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# **PREFACE**

The goal of this book is to provide you with the essential information that every manager needs to know about operations and supply chain–related activities in a firm. Things have changed dramatically over the last few years. Organization structures are now much flatter, and rather than being functionally organized, companies often are organized by customer and product groups. Today's manager cannot ignore how the real work of the organization is done. This book is all about how to get the real work done effectively. It makes little difference if you are officially in finance, marketing, accounting, or operations: The value-added work, the process of creating and delivering products, needs to be completed in a manner that is both high quality and maximally efficient. Many of the things you do, or will do, in your job are repetitive, even some of the most creative and high-profile activities. You should think of this course as preparing you to be your most productive and helping you help your organization be its most productive.

We can consider the importance of the material in this book on many levels, but let's focus on three. First, consider your role as a business unit manager with people working under your supervision. Next, in the longer term, you probably have aspirations to become a senior executive with responsibility for multiple businesses or products. Finally, you may decide to specialize in operations and supply chain management as a long-term career.

In your role as a manager with people working under your supervision, one of your major duties will be to organize the way work is done. There needs to be some structure to the work process, including how information is captured and analyzed, as well as how decisions and changes and improvements are made. Without a logical or structured approach, even a small group may be subject to errors, ineffiencies, and even chaos.

Designing efficient process flows is an important element of getting a group to work together. If your group is involved in creative activities such as designing cars, buildings, or even stock portfolios, there still needs to be structure to how the work is done, who is responsible for what, and how progress is reported. The concepts of project management, manufacturing and service process design, capacity analysis, and quality in this text are all directly related to the knowledge you will need to be a great supervisor in your organization, and getting your group to work productively and efficiently will lead to success and more responsibility for you.

Next, think about becoming a senior executive. Making acquisitions, planning mergers, and buying and selling divisions will get your name and picture in business magazines. Deals are easily explained to boards, shareholders, and the media. They are newsworthy and offer the prospect of nearly immediate gratification, and being a deal maker is consistent with the image of the modern executive as someone who focuses on grand strategy and leaves operations details to others. Unfortunately, the majority of deals are unsuccessful. The critical element of success, even with the grandest deals, can still be found most often in the operational details.

Real success happens when operational processes can be improved. Productivity improvements from things such as sharing customer service processes, purchasing systems, distribution and manufacturing systems, and other processes can lead to great synergies and success. Operations accounts for 60 to 80 percent of the direct expenses that limit the profit of most firms. Without these operations synergies, designed and implemented by executives with a keen understanding of the concepts in this book, companies are often left with expensive debt, disappointed customers and shareholders, and pressure on the bottom line—on earnings.

Finally, you may be interested in a career in operations and supply chain management. Well, you are not alone. Professional organizations such as APICS, the Institute for Supply Management, and the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals have well over 200,000 members participating in regular monthly meetings, annual conferences, and certification programs. Entry-level jobs might be as a forecast strategist, project manager, inventory control manager, production supervisor, purchasing manager, logistics manager, or warehouse specialist. In addition, top operations students may obtain their initial jobs with consulting firms, working as business process analysts and system design specialists.

We encourage you to talk to your instructor about what you want to get out of the course. What are your career aspirations, and how do they relate to the material in this course? Write your instructor a short e-mail describing what you want to do in the future—this is invaluable information for tailoring the material in the course to your needs. As you work through the text, share your experiences and insights with the class. Being an active student is guaranteed to make your experience more valuable and interesting.

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# A NOTE TO INSTRUCTORS

Operations and Supply Chain Management: The Core derives its title from a combination of ideas and trends. The book is designed to be lean and focused, much in the tradition of the concepts taught in the book. The topics selected are the result of the study of the syllabi of dozens of representative U.S. universities. There are a wide variety of topics covered, many more than could be covered in a single course. Our "big book," Operations and Supply Chain Management, is comprehensive and is intended for those who want to pick and choose topics that best fit the objectives of their course. The "Core" book covers the topics most commonly included in these courses and has material sufficient for a 12- to 15-week course.

As is well known in the field, success for companies today requires successfully managing the entire supply flow, from the sources of the firm, through the value-added processes of the firm, and on to the customers of the firm.

In *Operations and Supply Chain Management: The Core 4e*, we take students to the center of the business and focus on the core concepts and tools needed to ensure that these processes run smoothly.

## Discussion of Fourth Edition Revisions

Many of the revisions to the fourth edition have been driven by our focus on supply chain analytics. Supply chain analytics involves the analysis of data to better solve business problems. We recognize that this is not really new since data have always been used to solve business problems. But what *is* new is the reality that there are a great deal more data now available for decision making.

In the past, most analysis involved the generation of standard and ad hoc reports that summarized the current state of the firm. Software allowed query and "drill down" analysis to the level of the individual transaction, useful features for understanding what happened in the past. Decision making was typically left to the decision maker based on judgment or simple alerting rules. The new "analytics" movement takes this to a new level using statistical analysis, forecasting to extrapolate what to expect in the future, and even optimization, possibly in real time, to support decisions.

In this new edition we have refined the 11 Analytic Exercises that have proven to be so popular in our books. These Analytic Exercises use settings that are modern and familiar to students taking the course. They include Starbucks, cellphones, notebook computers, Taco Bell Restaurant, Toyota, a retail Website—based company, and industrial products that are sourced from China/Taiwan and sold globally.

In this book, all the of the chapters have been designed to be independent. We have put much effort into the organization of the book, but recognize that our organization might not align with the way you are using the material in your course. In addition, many of you may custom publish a version of the book to exactly meet your needs. The chapters have been design to allow this type of customization.

The chapters are all now tightly organized by special learning objectives. The learning objectives for the chapter are defined at the start. Special contiguous sections are designed to cover each objective. The chapter summary, discussion and objective questions are also organized by learning objective. This new organization allows material to be assigned at the level of learning objective. If the desire might be to skip some advanced techniques, for example, this can be easily done by not assigning the specific learning objective. This allows considerable flexibility in how the material is used in a class.

The material has also been adapted to work well with electronic media, since this is now becoming the media of choice at many universities.

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# OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT AND THE AACSB

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Many educational institutions today are focused on the notion of assurance of learning, an important element of some accreditation standards. Operations and Supply Chain Management is designed specifically to support your assurance of learning initiatives with a simple yet powerful solution.

Each test bank question for *Operations and Supply Chain Management* maps to a specific chapter learning outcome/objective listed in the text. You can use our test bank software, EZ Test and EZ Test Online, or in *Connect Operations Management* to easily query for learning outcomes/objectives that directly relate to the learning objectives for your course. You can then use the reporting features of EZ Test to aggregate student results in similar fashion, making the collection, presentation, and assurance of learning data simple and easy.

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# Walkthrough

# Major Study and Learning Features

The following section highlights the key features developed to provide you with the best overall text available. We hope these features give you maximum support to learn, understand, and apply operations concepts.

# **CHAPTER 2**

# STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

# **Chapter Opener**

# Learning Objectives

Know what a sustainable business strategy is and how it relates to operations

Define operations and supply chain strategy.

Explain how operations and supply chain strategies are implemented.

Understand why strategies have implications relative to business risk. Evaluate productivity in operations and supply chain management.

# MISSION STATEMENTS WITH ASPIRATIONS BEYOND MAKING A PROFIT

Companies such as Clif Bar and Whole Foods Market have bold mission statements that depict a focus that goes well beyond profit and shareholder wealth. Consider Clif Bar's 5 Aspirations and Whole Foods Market's Declaration of Interdependence, company mission statements that describe their aspirations related to the environment, the community, their employees, and making a profit. Companies need operations and supply chain strategies that align with the goals of

# **Opening Vignettes**

Each chapter opens with a short vignette to set the stage and help pique students' interest in the material about to be studied. A few examples include:

- Mission Statements with Aspirations Beyond Making a Profit, Chapter 2
- From Bean to Cup: Starbucks Global Supply Chain Challenge, Chapter 3
- Inside the iPad, Chapter 9
- The Factoryless Goods Producers, Chapter 13

In the context of major business functions, operations and supply chain management involves specialists in product design, purchasing, manufacturing, service operations, logistics, and distribution. These specialists are mixed and matched in many different ways depending on the product or service. For a firm that sells televisions, like Toshiba, these are the functions responsible for designing televisions, acquiring materials, coordinating equipment resources to convert material to products, moving the product, and exchanging the final product with the



customer. Some firms are focused on services, such as a hospital. Here, the context involves managing resources, including the operating rooms, labs, and hospital beds used to nurse patients back to health. In this context, acquiring materials, moving patients, and coordinating resource use are keys to success. Other firms are more specialized, such as Amazon. Here, purchasing, Web site services, logistics, and distribution need to be carefully coordinated for success.

