American Public University System

The Ultimate Advantage is an Educated Mind

School of Business
HOSP410
Advanced Tourism and Hospitality Management
3 Credit Hours
8 weeks
Prerequisite(s): HOSP100

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Course Description (Catalog)

The focus is on advanced techniques and skills for Hospitality Management Professionals to ensure effective and efficient management within the Tourism and Hospitality Management industries. Standards and expectations for restaurant owners, hotel and tourism managers and meeting and event planners are addressed.

Course Scope

This is an advanced tourism and hospitality course as it examines competitive marketing strategies, growth strategies, and in-depth management concepts. This course is designed to give each student a competitive edge for entering the hospitality and tourism industries. We will not only focus on the key essentials needed for managing a hospitality establishment but also explore "real world" cases as they pertain to our industry. This course combines fundamental management concepts with current vital information pertaining to the hospitality/tourism industry. Hospitality managers must be willing to think "outside the box" and create solutions that will enable them to successfully manage with confidence.

Course Materials

Required Course Textbooks: There is no individual textbook established as required reading. All required and referenced reading material will be made available within the weekly lessons and applicable announcements.

Please visit <u>http://apus.libguides.com/er.php</u> and search by the course number (HOSP410) to access your required resources.

Required Readings - As assigned, see Weekly Lessons and Forum Postings

Additional Resources and Websites - See Weekly Lessons

Course Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Analyze businesses and trends in the hospitality and tourism sector

2. Organize management solutions to common problems within tourism and hospitality management.

3. Examine operations within the travel industry in relation to marketing, technology, finance, and development.

4. Prepare a research strategy for exploring an industry issue to determine plan of action

8 – Week Course Outline

Week	<u>Topic</u>	Learning Objectives	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1	Industry Segments	LO 1	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	Introductions FORUM # 1
2	Industry Organization and Management	LO 1, 2	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 2 Assignment Week 2
3	Influence of Technology and Economics in Travel Segment	LO 3	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 3

4	Financial Management and Franchising	LO 2, 3	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 4 Assignment Week 4
5	Destination Management	LO 1, 3	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 5
6	Business Development	LO 2, 3	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 6 Assignment Week 6
7	Marketing Management	LO 1, 2, 3	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 7
8	Research Methods for Hospitality	LO 4	See Weekly Lesson for assigned reading	FORUM # 8 Final 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.

Core Components	% Grade
Introduction Forum	1
Weekly Forums	40
Weekly Assignments	45
Final Project	14
Total	100

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 <u>Student Handbook</u> 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.

<u>Netiquette</u>

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: ;-), :), ^(C)

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 <u>librarian@apus.edu</u>.

- **Charles Town Library and Inter Library Loan:** The University maintains a special library with a limited number of supporting volumes, collection of our professors' publication, and services to search and borrow research books and articles from other libraries.
- *Electronic Books:* You can use the online library to uncover and download over 50,000 titles, which have been scanned and made available in electronic format.
- *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 (<u>http://apus.libguides.com/index.php</u>)

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: <u>librarian@apus.edu.</u>

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