

FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT

COURSE OUTLINE

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1. GENERAL			
SCHOOL	School of Management and Economics		
ACADEMIC UNIT	Department of Business Administration and Tourism		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	Undergraduate		
COURSE CODE	0800.6.020.0	SEMESTER	Winter/Spring
COURSE TITLE	Food and Beverage Management		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES if credits are awarded for separate components of the course	WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS		CREDITS
	0		6
Total	0		6
COURSE TYPE general background, special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development			
PREREQUISITE COURSES	None		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS	English		
OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes (in English) — Both Winter and Spring Semesters		
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://eclass.hmu.gr/courses/BAT295/		

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES
Learning outcomes
Upon successful completion of the course, students are expected to be able to: 1. Demonstrate general knowledge of the origins and development of food service in hotels, restaurants, and institutions. 2. Describe the economic impact of the Food and Beverage industry. 3. Distinguish between commercial and institutional food service operations. 4. Identify trends that are likely to affect the food service industry in the coming years. 5. Identify a range of managerial, production, and service positions commonly found in the food service industry and describe their roles in the provision of Food and Beverage services. 6. Describe managerial responsibilities related to food service operations, including menu planning, purchasing, storage, food preparation, and recipe development. 7. Identify and explain the stages involved in menu planning and menu design. 8. Explain the importance and role of marketing in the Food and Beverage industry. 9. Identify the main functions and fundamental principles of Food and Beverage production. 10. Identify and describe the four main types of table service, as well as at least two additional categories of food service. 11. Understand and review the fundamental principles of Food and Beverage Management and Control. 12. Describe the appropriate sanitation, hygiene, and safety procedures and techniques applied in the Food and

Beverage industry.

General Competences

The main objectives of the course are:

- To prepare students to address the challenges associated with the Food and Beverage industry.
- To provide students with a fundamental understanding of the Food and Beverage industry through:
 - an analysis of its growth and development,
 - an examination of its organizational structure,
 - an exploration of its relationship with other hotel departments,
 - a focus on career opportunities and future industry trends.

3. SYLLABUS

Course Content – 13 Weeks

Week 1: Introduction to the Food and Beverage Industry

- Definition and scope of Food and Beverage Management
- Historical development of food service operations
- Main sectors of the Food and Beverage industry
- Commercial and institutional food service operations
- Current characteristics of the global Food and Beverage industry
- Career opportunities in Food and Beverage Management

Week 2: Organization of the Food and Beverage Department

- Organizational structure of the Food and Beverage department
- Roles and responsibilities of Food and Beverage managers
- Main operational departments:
 - Restaurants
 - Bars
 - Banqueting
 - Room service
 - Kitchen operations
 - Stewarding
- Coordination with front office, housekeeping, sales, marketing, and finance
- Internal communication and departmental cooperation

Week 3: Types of Food and Beverage Operations

- Hotels and resorts
- Independent restaurants
- Fast-food and quick-service restaurants
- Cafes, bars, and entertainment venues
- Contract and institutional catering
- Event and banquet catering
- Airline, cruise, hospital, school, and workplace catering
- Comparison of service concepts and operating models

Week 4: Menu Planning and Menu Design

- Objectives and functions of a menu
- Types of menus:
 - A la carte
 - Table d'hôte
 - Set menu
 - Buffet menu
 - Cyclical menu
 - Tasting menu
- Factors affecting menu planning
- Nutritional, operational, cultural, and financial considerations
- Menu layout and design
- Menu descriptions and presentation
- Introduction to menu engineering

Week 5: Purchasing and Supplier Management

- Purchasing procedures and purchasing policies
- Product specifications
- Supplier selection and evaluation
- Requesting and comparing quotations
- Local, seasonal, and sustainable sourcing
- Ethical purchasing practices
- Receiving procedures and quality control
- Supplier relationship management

Week 6: Receiving, Storage, and Inventory Control

- Receiving procedures and documentation
- Inspection of quantity, quality, and condition
- Storage areas and storage requirements
- Dry, refrigerated, and frozen storage
- Stock rotation methods
- FIFO and FEFO systems
- Inventory records and stocktaking
- Par stock levels and reorder points
- Prevention of waste, theft, and spoilage

