

A Glimpse of Library Survey Results

In November 2011, we celebrated the first BUiD Library week and asked you to leave your feedback on the BUiD tree. The result gave an indication that most students are saying that we need to improve on electronic resources. Keeping this in mind, in January 2012, we ran our first Library Survey, which asked what you would like to see implemented or improved in the Library.

The survey showed the areas need to be improved and how we are meeting those expectations. The survey covered all aspects of the Library, grouped in 3 main areas plus an opportunity for your comments.

The 3 main areas were:

Library as a place – questions on how often you visit the Library and main reason for using it

Library Resources – questions on how you view the collection and your expectations

Library Services – questions on how satisfied you are of the services rendered by library staff

In the survey results there was a strong indication from students of a need to improve electronic resources with 45% making it accessible off campus with 48%. This need has been addressed as we start subscribing 1 database in 2010 to 11 databases currently. We are also continuing to build the E-resources collection development plan until 2014. This need was also addressed by other local libraries and a consortium of UAE Libraries in coordination with ANKABUT is foreseeable in the next few months.

We also realized the importance of improving the physical environment of the Library by providing a comfortable and inviting library as a place for group work and silent study. This need has been addressed when the extension of the Library with the opening of 'The Learning Centre' (TLC). TLC houses the relocation of the Writing Centre and two rooms for students to study in groups or individually.



What's New?



E-books via Dawsonera

Dawsonera is a web-based collection of e-books designed for use in libraries. It is accessed via the internet just like a website. The software enables a library to manage a growing collection of e-books and to "lend" them to their users (eg: students). This catalogue includes 72 e-books which the BUiD library currently owns.

The students can have access to these books off-campus using their login details. The ebook can be downloaded for a maximum of 7 days. The ebooks are presented as PDFs and read using Adobe Reader.

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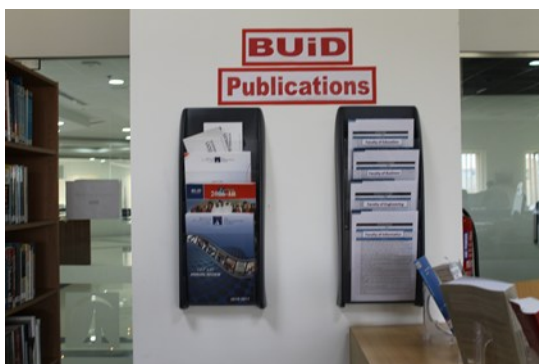
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ESBSCO Business Source Complete

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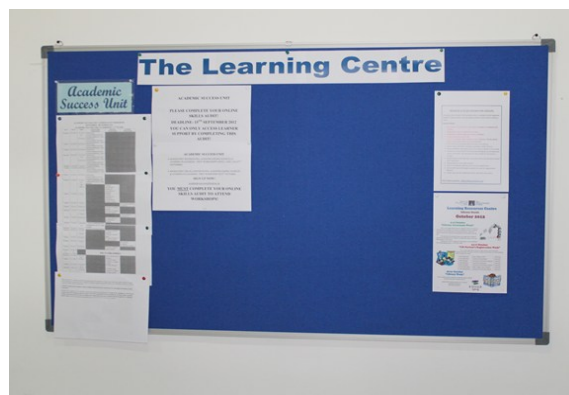
Journal ranking studies reveal that Business Source Complete is the overwhelmingly superior database for full-text journals in all disciplines of business, including marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance and economics.

BUiD Publications Corner



Publications of The British University in Dubai, Faculties and students are displayed in this section. This includes published books, book chapters, conference papers, newspaper articles and journal articles.

'The Learning Centre (TLC)'




The Learning Centre includes the Writing Centre and two study rooms. The study rooms can accommodate a maximum of six persons upon reservations which can be made 5 days in advance by completing the online reservation form.


Special Collections Area

The collection includes Arabic books donated by Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation (MBRF) and Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR). It has around 200 books in its collection.

The rooms can be booked for a maximum of 3 hours only and can be extended if no reservation is made. You need to present your ID card to the staff at the library desk before entering the study rooms. The group should ensure that the room is clean and tidy before leaving.

Watch out for more!!!

 **Nexuslib** - a one search platform to search across all resources

 **DSPACE** - an institutional repository of publications of faculty and students in a digital format

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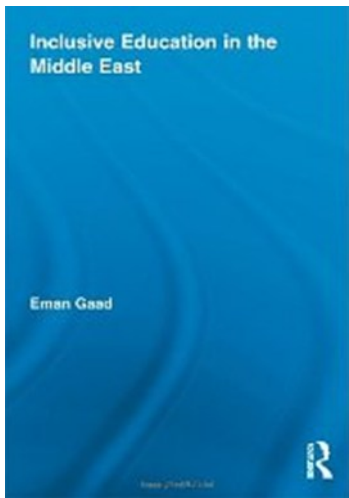
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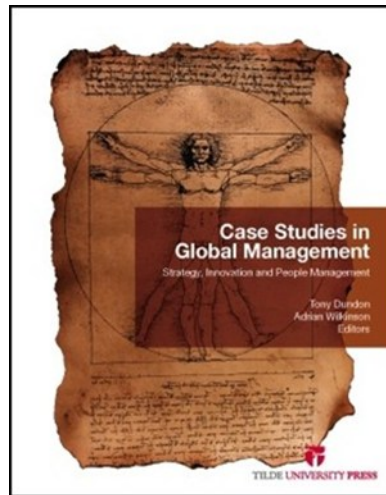
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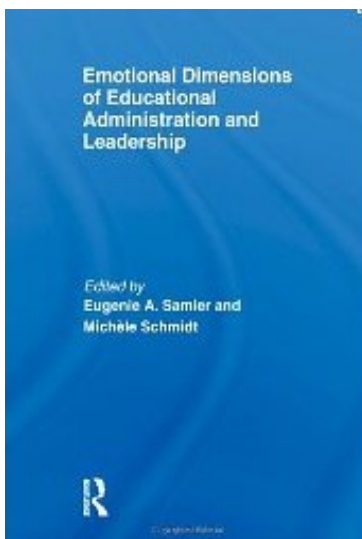


