American Public University System

The Ultimate Advantage is an Educated Mind

School of Business HOSP295 Restaurant Operations Seminar Credit Hours: 3 Length of Course: 8 weeks

Prerequisite: HOSP100, Sophomore standing

Please see the **Lessons** area in the classroom for additional course specific information

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Course Description (Catalog)

This course is a culminating course for the Associate of Arts in Hospitality Management. It is designed to allow the student to review, analyze and integrate the work the student has completed toward a degree in Hospitality Management. The student will participate in simulated exercises providing practical exercise enabling the student to demonstrate a grasp of hospitality management. This is a culminating course to be taken after all other Associate of Arts in Hospitality Management courses has been satisfactorily completed. Student must have SOPHOMORE standing to register.

Course Scope

This course is designed to provide a capstone experience for the Associate of Arts in Hospitality Management major with a concentration on Food Service. The purpose of the course is to integrate all prior learning in hospitality management, related coursework, and workplace experiences by completing various simulation exercises and providing an analysis of that experience. The simulations and analysis will provide a means for the student to demonstrate their mastery of the competencies expected of graduates of this program. Emphasis is on operations management, critical thinking, effective communication, decision-making, and application of appropriate research methods.

Course Materials

Required Course Textbooks

A textbook has not been assigned to the class, but required reading will be available in the class, listed for each week. Assigned reading is linked in the applicable week and available through the APUS Ebrary. Additional reading and resources will also be provided on a week to week basis. *See weekly lessons for details.*

Course Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to

- 1. Describe steps to managing a restaurant.
- 2. Use financial statements to explain the profitability of a restaurant.
- 3. Interpret customer feedback and financial reports to improve restaurant performance.
- 4. Implement a systematic approach for identifying and solving problems in a restaurant.
- 5. Solve problems in regards to generating customer demand and fulfilling demand in a cost effective manner.

8 Week Course Outline

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	Learning Objectives	Readings	<u>Assignment</u>
1	Managing v. Leading	1	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Introductions Graded Forum 1
2	Generating Demand	3, 5	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 2 Assign. Week 2
3	Menu Engineering	1, 3	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 3 Assign. Week 3
4	Managing Costs	2, 3,5	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 4 Assign. Week 4

5	Operational Performance	2, 4	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 5 Essay Quiz
6	Troubleshooting	4,5	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 6 Assign. Week 6
7	Management	1	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 7 Essay Quiz
8	Looking ahead	1, 3, 5	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Submissions: Graded Forum 8 Term Project

Evaluation Procedures

Reading Assignments: The textbook and additional journals as assigned in the lessons

Forum Assignments:

Detailed forum expectations and grading rubrics are posted in the forums and in the classroom lessons.

Homework Assignments and Final Project:

There are assignments due throughout the course, and a final project due at the end of the course. Specific details for each assignment can be found in the Assignments section of your online classroom.

Quizzes

Online guizzes are comprised of multiple choice, short answer and true/false questions.

GRADED ASSIGNMENT	FINAL GRADE %
Weekly Forums (9)	25
Weekly Assignments (4)	30
Essay Quizzes (2)	25
Term Project	20

Course Delivery Method

This course delivered via distance learning will enable students to complete academic work in a flexible manner, completely online. Course materials and access to an online learning management system will be made available to each student. Online assignments are due by Sunday evening of the week as noted and include Forum questions (accomplished in groups through a threaded forum), examination, and individual assignments submitted for review by the Faculty Member). Assigned faculty will support the students throughout this eight-week course.

Policies & Guidelines

Please see the <u>Student Handbook</u> to reference all University policies. Quick links to frequently asked question about policies are listed below.

Drop/Withdrawal Policy
Plagiarism Policy
Extension Process and Policy
Disability Accommodations

Grading Scale

Please see the Student Handbook to reference the University's grading scale.

Citation and Reference Style

Attention Please: Students will follow the APA Format as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of coursework to the University. Assignments completed in a narrative essay or composition format must follow the citation style cited in the APA Format.

Netiquette

Online universities promote the advancement of knowledge through positive and constructive debate – both inside and outside the classroom. Forums on the Internet, however, can occasionally degenerate into needless insults and "flaming." Such activity and the loss of good manners are not acceptable in a university setting – basic academic rules of good behavior and proper "Netiquette" must persist. Remember that you are in a place for the rewards and excitement of learning which does not include descent to personal attacks or student attempts to stifle the Forum of others.

- Technology Limitations: While you should feel free to explore the full-range of creative composition in your formal papers, keep e-mail layouts simple. The Sakai classroom may not fully support MIME or HTML encoded messages, which means that bold face, italics, underlining, and a variety of color-coding or other visual effects will not translate in your e-mail messages.
- **Humor Note:** Despite the best of intentions, jokes and <u>especially</u> satire can easily get lost or taken seriously. If you feel the need for humor, you may wish to add "emoticons" to help alert your readers: ;-),:), ©

Disclaimer Statement

Course content may vary from the outline to meet the needs of this particular group.

Academic Services

The Online Library is available to enrolled students and faculty from inside the electronic campus. This is your starting point for access to online books, subscription periodicals, and Web resources that are designed to support your classes and generally not available through search engines on the open Web. In addition, the Online Library provides access to special learning resources, which the University has contracted to assist with your studies. Questions can be directed to librarian@apus.edu.

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- *Electronic Journals:* The University provides access to over 12,000 journals, which are available in electronic form and only through limited subscription services.
- Tutor.com: AMU and APU Civilian & Coast Guard students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. <u>Tutor.com</u> connects you with a professional tutor online 24/7 to provide help with assignments, studying, test prep, resume writing, and more. Tutor.com is tutoring the way it was meant to be. You get expert tutoring whenever you need help, and you work one-to-one with your tutor in your online classroom on your specific problem until it is done.
- **Disability Accommodations**: Students are encouraged email <u>dsa@apus.edu</u> to discuss potential academic accommodations and begin the review process.

Request a Library Guide for your course (http://apus.libguides.com/index.php)

The AMU/APU Library Guides provide access to collections of trusted sites on the Open Web and licensed resources on the Deep Web. The following are specially tailored for academic research at APUS:

- Program Portals contain topical and methodological resources to help launch general research in the degree program. To locate, search by department name, or navigate by school.
- Course Lib-Guides narrow the focus to relevant resources for the corresponding course. To locate, search by class code (e.g., SOCI111), or class name.

If a guide you need is not available yet, please email the APUS Library: librarian@apus.edu.

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