

## **MBA 651 - Fundamentals of International Project Management**

The ability to successfully manage the complexities of International Project Management is quickly becoming one of the most important and sought after skill-set by today's fast paced multinational corporations. This course focuses on preparation and management of complex projects in a global context.

This class lays a solid foundation on which a successful international project management career can be built. Student will be introduced not only to the key concepts in Project Management such as; work breakdown structure, critical path, PERT, Gantt, resource planning, and project budgeting but also to the latest software and communications tools that enable outsourcing and off-shoring to become an integral part of a successful international project management strategy.

Working in teams and using MS Project software, students will develop and manage a number of specifically selected projects that illustrate the real life international project management issues and challenges.

This practical hands-on experience will be invaluable for students who plan to pursue careers with multinational organizations.

### **Professor Bio**

Professor Derek Podobas of Concordia University, teaches undergraduate and graduate level business courses at the School of Business. In addition, he is a CEO of ChicagoAnalytics<sup>TM</sup>, a strategy and venture capital advisory firm based in Orange County, California.

During his professional career he has held VP and Director level positions for Corporate Development, Engineering, and New Product Development with Fortune 500 multi-national companies as well as with California based international start-ups.

His educational credentials were earned at **The University of Chicago** (MBA in Finance and Corporate Strategy), **American Graduate School of International Management** (Masters in International Management), **Illinois Institute of Technology** (BS in Electrical Engineering), **The Wharton School of Business** (Executive Development Program).