# **Managing People**

Unit One

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### **Course Unit Structure**

- Managing People Course Structure
  - Unit 1: Individual Behavior
  - Unit 2: Motivation
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  - Unit 4: Managing Human Capital
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  - Unit 6: Managing Groups and Teams
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## **Unit Learning Objectives**

- classify individual attributes (such as values, personality, and individual perspectives) that people bring into the workplace
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## **Unit Vocabulary**

- Organizational commitment
- Job satisfaction
- Attitudes
- Values
- Personality
- Organizational Citizenship Behaviors (OCB)
- Job performance
- Absenteeism
- Turnover

- Person-Job Fit (P-J fit)
- Person-Organization Fit (P-O fit)
- P-O-L-C Framework
- Rational decision-making model
- Bounded rational decision-making model
- Intuitive decision-making model
- Creative decision-making model

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- Programed decisions
- Nonprogrammed decisions

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### **Overview: Unit One Topics**

- Attitudes and attributes
- Workplace behavior
- Job satisfaction
- Person-job fit
- Person-organization fit
- Factors for job satisfaction
- Decision making



### 1a Attitudes and Attributes

#### Personality

- Traits that explain or predict behavior
- Values
  - Things that are important to us
- Attitudes
  - Opinions about people, things or situations
- Job satisfaction
  - Feeling people have toward their job
- Organizational commitment
  - Emotional attachment people have toward their place of work

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### 1a Attitudes and Attributes, continued

### Nurture Factors

Past experiences, religion, family values, societal influences, upbringing

### Personality

### Nature Factors

Qualities one is born with

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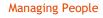
## **1b Workplace Behavior**

#### Job performance

- How well we do our job; related to general mental ability
- Impacts can include stress level or perceptions of fairness
- Organizational Citizenship Behaviors (OCB)
  - Motivated to help others
  - Personality impacts OCB
- Absenteeism and Turnover
  - Absenteeism is an unscheduled absence from work
  - Turnover is when an employee leaves an organization

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Large costs to an organization



## 1b Workplace Behavior, continued

| Job Performance               | Citizenship                   | Absenteeism                 | Turnover                           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General mental abilities      | How we are<br>treated at work | Health problems             | Poor performance                   |
| How we are<br>treated at work | Personality                   | Work/life balance<br>issues | Positive work attitudes (-)        |
| Stress (-)                    | Positive work<br>attitudes    | Positive work attitudes (-) | Stress                             |
| Positive work attitudes       | Age of the employee           | Age of the employee (-)     | Personality                        |
| Personality                   |                               |                             | Age and tenure of the employee (-) |

### **1c Job Satisfaction**

- Person-Job Fit (P-J fit)
  - Relationship of a person's characteristics as they relate to the job or tasks
  - Demand abilities = employee knowledge, skills and abilities match the job
  - Supply value fit = when an employees needs, desires or preferences are met by their job
  - Fit is positively related to job satisfaction
- Person-Organization Fit (P-O fit)
  - Compatibility between individuals and organizations
  - Supplementary fit = when someone possess attributes similar to other members of the organization
  - Complementary fit = when someone has attributes that are different than others, and fills a gap

### 1c Job Satisfaction, continued

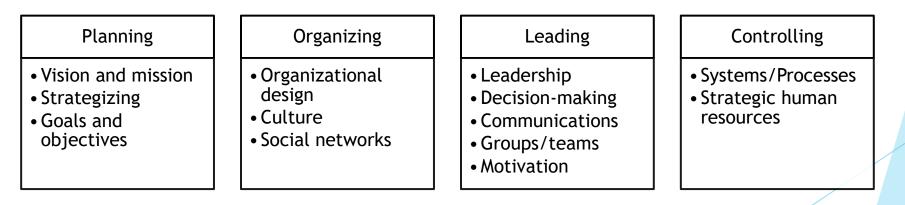
- Multiple generations in the workforce today
  - Each group has been affected by different social, economic and political conditions
  - Each generation may have a different idea of job satisfaction



### 1d P-O-L-C Framework

#### POLC

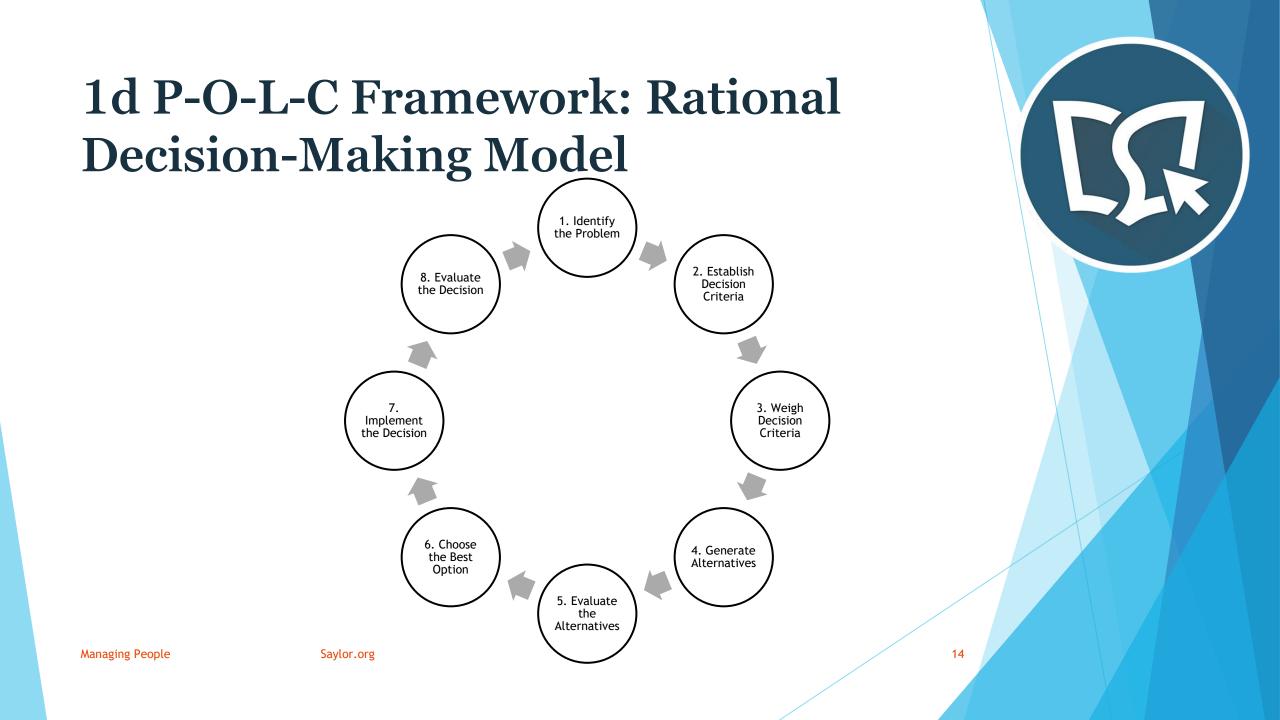
- Focus on the functions of management, which include: Planning, Organizing, Leading and Controlling
- Planning entails goal setting and decision making
- Organizing entails how work will be divided and allocation of resources
- Leading entails motivating people to meet goals
- Controlling entails review progress toward goals, take corrective action



## 1d P-O-L-C Framework: Decision-Making

Programmed decisions: no major consequences, everyday-type decisions

- Nonprogrammed decisions: time consuming, non-routine decisions
  - Rational decision-making model
    - Formal steps to making a decision
  - Bounded rational model
    - Limited options (e.g. choosing a cell phone)
  - Intuitive decision-making model
    - Based on experience, training and knowledge
  - Creative decision-making model
    - Brainstorming



## 1d P-O-L-C Framework: Decision-Making, continued

| Level of Decision    | Example of Decision                                       | Who Typically Makes the<br>Decision |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Strategic Decision   | Should we merge with another company?                     | Top management                      |
| Tactical Decision    | What should we do to help integration of the new company? | Managers                            |
| Operational Decision | How often should I communicate with my new co-workers?    | Employees                           |
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### Conclusion

- Here's what you learned:
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### What's Next?

- To prepare you for the practice exam, consider one more review of the study guide and course materials.
- Good luck on the practice exam!

