school year. I would like to introduce myself and give a brief course overview. I received my BA from the University of Missouri-Columbia and after graduation worked as a manager for several years. I decided to move to Kansas City to pursue graduate school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. I received my MBA (double-emphasis management and marketing) and Ph.D. (emphasis organizational psychology) from UMKC. I have been a full-time instructor at the Bloch School of Management since completing my graduate degrees in 2005. In addition to Foundations of Business, undergraduate courses I also currently teach or have taught include Managing the Individual in the Organization, Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness, Human Resource Management, and Managing Groups and Teams. In addition, I have also taught Organizational Behavior and Strategic Human Resource Management at the graduate level.

The Fundamentals of Business course is designed as a broad introduction to the various terms, concepts, functions, and areas of business. Areas of business will entail management, entrepreneurship, marketing, economics, production, accounting, and finance, just to name a few. In this course, we will examine the current, global business environment, as well as the changing nature and trends of business. This course also focuses on developing the student's ability to work in teams and applying the business terms, concepts, and approaches discussed in class to the "real business world" via team-based case studies. In addition, information will be provided to students throughout the semester regarding the various business career opportunities. I look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming school year!