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Book Review

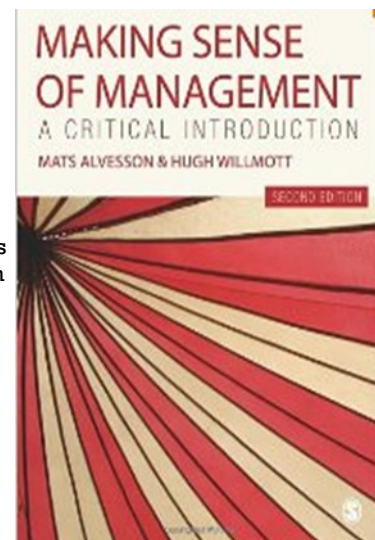
Making sense of management

Mats Alvesson & Hugh Willmott

Editorial Reviews

Sophisticated, insightful, incisive and yet accessible, *Making Sense of Management* does exactly that: cuts through the claims and assumptions of mainstream understandings of management. Written by the pioneers of 'critical management studies', this new and substantially revised edition is indispensable reading for all at a time when both the power and the failure of conventional approaches to management are all too evident.

(Christopher Grey, Professor of Organizational Behaviour, University of Warwick)



Academic Success Unit : Stride the path to learning...

As the throng of eager new students and even keener returning students clamour to embark or continue their postgraduate journey, one shared characteristic becomes immediately clear.: the desire to finish and get that scroll. Most students see their postgraduate studies as merely completion of a number of modules and the dissertation. Very few perceive this as a journey that involves development of knowledge, skills and attitudes toward lifelong learning. As a research student, the first thing you should learn is to be critical as you will be expected to be a critical reader, writer and thinker. The next step is to attend as many Academic Success Unit workshops as you can.

Many students may feel that they are already equipped to excel at postgraduate studies but when you attend workshops, engage in discussions with students from different programmes and assimilate the latest trends in academic literacy skills, you will actually be exposed to various critical ideas and opinions that may help you to chart your research journey at the BUIID. The workshops will also help you reflect on yourself as an academic researcher and writer.

So start with some nitty gritty workshops on referencing and then step into a couple of others and see how you go. DON'T WAIT. The first semester is the best time to explore these workshops in tandem with your module classes so you can quickly identify what you know and what you need to learn and be one step ahead until you complete your degree.

Go to <http://www.buid.ac.ae/buid/page.php?id=991&pagelid=963> to download Academic Success Unit schedule. **SIGN UP NOW!**

Our New Library Staff - Welcome to BUIID



Carolina Dionisio

Library Assistant

Hi I'm Carol, from Philippines. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, major in Library Science at Saint Louis University, Baguio City, Philippines. Before coming to Dubai last 2007, I started my Master's degree in Education, Major in Library Science at The National Teachers College, Philippines. Hopefully, I can continue here in Dubai.

I worked in several libraries in Philippines as Section Head Librarian and Library Assistant for almost 12 years. I also worked in one of the international schools in Dubai for 4 years before joining BUIID last March 2012 as Library Assistant.

BUIID is a great working environment. The staff is very nice and friendly. For me, working in BUIID is a very challenging experience. I am growing here professionally as I am dealing with professional people every day. I know I will be learning more and looking forward to it.

Mohammed Mesfer Al Amimi

Library Support Staff

Moe, as we call him is also one of the support staff in the library. He is from Dubai, UAE. He usually works in the library from 10 AM - 1 PM. Shelving and arranging books is one of his major tasks in the library.

Watching movies, reading books and comics and listening to Oasis Song 'Wonder' are among his activities during his free time. Moe also likes driving and travelling overseas. Among his favorite destinations every summer (to escape from the heat of UAE) is England together with his family. Taking pictures is one of his hobbies, especially when he is travelling overseas. While at home, he likes playing Diablo on his computer. He also likes jogging as a way to stay fit and healthy.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

October

1, 17	Academic Reading
1-31	Textbook supply
2	Referencing workshop Part 1
3	Referencing workshop Part 2
6	Start of Library month celebration
6	OSCOLA Referencing workshop
6, 7	Writing introductions, definitions, conclusions & abstracts
9, 22	Developing academic vocabulary
10	Database training—Bank Scope & OSIRIS
10, 13	Writing a literature review
13	Finding electronic resources session - MSc CLDR
13	Finding electronic resources session - MSc PM, HRM, SE, ITM, IBDA
14	Finding electronic resources session - MSc PM, HRM, SE, ITM, IBDA
13, 14	Giving effective presentations
15	Finding electronic resources session - MSc Informatics
16	Finding electronic resources session - MSc PM, HRM, SE, ITM, IBDA
16	Dissertation workshop
20, 21, 23	Writing a research proposal
21, 24	Database training - EBSCOhost Research
23	Database training - Westlaw Gulf

November

3,11	Data commentary & analysis
4, 10	Critically using evidence to support writing
6, 14	Writing critiques
10, 18	Dissertation workshop
19	Writing a description of context/problem
20	Writing a literature review
24	Referencing workshop Part 1 & 2

December

1	Dissertation workshop
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Please note that ALL workshops, library sessions are tentative and could be subject to change due to unavoidable circumstances.