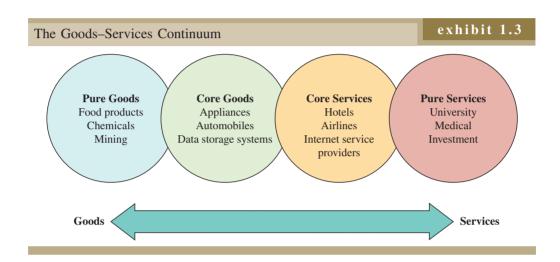
In our increasingly interconnected and interdependent global economy, the process of delivering finished goods, services, and supplies from one place to another is accomplished by means of mind-boggling technological innovation, clever new applications of old ideas, seemingly magical mathematics, powerful software, and old-fashioned concrete, steel, and muscle. This book is about doing this at low cost while meeting the requirements of demanding customers. Success involves the clever integration of a great operations-related strategy, processes that can deliver the products and services, and analytics that support the ongoing decisions needed to manage the firm. Our goal in this book is to introduce students to basic operations and supply chain concepts so they understand how things should be done and the importance of these functions to the success of the firm.

No matter what your major is in business, understanding operations and supply chain management is critical to your success. If you are interested in the study of finance, you will find that all of the concepts are directly applicable. Just convert all of those widgets to their value in the currency of your choice and you will



# **Photos and Exhibits**

Photos and exhibits in the text enhance the visual appeal and clarify text discussions. Many of the photos illustrate additional examples of companies that utilize the operations and supply chain concepts in their business.



MARSHMALLOW CANDY
PEEPS CHICKS GET A
QUALITY CONTROL
CHECK AS THEY MOVE
DOWN A CONVEYOR BELT
INSIDE THE JUST BORN
INC. MANUFACTURING
FACILITY IN BETHLEHEM,
PENNSYLVANIA.

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# **Concept Connections**

Concept Connections draws together various end of chapter sections including Key Terms, Solved Problems, Discussion Questions, Objective Questions, Cases, Analytics Exercises, and Practice Exams.

# **CONCEPT CONNECTIONS**

LO1-1 Identify the elements of operations and supply chain management (OSCM).

- · Processes are used to implement the strategy of the firm.
- · Analytics are used to support the ongoing decisions needed to manage the firm.

**Operations and supply chain management (OSCM)** Design, operation, and improvement of the systems that create and deliver the firm's primary products and services.

**Process** One or more activities that transform inputs into outputs.

**Product-service bundling** Building service activities into a firm's product offerings to create more value for the customer.

# **Solved Problems**

Representative problems are placed at the end of appropriate chapters. Each includes a worked-out solution giving students a review before solving problems on their own.

# SOLVED PROBLEMS

#### **SOLVED PROBLEM 1**

Quick Lube Inc. operates a fast lube and oil change garage. On a typical day, customers arrive at the rate of three per hour, and lube jobs are performed at an average rate of one every 15 minutes. The mechanics operate as a team on one car at a time.

Assuming Poisson arrivals and exponential service, find:

- a. The utilization of the lube team.
- b. The average number of cars in line.
- c. The average time a car waits before it is lubed.
- d. The total time it takes to go through the system (that is, waiting in line plus lube time).

#### Solution

$$\lambda = 3$$
,  $\mu = 4$ 

a. Utilization 
$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} = \frac{3}{4} = 75$$
 percent.

b. 
$$L_q = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)} = \frac{3^2}{4(4 - 3)} = \frac{9}{4} = 2.25$$
 cars in line.

c. 
$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda} = \frac{2.25}{3} = .75$$
 hour, or 45 minutes.

d. 
$$W_s = \frac{L_s}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} / \lambda = \frac{3}{4 - 3} / 3 = 1$$
 hour (waiting + lube).

# **Practice Exam**

The practice exam includes many straightforward review questions, but also has a selection that tests for mastery and integration/application level understanding, that is, the kind of questions that make an exam challenging.

## PRACTICE EXAM

- A strategy that is designed to meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- 2. The three criteria included in a triple bottom line.
- The seven operations and supply chain competitive dimensions.
- It is probably most difficult to compete on this major competitive dimension.
- This occurs when a company seeks to match what a competitor is doing while maintaining its existing competitive position.
- A criterion that differentiates the products or services of one firm from those of another.
- A screening criterion that permits a firm's products to be considered as possible candidates for purchase.
- A diagram showing the activities that support a company's strategy.
- A measure calculated by taking the ratio of output to input.

