

**COURSE STRUCTURE FOR**  
**Master of Management Studies (MMS)**  
**in Digital Business Management**  
**Credit based semester and Grading System**

**2 Years full-time Masters Degree**  
**(Effective from the academic year 2015 – 2016)**

**MMS – Semester – I (Core Subjects)**

Subject Code	Subject	Teaching Hours		Assessment Patterns				No. of Credits	
		No. Of Sessions of 90 Minutes	No. Of sessions per week	Continuous Assessment	Semester End Examination	Total Marks	Duration of Theory Paper		
1.1	Perspective Management and Business Communication	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.2	Information Technology for Management	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.3	Organizational Behaviour	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.4	Financial Accounting	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.5	Operations Management	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.6	Marketing Management	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.7	Managerial Economics	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
1.8	Business Statistics	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
				<b>Total No of Credits</b>					20

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## MMS SEMESTER II (Core And Elective Papers)

Subject Code	Subject	Teaching Hours		Assessment Patterns				No. of Credits
		No. Of Sessions of 90 Minutes	No. Of sessions per week	Continuous Assessment	Semester End Examination	Total Marks	Duration of Theory Paper	
2.1	Cost and Management Accounting	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.2	Financial Management	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.3	Operations Research	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.4	Introduction to Digital Business and Strategy	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.5	Managerial Information System	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.6	Business Research Methods	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.7	Elective I	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
2.8	Elective II	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5
<b>Total No of Credits</b>								20

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### Elective Papers For Semester II

(Students have to select one group and same should be continued till IV semester)

Subject Code	Groups				
	Digital Business Group I	Marketing and Digital Marketing Group II	Human Resource and Digital Human Resource Group III	Finance and Digital Finance Group IV	Information Technology Group V
2.7	Digital Transformation	Introduction to Digital Marketing and Website planning & Creation	Human Resource Management and E-HRM	E-Finance	E-commerce
2.8	Digital Government	Social Media Marketing	E-training Designing & Developing And Human Resource Information System	E-Banking management	Strategic Information Technology Management

### MMS SEMESTER III (Core And Elective Papers)

Subject Code	Subject	Teaching Hours		Assessment Patterns				No. of Credits	
		No. Of Sessions of 90 Minutes	No. Of sessions per week	Continuous Assessment	Semester End Examination	Total Marks	Duration of Theory Paper		
3.1	<b>International Business</b>	30	2	40IA	60UA	100	3	2.5	
3.2	<b>Strategic Management</b>	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
3.3	<b>ERP</b>	30	2	40IA	60UA	100	3	2.5	
3.4	<b>Digital Media and Digital Branding</b>	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
3.5	<b>Database Management System</b>	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
3.6	<b>Digital Security Management</b>	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
3.7	<b>Elective-I</b>	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
3.8	<b>Elective II</b>	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
	Summer Internship Project			<b>100</b>					2.5
<b>Total No of Credits</b>								22.5	

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#### Elective Papers For Semester III

Subject Code	Groups				
	Digital Business Group I	Marketing and Digital Marketing Group II	Human Resource and Digital Human Resource Group III	Finance and Digital Finance Group IV	Information Technology Group V
3.7	Cyber Law and IPR	Online Advertising Strategy	E-Business Organization Structure	Analysis of Financial Statements	Knowledge Management
3.8	Digital Business Strategy	Search Engine Optimization And Analytics	Employee Relations and Labour Laws	Advanced Financial Management	IT Quality and Resources Management

## MMS SEMESTER IV (Core And Elective Papers)

Subject Code	Subject	Teaching Hours		Assessment Patterns				No. of Credits	
		No. Of Sessions of 90 Minutes	No. Of sessions per week	Continuous Assessment	Semester End Examination	Total Marks	Duration of Theory Paper		
4.1	Customer Relationship Management and Supply Chain Management (CRM & SCM)	30	2	40IA	60UA	100	3	2.5	
4.2	Creativity and Innovation Management	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
4.3	System Analysis and Designing	30	2	40IA	60UA	100	3	2.5	
4.4	Entrepreneurship Management and Digital Entrepreneurship	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
4.5	Elective-I	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
4.6	Elective II	30	2	40IA	60IA	100	3	2.5	
	Industry Oriented Dissertation			<b>100</b>					2.5
<b>Total No of Credits</b>								17.5	

