

CUL 258.6 Course Outline as of Fall 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CUL 258.6 Title: RESTAURANT OPERATIONS

Full Title: Restaurant Operations

Last Reviewed: 1/13/2025

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

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 256.10

Catalog Description:

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Eligibility for ENGL C1000 or EMLS 10 or equivalent or appropriate placement based on 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. Analyze restaurant trends and predictions for the future of restaurants.
2. Connect a restaurant's concept with its cuisine and customer base to the overall success of a restaurant.
3. Differentiate between the management of and the leadership of a restaurant operation.
4. Perform restaurant math, including food costing and the basic functions of a profit and loss statement.
5. Describe characteristics of a positive employee culture involving both the front and back of the house.
6. Identify essential customer service strategies pertaining to the sales and service of alcoholic beverages.

Objectives:

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

1. Evaluate a restaurant's concept to determine potential for success or failure.
2. Create and price a menu for profitability.
3. Identify key factors including restaurant concept, customer demographics, location and menu design, in designing a restaurant kitchen and front of house.
4. Create a realistic budget for a restaurant given specific criteria.
5. Project food and beverage sales and expenses on a daily, monthly, and annual basis.
6. Implement methods to increase employee productivity in the kitchen and the dining room.
7. Manage a dining room to achieve maximum levels of service, efficiency, and revenue.
8. Analyze a profit and loss statement.
9. Ensure that all government tax laws and regulations are followed.
10. Create an effective marketing plan for a restaurant.
11. Satisfy all laws pertaining to the sales and service of alcoholic beverages.

12. Implement proper labor cost controls through effective hiring and scheduling methods.
13. Develop a productive work environment using effective leadership and supervision strategies.
14. Describe the roles of a restaurant manager.
15. Implement effective guest service procedures.

Topics and Scope:

I. Introduction

- A. The history of restaurants
- B. Industry trends
- C. A restaurant's concept
- D. Success and failure factors
- E. The future of restaurants and implementing sustainable practices

II. Designing and Pricing the Menu

- A. Costing, pricing, and profitability
- B. Inventory management

III. The Physical Facility

- A. Front of the house: workplace design
- B. Back of the house: workplace design
- C. Equipment and interiors
- D. Sanitation and food safety

IV. Financial Operations

- A. Budgeting and controlling costs
- B. Financial management
- C. Structure and analysis of labor
- D. Laws and regulations

V. Restaurant Marketing and Promotion

VI. Beverage Management

- A. Sales and proper service of alcoholic beverages
- B. Laws and regulations

VII. Human Resources and Legal Issues

- A. Labor laws and regulations
- B. Scheduling labor

VIII. Supervision and Leadership

- A. Employee culture
- B. Workplace issues

IX. Customer Service Essentials

Assignment:

1. Weekly reading assignments (10-20 pages)
2. Written reports:
 - a. Describe a local restaurant's concept and how that concept is portrayed
 - b. Summarize factors contributing to success or failure of a restaurant
3. Problem solving assignments:
 - a. Perform exercises costing out food portions and recipes
 - b. Outline methods to solve typical operational problems in a restaurant
 - c. Create a weekly labor schedule for front and back of the house employees conforming to budget, and rationale for it.
 - d. Role play different guest service scenarios and troubleshoot solutions
4. Quizzes (3-5)

5. Final project

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.

Written reports on concept; success and failure; final project

Writing
30 - 40%

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

Recipe costing; operational problems; labor schedule; customer service scenarios

Problem solving
20 - 30%

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

None

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0 - 0%

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

Quizzes

Exams
20 - 30%

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

Attendance/participation

Other Category
20 - 30%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials