Principles of Quality (PTAC 2314)

Credit: 3 semester credit hours (3 hours lectures)

Prerequisite: MATH 1332, PTAC 1302

Course Description
Study of the background and application of quality concepts. Topics include team skills, quality tools, statistics, economics and continuous improvement.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1. Use statistical process controls to collect, organize, and analyze data.
2. Describe the principles of quality control
3. Use quality tools

Course Outline

A. Why Quality is Important
   a. Quality as a Competitive Tool
   b. Quality Systems
   c. The Quality Marathon
   d. Defining Quality
   e. The Way We Must Think

B. How It All Began
   a. Defining Quality
   b. The Business Need for Quality
   c. The First Heralds of Quality
   d. Sarasohn’s Systems Approach
   e. Quantity Versus Quality
   f. Modern Industrial Production
   g. American Enters the Unending Marathon

C. The Quality Gurus
   a. W. Edwards Deming (1900-1993)
   b. Joseph M. Juran (1904-2008)
   c. Philip B Crosby (1926-2001)
   d. The Japanese Gurus
   e. Kaoru Ishikawa (1915-1989)
   f. Genichi Taguchi (1924- )
   g. Scenario
   h. Two Infants Die After Getting Adult Doses

D. The International Standards Organization
   a. Products and Service Organization
   b. How ISO Began
   c. Standardization and Benefits
   d. American Embraces ISO
   e. Applying for an ISO Standard
   f. Maintaining ISO Registration
   g. From ISO 9000 to ISO 2000
   h. ISO 14000

E. Total Quality Management
   a. Total Quality Management
   b. Barriers to TQM
   c. Initiating TQM
   d. TQM for Profit
   e. Acceptable Quality Levels
   f. Performance Levels
g. Quality Awards
f. Productivity
g. Industrial Economics and Cost Reduction
h. The Global Marketplace
i. Global Competition

L. Quality as a System
a. Systems and Subsystems
b. The Process Unit as a System
c. Customers and Suppliers of the System
d. Requirements (the What Questions)
e. Quality as a System

M. The Cost of Quality
a. Work
b. The War on Waste
c. The Cost of Quality (COQ)
d. The Measurement of Quality

N. Quality Tools (Part 1)
a. Beginning Quality Improvement
b. The Scientific Approach
c. The Purpose of Quality Tools
d. Brainstorming
e. Check Sheets
f. Run Charts
g. Scatter Diagrams
h. Process Flowcharts

O. Quality Tools (Part 2)
a. Pie Charts
b. Cause-and-Effect Diagrams
   (Fish Bone Diagrams)
c. Histograms
d. Pareto Charts
e. Control Charts

P. Variation
a. Variation in Processes
b. Process Variation as a Tool
c. Variation and Achieving Statistical Control
d. Shewhart and Deming on Variation
e. The Necessity of Control Charts

Q. Statistical Process Control
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a. The United States and the Beginning of Statistical Process Control
d. Interpreting Control Charts
e. Test for Lack of Control
b. Histograms (Revisited)
c. The Normal Distribution

S. Process Capability

a. The Scientific Foundation of a Process Capability Study
b. Problems solved by Process Capability Studies

c. Basic X bar and R Control Charts

T. Epilogue

a. The Advantages of Quality

Grade Scale
90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
60-69 D
0-59 F

Course Evaluation
Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria;
Assignments 10%
Exams (6) 50%
Final 40%

Course Requirements
1. Assignments
2. Discussions
3. Take 6 Tests
4. Take Comprehensive Final Exam

Course Policies
1. No cheating of any kind will be tolerated. Students caught cheating or helping someone to cheat can and will be removed from the class for the semester. Cheating can result in expulsion from LIT.
2. If a test is missed due to an emergency situation, the student will have one week to make it up; otherwise a grade of 0 will be assigned.
3. A student who wishes to drop a course is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. A student who stops coming to class, and fails to drop the course, will earn an “F” in the course.
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**Attendance Policy**

1. Missing more than 20% of classes will result in an automatic “F” for the course.
2. Absences are counted for unexcused, excused and coming to class late.
3. Missing more than 20% of a class period will count as an absence.
4. Being tardy 2 times equals 1 absence.

**Disabilities Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the online resource:

http://www.lit.edu/depts/stuserv/special/defaults.aspx

**Student Code of Conduct Statement**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu) or obtained in print upon request at the Student Services Office.

**Supplemental Instruction**

Supplemental Instruction (SI) consists of group tutoring sessions conducted once a week for 50 minutes for selected subjects. The SI Leader is a peer who helps students learn difficult content in those specific courses. The SI Leader attends the class with the students to keep up with the course content and engage students in interactive learning strategies at the 50 minute sessions. For this course, the supplemental instruction session will be held on WE DO NOT HAVE SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION. See your instructor for assistance.

**Starfish**
LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

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