CUL 258.1 Course Outline as of Summer 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CUL 258.1 Title: REST. DINING RM SERVICE

Full Title: Restaurant Dining Room Service

Last Reviewed: 1/23/2023

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.25	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	21.88
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	5.75	8	Lab Scheduled	100.63
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	7.00		Contact Total	122.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 43.75 Total Student Learning Hours: 166.25

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

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in CUL 230 OR CUL 250 OR DIET 50; AND Minimum Age 18 or older

Recommended Preparation:

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

Limits on Enrollment:

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Transfer Credit:

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

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. Demonstrate procedures in restaurant dining room service operations that ensure a safe and sanitary workplace.
- 2. Demonstrate a variety of restaurant dining room service skills resulting in customer satisfaction.
- 3. Identify customer service issues and apply techniques that result in a positive outcome.

Objectives:

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

- 1. Apply safety and sanitation standards to all equipment and supplies in the dining room, service stations, dry and cold storage areas, scullery, and retail bakery.
- 2. Set up the dining room to support smooth and timely service.
- 3. Properly serve and clear tables in a station for a variety of menu styles, including large party service.
- 4. Demonstrate appropriate customer service techniques.
- 5. Describe the principles of food and wine pairing and demonstrate proper wine service.
- 6. Employ appropriate skills in a variety of Front House positions in the restaurant.
- 7. Use the Point of Sale (P.O.S.) system efficiently and correctly.
- 8. Demonstrate professionalism in the workplace.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Sanitation and Safety
 - A. Food and beverage service
 - B. Service station maintenance

- C. Scullery (dish room) procedures
- D. Retail bakery operations
- II. Table Service
 - A. Table settings
 - B. Plate service
 - C. Tray service
 - D. Large party service
 - E. Sequence of service
 - F. Suggestive selling techniques
 - G. Customer service issues
 - H. Point of Sale (P.O.S.) use
- III. Wine and Food Pairing and Service
- IV. Front House Positions in the Restaurant
- V. Professionalism and Soft Skills
 - A. Teamwork
 - B. Organized production
 - C. Positive attitude
 - D. Time management
 - E. Professional appearance
 - F. Communication skills

Concepts presented in lecture are applied and practiced in lab.

Assignment:

Lecture-Related Assignments:

- 1. Weekly reading (3-7 pages)
- 2. Self-evaluation performance reviews (2)
- 3. Weekly written reports (1-3 pages)
- 4. Quizzes (3-5)

Lab-Related Assignments:

- 1. Daily progress reports (1 page)
- 2. Station assignments
- 3. Tableside service performance and evaluation
- 4. Wine service performance and evaluation
- 5. Perform daily sidework duties
- 6. Problem solving service issues
- 7. Secret Shopper report (3 pages)

Exams:

Written final exam

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.

Self-evaluation performance reviews; weekly reports; daily progress reports; secret shopper report

Writing 15 - 25%

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

Problem solving service issues

Problem solving 15 - 25%

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

Station assignments; tableside and wine service performance and evaluation; sidework

Skill Demonstrations 20 - 30%

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

Quizzes; final exam

Exams 10 - 20%

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

Attendance, participation, professionalism

Other Category 10 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials