Course Description: Program Management is a two-day class designed to offer direction in managing several projects under a common umbrella. These projects will often run within the same timeframe, using the same resources. An effective program manager can see an overview of the whole picture while still attending to the individual pieces.

Method of teaching: Students will use discussion, cases, and group activities to facilitate the course.

Course Objectives:

Objective 1: Define program management

- Discuss strategic planning in program management
- Examine proposal management
- Examine the program management plan
- Examine structured diagrams in managing the program
- Identify program control
- Discuss program control tools
- Examine the program manager’s role and responsibilities
- Identify the customer’s role in program management
- Discuss team selection and team building within the program

Objective 2: Identify program management problems and propose solutions

- Discuss problems with multi-project planning
- Examine the triple constraints in program management

Objective 3: Examine program funding resources and authorization

- Discuss budgets and cost control within a program
- Discuss program organization and staffing
- Describe risk assessment and management within the program
- Identify communication management, external and internal
- Examine time management within the program