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### Elective Papers For Semester IV

Subject Code	Groups				
	Digital Business Group I	Marketing and Digital Marketing Group II	Human Resource and Digital Human Resource Group III	Finance and Digital Finance Group IV	Information Technology Group V
4.5	Digital Technology Management	Lead Generation for business & Mobile Web Marketing	Digitized competency mapping & performance management	Corporate Valuation	Software Project Management
4.6	Digital Asset Management	Content Marketing and Affiliate Marketing	Compensation Management. and digitized HR application system	Security Analysis & Portfolio Management	Business Ethics & Corporate Social Responsibility

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Total No. of Credits</b>
Semester I	20

Semester II	20
Semester III	22.5
Semester IV	17.5
TOTAL	80

**E**ffective integration of information technology into an organization's business processes has become increasingly crucial to prosperity. IT includes such items as the systems software, application software, computer hardware, networks and databases associated with managing an organization's information. The chief information officer leads the department that manages most aspects of an organization's IT. However, when it comes to implementing quality standards in the IT realm, most CIOs face so many pressures to deliver systems and technologies which meet the organization's ever-changing needs that quality falls by the wayside.

The industry as a whole has fallen short of delivering technology that people understand and can use. Many of the problems occur because of the complexity of technology and the rapid pace of change. Neither of these conditions are likely to abate; in fact, they're accelerating at an alarming rate. If flawless execution was an elusive goal in the past, it is even more so today.

Nevertheless, performance can be substantially improved by ensuring that tactical decisions to develop and support IT emphasize quality. Experience tells us that quality improvements in IT delivery and service support can be achieved by introducing such considerations as user satisfaction, integration and flexibility early on in the decision process and reinforcing them throughout the review process.

Although there are no perfect solutions, there are standards in these areas below which an application and its support cannot be allowed to fall. Quality management means ensuring that these standards are rigorously enforced and embedded into the thinking of the organization's entire IT community.

### **Past experience**

Despite the fact that as an organizational rallying point, total quality management has been eclipsed by other quality processes, those organizations that embraced the concept surely benefited from it. Most have made good use of TQM's basic concepts, resulting in greater customer satisfaction and improved product quality. The challenge for IT is to mine from these experiences valuable lessons. Some sound TQM concepts include:

- Set quality measures and standards on customer or user wants and needs.
- Place ultimate responsibility for quality with line organizations, and mobilize quality networks or communities within these organizations.
- Make quality a shared responsibility.
- Create clear standards and measurements, e.g., "dashboard measurements," which provide quality status information clearly and quickly.
- Make use of existing process measures and checkpoints wherever possible rather than introduce new measures.

- Incorporate and align quality measures and business objectives.
- Do not limit interventions to identifying failures to meet standards; require corrective action plans based on root cause analysis.
- Focus on correcting the process that contributed to failure rather than installing short-term fixes to problems.

The main challenge lies in leveraging and incorporating these concepts into the critical components of an IT quality function. The following approach helps define an IT quality function.

### **Create a clear mission**

The ultimate mission of the IT quality function must be to add value to the organization as a whole and, in particular, to improve IT quality in every aspect, including applications, the infrastructure, even the help desk. However, the IT quality function cannot serve as the sole owner of quality; it must not try to resolve all quality issues alone. Further, it shouldn't operate in an after-the-fact quality assurance mode. Instead, it should identify issues that impede quality and facilitate their rapid resolution.

Taking a broad cross-functional perspective of IT quality issues, the mission of the quality function must:

- Provide discipline and rigor to address quality improvements.
- Define top quality goals and measures.
- Drive consistent, agreed-to quality measures and corresponding management systems.
- Identify and prioritize IT quality issues from an end-to-end perspective.
- Serve as a focal point for an extended IT quality network comprised of end users and providers.
- Assign issues to owners for resolution, drive root cause analysis, and track results.
- Promote knowledge sharing of best practices relative to quality management in IT.
- Drive preventive defect activities so that quality does not become an afterthought.

