

**Syllabus SYST 699/OR 680
Masters Program Final Project Course
Fall 2013**

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Course Objectives: This course serves as the synthesis activity for students completing a masters degree in Operations Research (OR 699) or Systems Engineering (SYST 699). Students will complete a major applied and realistic project in their field. Work will be done in small groups. Depending on the nature of the problem, the groups will be comprised of a combination of operations researchers and systems engineers in the proportions appropriate to the problem at hand. The students will prepare a comprehensive final report to the study sponsor, as well as a briefing to the sponsor and the entire SEOR department faculty. Regular in-progress review sessions in which students will report their progress will be held.

Below is a tentative schedule that might change based on the progress of the projects and the resulting reports:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
8/29	Project Descriptions	Team organization
9/5	Presentations, Problem Definition	Prepare Presentation
9/12	Working Session – Class meets	
9/19	Working Session – Class does not meet Work privately on presentation	Send Presentations to Dr. Hoffman by Sat. 9/22/2012
9/26	Presentation	Team Presentation
10/3	Working Session	
10/10	Working Session	1 page status report
10/17	In Progress Review Presentation	Team Presentation (approx 20 mins)
10/24	Working Session	
10/31	Individual Team Meeting w/ instructor	Status and draft of final presentation
11/7	Individual Team Meeting w/ instructor	Status and draft of final presentation
11/14	Working Session	
11/21	Dry run of final presentation	Final report due
11/28	Thanksgiving break	
12/5	Final presentation to Faculty	

Grading:	Proposal	10%
	IPR presentations	20%
	Website	10%
	Final Report	30%
	Final Presentation	<u>30%</u>
		100%