Answers to Practice Exam 1. Sustainable 2. Social, economic, environmental 3. Cost, quality, delivery speed, delivery reliability, coping with changes in demand, flexibility and speed of new product introduction, other product-specific criteria 4. Cost 5. Straddling 6. Order winner 7. Order qualifier 8. Activity-system map 9. Productivity

## Cases

Cases allow students to think critically about issues discussed in the chapter. Cases include:

The Tao of Timbuk2, Chapter 2

Shouldice Hospital: A Cut Above, Chapter 4

Pro Fishing Boats: A Value Stream Mapping Exercise, Chapter 12

## **CASE: THE TAO OF TIMBUK2\***

"Timbuk2 is more than a bag. It's more than a brand. Timbuk2 is a bond. To its owner, a Timbuk2 bag is a dependable, everyday companion. We see fierce, emotional attachments form between Timbuk2 customers and their bags all the time. A well-worn Timbuk2 bag has a certain patina—the stains and scars of everyday urban adventures. Many Timbuk2 bags are worn daily for a decade or more, accompanying the owner through all sorts of defining life events. True to our legend of 'indestructibility,' it's not uncommon for a Timbuk2 bag to outlive jobs, personal relationships, even pets. This is the Tao of Timbuk2."

What makes Timbuk2 so unique? Visit the Web site at www.timbuk2.com and see for yourself. Each bag is custom designed by the customer on the Web site. After the customer selects the basic bag configuration and size, colors for each of the various panels are presented; various lines, logos, pockets, and straps are selected so that the bag is tailored to the

pocket, and strap options. The bag is tailored to the exact specifications of the customer on the Timbuk2 assembly line in San Francisco and sent via overnight delivery directly to the customer.

Recently, Timbuk2 has begun making some of its new products in China, which is a concern to some of its long-standing customers. The company argues that it has designed its new products to provide the best possible features, quality, and value at reasonable prices and stresses that these new products are designed in San Francisco. Timbuk2 argues that the new bags are much more complex to build and require substantially more labor and a variety of very expensive machines to produce. It argues that the San Francisco factory labor cost alone would make the retail price absurdly high. After researching a dozen factories in China, Timbuk2 found one that it thinks is up to the task of producing these

# **Analytics Exercises**

There are so much more data now available for decision making. The analytics movement takes this to a new level using statistical analysis to extrapolate what to expect in the future to support operations and supply chain decisions. A series of 11 analytics exercises are spread through the chapters. These include

Forecasting Supply Chain Demand: Starbucks Corporation, Chapter 3 Designing a Manufacturing Process: Toshiba's Notebook Computer Assembly Line, Chapter 6

Processing Customer Orders: Analyzing a Taco Bell Restaurant, Chapter 7

Global Sourcing Decisions—Grainger: Reengineering the China/U.S. Supply Chain, Chapter 13

# **ANALYTICS EXERCISE: DESIGNING A MANUFACTURING PROCESS**

# Toshiba's Notebook Computer Assembly Line

Toshihiro Nakamura, manufacturing engineering section manager, is examining the prototype assembly process sheet (shown in Exhibit 6.8) for the newest subnotebook computer model. With every new model introduced, management felt that the assembly line had to increase productivity and lower costs, usually resulting in changes to the assembly process. When a new model is designed, considerable attention is directed toward reducing the number of components and simplifying parts production and assembly requirements. This new computer was a marvel of high-tech, low-cost innovation and should give Toshiba an advantage during the upcoming fall/winter selling season.

Production of the subnotebook is scheduled to begin in 10 days. Initial production for the new model is to be 150 units per day, increasing to 250 units per day the following week (management thought that eventually production would reach 300 units per day). Assembly lines at the plant normally are staffed by 10 operators who work at a 14.4-meter-long

assembly line. The line is organized in a straight line with workers shoulder to shoulder on one side. The line can accommodate up to 12 operators if there is a need. The line normally operates for 7.5 hours a day (employees work from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and regular hours include one hour of unpaid lunch and 15 minutes of scheduled breaks). It is possible to run one, two, or three hours of overtime, but employees need at least three days' notice for planning purposes.

#### The Assembly Line

At the head of the assembly line, a computer displays the daily production schedule, consisting of a list of model types and corresponding lot sizes scheduled to be assembled on the line. The models are simple variations of hard disk size, memory, and battery power. A typical production schedule includes seven or eight model types in lot sizes varying from 10 to 100 units. The models are assembled sequentially: All the units of the first model are assembled, followed by all the units of the second, and so on. This computer screen also indicates how far along the assembly line is in completing its

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