### **Set specific objectives**

Quality objectives need to focus, ultimately, on user satisfaction and key areas problematic to the IT area. They should answer the question, "What does the IT quality function want to accomplish?" Sample objectives include: improve user satisfaction, control IT costs, reduce

defects, improve IT infrastructure and application stability, and improve user perception of IT quality.

### **Develop simple strategies**

Quality strategies should answer the question, "How will we achieve our objectives?" A simple strategy would be to address only broad, high-priority quality issues that affect the objectives. Or, the quality function could focus on customer issues rather than internal issues. Another strategy would be to use a small quality team and an extended quality community rather than build a large quality organization within the information systems department.

To be effective, the quality function must avoid the tendency to grow a new bureaucracy. It must be committed to "staying the course" in creating a quality culture for the IT community.

### **Design a small, focused quality function**

The IT quality function must be created with certain design points, which need to include key aspects, such as:

- *Size*: How large should the quality function be?
- *Structure*: How should the function be organized?
- *Scope*: What should be the focus?
- *Roles and responsibilities*: Who should be responsible for what?
- *Skills*: What kind of talent and capabilities are needed?
- *Measures*: How should performance be tracked?

The quality function should be comprised of a small, focused team within the IT community. The key is to avoid creating a large, bureaucratic entity, but rather employ a small team that represents an extended community in the business functions.

The IT quality function should be led by an influential executive reporting directly to the CIO or the chief financial officer. This will ensure that the new function has the required influence and can manage across the organization effectively. The small team of quality advocates will report directly to the quality executive.

The IT quality function should focus on broad, cross-functional quality issues that are high priority and critical in nature to resolve. From an IT perspective, the scope should include such areas as application development, networking, databases, data centers and end-user support (help desk). From a business perspective, the function's responsibilities should include virtually the entire organization because most business areas will likely have some sort of IT infrastructure or application.

The IT quality leader will work with business executives and the CIO, while the quality advocates will work with the extended quality community. The leader's key responsibilities are:

- Provide overall leadership in achieving IT quality objectives.
- Represent an end-to-end perspective of IT quality issues.
- Ensure linkage of IT quality and process improvement activities across the organization.
- Communicate clearly the function's mission, objectives, issues, measures, etc.
- Include IT quality objectives and initiatives in the IT strategy.

Quality advocates' responsibilities include:

- Identify and prioritize IT quality issues.
- Drive root cause analysis of IT quality issues.
- Assist in creating action plans pursuant to root cause analysis.
- Drive preventive actions to eliminate defect replication.
- Anticipate and address quality issues in their specific areas.
- Serve as focal points for the extended quality network.

The IT quality function calls for a high-powered, extremely talented team of "A" players. Therefore, the quality leader must be able to build and sustain an excellent executive network. The leader should consistently demonstrate a high sense of urgency and motivate people to address issues that concern the entire organization.

For their part, quality advocates should be adept at communicating with superiors and peers, analyzing issues and working in cross-functional teams.

The business executives, the CIO and the IT quality leader must agree to a set of measurements that will track the progress of IT quality initiatives and issues. While consistency between groups is desirable, it is more important to relate the measures logically to the activities involved. The quality measures should reflect the items that remain important to users and those that drive user satisfaction. Each measure should include a target and time frame. An example of a user-focused measure: User's perception of IT performance (measure), increase to 75 percent (target), by second quarter 1999 (time frame).

User-focused measures should be based on the user's view of IT quality. However, the IT quality function must also measure the internal drivers affecting user measures. For example:

Number of defects per user (measure), reduce by 10 percent (target), by fourth quarter 1999 (time frame).

### **Take the next steps**

In order to jump-start an IT quality effort, find and designate an IT quality leader and enlist IT quality advocates. Once the team is in place, members can begin to establish connections into the extended quality community to build its quality network. As the team and the quality network become established, they can further solidify the components of the IT quality function (mission, objectives, measures, etc.). Improvements in IT quality will increase over time as the function and extended quality network evolve, relationships mature and quality issues are resolved.

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