CUL 258.5 Course Outline as of Fall 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CUL 258.5 Title: BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT

Full Title: Beverage Management

Last Reviewed: 1/23/2023

| Units | | Course Hours per Week | | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total | |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 1.50 | Lecture Scheduled | 1.50 | 17.5 | Lecture Scheduled | 26.25 |
| Minimum | 1.50 | Lab Scheduled | 0 | 8 | Lab Scheduled | 0 |
| | | Contact DHR | 0 | | Contact DHR | 0 |
| | | Contact Total | 1.50 | | Contact Total | 26.25 |
| | | Non-contact DHR | 0 | | Non-contact DHR | 0 |

Total Out of Class Hours: 52.50 Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: CUL 256.8

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 100 OR EMLS 100 (formerly ESL 100) or appropriate placement in AB705 mandates.

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Create policies and procedures for developing a profitable beverage program in a restaurant operation.
- 2. Explain industry standards of purchasing, inventory, sales, and service of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in compliance with state and federal regulations.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Discuss various alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages served and sold in a restaurant.
- 2. Apply legal and responsible alcoholic beverage service techniques behind the bar and in the dining room.
- 3. Specify the responsibilities of a beverage manager and the duties of professional staff.
- 4. Discuss professional beverage service practices.
- 5. Develop various types of promotions and merchandising strategies for a beverage operation.
- 6. Calculate product cost and gross profit.
- 7. Ensure sales accountability.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Introduction
 - A. Beverage industry trends
 - B. Beverage management strategies within a restaurant
 - 1. Concept
 - 2. Cuisine
 - 3. Customer
- II. Beverages in a Restaurant
 - A. Alcoholic

- 1. Spirits
- 2. Beer
- 3. Wine
- 4. Other alcoholic beverages
- B. Non-Alcoholic
 - 1. Coffee
 - 2. Tea
 - 3. Other non-alcoholic beverages

III. Restaurant Beverage Operations

- A. The regulatory environment
 - 1. Licensing
 - 2. Laws and liability
- B. Purchasing
 - 1. Types of products, equipment, and supplies
 - 2. Types of purveyors
 - 3. Purchasing controls
 - 4. Product quality control
- C. Marketing
 - 1. Types of promotions
 - a. Internal
 - b. External
 - 2. Menus and merchandising
 - 3. Target marketing
- D. Financial
 - 1. Product Cost
 - 2. Cost controls
 - 3. Pricing
 - 4. Gross profit
 - 5. Sales accountability
- IV. Beverage Sales and Service
 - A. Responsible alcoholic beverage service
 - B. Sales vehicles
 - C. Suggestive selling
 - D. Service technique
 - E. Customer service
- V. Employee Positions
 - A. Management
 - B. Service personnel
- VI. Employee Training
 - A. Portion control
 - B. Quality control
 - C. Customer service

Assignment:

- 1. Weekly reading (5-10 pages)
- 2. Weekly written summary of the guest speaker's topics
- 3. Written critique of a beverage menu regarding product content, and graphic design elements (1)
- 4. Final project: observe and write a critique of a local food and beverage establishment's beverage sales and service operation (2-3 pages)
- 5. Perform calculations to determine a beverage's cost, mark up, price, and profit

- 6. Written discussions on a variety of topics (3-4)
- 7. Quizzes (3-4)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Speaker's summaries; critique of beverage menu; written discussions; final project

Writing 40 - 60%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Beverage's cost, mark up, price, and profit calculations

Problem solving 10 - 20%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes

Exams 20 - 40%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation

Other Category 10 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials