CUL 253.8 Course Outline as of Fall 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CUL 253.8 Title: RESTAURANT KITCHEN Full Title: Restaurant Kitchen Last Reviewed: 1/23/2023

Units		Course Hours per Wee	k .	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	4.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.25	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	21.88
Minimum	4.00	Lab Scheduled	9.00	8	Lab Scheduled	157.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	10.25		Contact Total	179.38
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 43.75

Total Student Learning Hours: 223.13

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 253.10

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion of CUL 251B (or CUL 253.6 or CUL 253A) and Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in CUL 251C (or CUL 253.7)

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: CSU GE:	Area Transfer Area	Effective: Effective:	Inactive: 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. Explain the importance of local and seasonal products in menu planning, design, and presentation in the restaurant kitchen.

- 2. Apply a working knowledge of sanitation and safety as applied in a professional kitchen.
- 3. Perform basic skills, techniques and guidelines used in a restaurant kitchen.

Objectives:

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

- 1. Apply principles and proper procedures for sanitation and safe, hygienic food handling.
- 2. Utilize a variety of cooking techniques.
- 3. Demonstrate mise-en-place for a variety of stations.
- 4. Demonstrate proper doneness of products.
- 5. Prepare a variety of potatoes, grains, and legumes.
- 6. Prepare a variety of dishes using fresh pasta.
- 7. Prepare a variety of meats, fish and poultry.
- 8. Prepare a variety of vegetarian dishes.
- 9. Prepare a variety of salads and dressings.
- 10. Prepare a variety of desserts.
- 11. Utilize proper holding and reheating techniques.
- 12. Prepare a variety of breakfast items.
- 13. Demonstrate plate presentation techniques.
- 14. Employ principles of station inventory
- 15. Analyze and evaluate finished products.
- 16. Practice and apply food waste control principles.
- 17. Apply proper scullery procedures for washing, sanitizing, drying, and storing equipment,

wares, and utensils in a working kitchen.

18. Employ standards of professionalism, teamwork, and leadership in the professional restaurant kitchen.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Practical Kitchen Maintenance
 - A. Types of large and small equipment used
 - B. Sanitation and safety practices
 - C. Cleaning and sanitizing
 - 1. Safety procedures
 - 2. Cleaning and sanitizing procedures
 - 3. Maintaining walk-ins, freezers, floors, and storage areas
 - 4. Safe practices when using cleaning supplies and solutions
 - 5. Maintaining accurate maintenance log
 - 6. Recycling, compost, and waste procedures
 - D. Proper food storage procedures
 - 1. Labeling
 - 2. First in first out (F.I.F.O.)
 - 3. Temperature logs
 - i. Cold storage areas
 - ii. Dry storage areas
 - iii. Hot and cold foods
- II. Scullery
 - A. Procedures
 - B. Washing and sanitizing
 - C. Ware washing chemicals
 - 1. Identification
 - 2. Proper use and storage
- III. Menus and Recipes
 - A. Types and seasonality
 - B. Language
 - C. Standardized recipes
 - D. Measurements and conversions
 - E. Controlling food costs
- IV. Basic Cooking Methods
 - A. Dry-heat cooking techniques
 - 1. Grilling
 - 2. Broiling
 - 3. Sautéing
 - 4. Pan-frying
 - 5. Deep-frying
 - 6. Smoking
 - B. Moist-heat cooking techniques
 - 1. Poaching
 - 2. Steaming
 - 3. Simmering
 - 4. Boiling
 - C. Combination cooking techniques
 - 1. Braising
 - 2. Stewing
 - D. Determining doneness

- E. Evaluating quality
- V. Mise-en-Place
 - A. Gathering tools and equipment
 - B. Organizing a workstation
 - C. Preparing ingredients to cook
 - D. Cleaning and maintaining a kitchen workstation
- VI. Kitchen Stations
 - A. Mise-en-place
 - B. Inventory management
 - C. Portion control
 - D. Quality control
 - E. Proper holding techniques
 - F. Plate presentation
- VII. Hot Line
 - A. Menu design
 - B. Cooking techniques
 - C. Proper holding
 - D. Sauces and garnishes
 - E. Plate presentation
- VIII. Pantry Station
 - A. Salad types
 - B. Dressings and garnishes
 - C. Proper holding techniques
 - D. Plate presentation
- IX. Dessert Station
 - A. Menu design
 - B. Sauces and garnishes
 - C. Proper holding techniques
 - D. Plate presentation
- X. Sensory Evaluation
- XI. Attributes of the Professional Chef
 - A. Teamwork and leadership
 - B. Efficient time management and accuracy
 - C. Following written and verbal directions

Concepts presented in lecture are applied and practiced in lab.

Assignment:

Lecture-Related Assignments:

- 1. Weekly reading (10-20 pages)
- 2. Weekly planning and completing prep lists, menu descriptions (written)
- 3. Writing assignment(s) such as a restaurant critique or farmers market visit (1-2)
- 4. Quizzes (3-4)

Lab-Related Assignments:

- 1. Daily cooking and baking assignments
- 2. Daily product assessment
- 3. Self-assessment and critique

Exams:

1. Practical final exam (written portion included)

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.

Weekly planning and completing prep lists, menu descriptions; writing assignment(s)

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

Cooking and baking assignments; self-assessment and critique

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

Practical final exam; daily product assessments

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

Quizzes; final exam (written portion)

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

Attendance, participation, and professionalism

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

On Cooking: A Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals. 6th ed. Labensky, Sarah and Hause, Alan and Martel, Pricilla. Pearson. 2019.

Writing 5 - 10%
Problem solving 10 - 20%
Skill Demonstrations 40 - 60%
Exams 10 - 20%
Other Category 5 - 20%