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| **Reading Assignment:** PMI, chap. 6 |
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| **Unit Resources:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  [Encourage Success by Following PMI's Knowledge Areas](https://mycampus.aiu-online.com/Pages/ResourceTracker.aspx?r=20582)  PMI knowledge areas for comprehensive project management | |  |  [Project Management Links](https://mycampus.aiu-online.com/Pages/ResourceTracker.aspx?r=17066" \t "_blank)  Links to numerous sites related to the project management profession. | |  |  [Project Status Report Template](https://mycampus.aiu-online.com/Pages/ResourceTracker.aspx?r=26821" \t "_blank)  The Project Status Report Template is used to document and report on project status. This template is designed for ongoing, scheduled use as the project proceeds.  To access this template, type **project status report template** into the search box near the top of the page and click **Search**. The link to this resource will be first numbered results, (scroll paste the Ad links). | |  |  [Reforming Project Management > Collaboration](https://mycampus.aiu-online.com/Pages/ResourceTracker.aspx?r=21173" \t "_blank)  Blog archive with information on collaboration and team building for project managers. | |  |  [The New Year’s Project Management DON’T DO List:](https://mycampus.aiu-online.com/Pages/ResourceTracker.aspx?r=20359" \t "_blank)  Don'ts for project success. | |  |  [The Project Management Triangle](https://mycampus.aiu-online.com/Pages/ResourceTracker.aspx?r=10186)  How schedule requirements fit into the project management process. | |