

SAP HER – CM Implementation – the ISB Experience and Challenges

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About Indian School of Business (ISB)



Our vision is to be an internationally top-ranked, research-driven, independent management institution that grooms future leaders for India and the world.

ISB is associated with Kellogg, Wharton and London Business School

Academic Programmes



- Offers one-year Post Graduate Programme in Management for the working executives
- Centre for Executive Education (CEE) offers Executive Education Training Programmes
- Centres of Excellence:
 - Wadhvani Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (WCED)
 - Centre for Analytical Finance (CAF)
 - Centre for Global Logistics and Manufacturing Strategies (GLAMS)
 - Centre for Information Technology and the Networked Economy (CITNE)

IT Landscape at ISB



- No access to real time data
- Vendor management i.e., dealing with vendors supporting various IT systems
- Educate people on how to use all the different IT systems
- Exchanging data within the organization
- Incompatible data structure from one system to another created serious issues
- Updation of data into various systems which is repetitive in nature.

Need for ERP and Objectives



- Structured and Comprehensive system to automate academic and business operations
- Provide a single point of access to all organizational data
- Process access to real-time data any time and anywhere
- Manage operations systematically and collaboratively at the strategic level
- Improve service delivery
- Integrating data seamlessly across business units
- Automate business processes

Implementation of available functions in HER Campus Management Module



- **Creation of Academic Calendar**
- **Creation of Student PG IDs (including incoming exchange students) and maintaining their data**
- **Creation of admission, registration to PGP**
- **Assigning Student Study Groups**
- **Fee calculation by Finance Dept through the Student Master Data**
- **Creation of Faculty and Staff ids**

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- **Creation of Course, Business Event Type and relating the same to the respective Term**
- **Creation of Business Events for the no. of sessions in each course**
- **Defining appraisal types and appraisal templates, building appraisal templates**
- **Maintaining student grades in PIQSMFU for all the modules**

Customised Transactions



- Booking students to the respective modules
- Booking students to the business event
 - For Core courses : through the already pre-defined study groups
 - For Elective courses : through the “Z” programme by a file upload with PGIDs
- Students Attendance
- Grade Upload - through a file upload
- GPA / CGPA calculation
- Special Honours upload - Awards for meritorious students

- **Module related :**
 - List of PGP Modules
 - Students booked to a module and business event
- **Attendance related :**
 - Absent list for verification of the attendance data uploaded
 - Summary absent list for each module
- **Faculty related:**
 - Contact details of faculty members, especially VF

- Grade related :
 - Studentwise course details for each term
 - Termwise course grades
 - Summary calculation of GPA / CGPA
 - Term Grade Sheet with component wise marks
 - Interim, Final and Duplicate Transcript
 - Students with failure (“F” grades)
 - CGPA distribution across the batch
 - Students with special honours

Other Modules



- In addition to the implementation of H E R module, the other modules used are:
- H R – Human Resources
- M M – Materials Management
- P M - Plant Management
- FICO – Financial and Controlling
- F M - Funds Management -- to go live shortly

Benefits



- **Cost Savings : elimination of legacy systems**
- **Real-time access to data**
- **A single window with complete access to and control of entire organization's data, knowledge and resources**
- **Focus on the role-based systems rather than user-based system**
- **Leads to accuracy and consistency in the data which is achieved by following the processes religiously**
- **Greater customer satisfaction**
- **Competitive edge over the competitors in H E R phase.**

Open Challenges - Campus Mgmt



- Mass cancellation of booking
- Attendance module
- Course evaluation

- Status of Name field in Student Master Data
- Customisation of info set query report

- Class Schedule for ALL
- Integration of class schedule with outlook calendar
- Email alert for class schedule change

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- Grade upload with components - sequence
- Email alert for grade release
- Impact on shortage of attendance on grades
- Automatic calculation of GPA/CGPA

- Graduation and Concentration audit
- Automatic reconciliation of SAP R3 and Portal names
- Standard reports
- Menu driven - transaction / reports

Thank you!

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