Week 7: Food Production Management

- Organization of kitchen operations
- Kitchen hierarchy and staff responsibilities
- Food production systems
- Recipe standardization
- Portion control
- Production planning and forecasting
- Kitchen workflow and equipment
- Coordination between kitchen and service staff
- Productivity and operational efficiency

Week 8: Food and Beverage Service Methods

- Principles of professional food service
- Types of table service:
 - American service
 - English service
 - French service
 - Russian service
- Buffet and self-service operations
- Counter and takeaway service
- Room service
- Banquet service
- Service sequence and standards
- Mise en place and preparation of the dining area

Week 9: Beverage Management

- Classification of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Wine, beer, spirits, cocktails, coffee, tea, and soft drinks
- Bar organization and bar equipment
- Beverage purchasing and storage
- Beverage service procedures
- Introduction to wine service and food pairing
- Responsible alcohol service
- Beverage cost control
- Current trends in beverage consumption

Week 10: Food and Beverage Cost Control

- Importance of cost control
- Food cost and beverage cost calculations
- Standard recipe costing
- Portion cost and selling price
- Gross profit and contribution margin
- Budgeting and forecasting
- Sales analysis
- Labour cost control
- Waste control
- Break-even analysis
- Key performance indicators in Food and Beverage operations

Week 11: Hygiene, Food Safety, and Risk Management

- Personal hygiene standards
- Food contamination and foodborne illnesses
- Safe food handling procedures
- Temperature control
- Cleaning and sanitation programmes
- Allergen management
- Introduction to HACCP principles
- Occupational health and safety

- Emergency procedures
- Compliance with food safety legislation

Week 12: Food and Beverage Marketing and Customer Experience

- Role of marketing in Food and Beverage operations
- Market segmentation and target markets
- Branding and concept development
- Pricing strategies
- Promotion and digital marketing
- Social media and online reviews
- Customer expectations and service quality
- Complaint handling and service recovery
- Customer satisfaction and loyalty
- Creating memorable dining experiences

Week 13: Sustainability, Innovation, and Future Trends

- Sustainable Food and Beverage operations
- Food waste prevention and management
- Energy and water efficiency
- Reduction of single-use plastics
- Local and organic food sourcing
- Plant-based and health-conscious menus
- Technology in Food and Beverage Management
- Digital menus, mobile ordering, and automated systems
- Artificial intelligence and data analytics
- Future trends and challenges in the Food and Beverage industry
- Course review and student presentations

Indicative Practical Activities

Throughout the course, students may participate in:

- Menu planning and menu design exercises
- Recipe costing activities
- Supplier evaluation exercises
- Food and beverage cost calculations
- Restaurant and hotel case studies
- Service simulations
- Complaint-handling role plays
- Group projects
- Industry visits
- Guest lectures from Food and Beverage professionals
- Development of a Food and Beverage business concept
- Final group presentation

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered primarily through distance learning. Teaching is supported by lectures, presentations, case studies, online discussions, and practical activities related to Food and Beverage Management.

Students are expected to study independently and make use of relevant academic literature, professional

publications, and reliable online sources. They are also encouraged to use the printed and electronic resources available through the University Library.

Active participation, critical thinking, and the connection of theoretical knowledge with real examples from the Food and Beverage industry are strongly encouraged throughout the course.

Assessment Method

At the end of the semester, each student is required to submit an individual written assignment. The assignment must follow specific academic, structural, and formatting requirements established by the course instructor.

The topic, length, submission procedure, use of references, citation style, and evaluation criteria will be communicated to students in advance.

In addition to submitting the written assignment, each student must present their work before the instructor and the class. The presentation aims to demonstrate that the assignment has been independently prepared by the student and that they have understood the subject they have examined.

Following the presentation, the student will be required to answer relevant questions concerning the content, methodology, sources, findings, and conclusions of the assignment.

The final assessment may take into account:

- The quality and structure of the written assignment
- The appropriate use of academic and professional sources
- The accuracy of citations and references
- The student's critical analysis and understanding of the topic
- The practical application of Food and Beverage Management concepts
- The quality and clarity of the oral presentation
- The student's ability to answer questions and support their arguments
- Compliance with the instructions and submission requirements set by the instructor

4. TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

DELIVERY

Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.

Distance learning

USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education, communication with students

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Indicative Reading

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