

FLORS 114 Course Outline as of Fall 2005**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: FLORS 114 Title: RETAIL FLOWER SHOP MGMNT

Full Title: Retail Flower Shop Management

Last Reviewed: 3/28/2022

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	17.5	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 or P/NP

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

Also Listed As:

Formerly: FLORS 94

Catalog Description:

Aspects of owning/managing a flower shop. Advertising and merchandising, refrigeration, shrinkage, wire services, simple bookkeeping, permits and licenses, and management and personnel procedures as applied to floral industry.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion of FLORS 83A

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Prerequisites/Corequisites: Course Completion of FLORS 83A

Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

Limits on Enrollment:

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:
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CSU Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:
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CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Summarize the elements contributing to the success of a floral shop.
2. Formulate a workable plan for establishing and managing a new or already existing flower shop.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of various advertising methods.
4. Assess the advantages, explain the use of, and effectively operate a wire service.
5. Determine product mark-up to establish profit on products.
6. Create the desired flower shop atmosphere through display, merchandising, space management, and customer relations.
7. Lay out a workable flower shop floor plan, considering efficiency and aesthetic appeal.
8. Develop effective sales techniques.
9. Examine bookkeeping systems and determine appropriate system.
10. Summarize key aspects of good customer relations.

Topics and Scope:

I. Elements of a Successful Floral Shop

- A. Location
- B. Foot traffic
- C. Display
- D. Atmosphere and presentation
- E. Customer service
- F. Shop layout

II. Business Practices for the Floral Shop

- A. Starting your own vs. buying an existing business
- B. Licensing and permits
- C. Agencies

D. Buying practices

1. Sources
2. Perishables vs. non-perishables
3. Buying considerations
 - a. quantity
 - b. type of product
 - c. what lasts?

E. Advertising

1. Types and costs
2. Direct marketing
3. Newsletters
4. Phone ads
5. Billboards
6. Effectiveness
7. Writing ad copy

F. Employee relations

G. Wire services

H. Buying

I. Product mark-up

1. determining appropriate mark-up
2. principles of mark-up

J. Selling

1. product knowledge
2. customer relations

K. Display and merchandizing

L. Record keeping

1. standard
2. special considerations for holiday business

III. Bookkeeping Systems

A. Profit/loss

B. Bad debts

C. Shrinkage

D. Payables/receivables

E. Wire service statements

IV. Wire Services

A. Costs

1. Initial

2. Continuing

B. Percentage of profit

1. Sender

2. Receiver

3. Wire service

C. Pros and cons of joining wire service

D. How to send and receive orders

E. Advertising in wire services books

V. Wholesale Purchasing and Retail Handling

A. Proper buying and selling techniques

B. Controlled shrinkage

C. Refrigeration

D. Transportation

VI. Retail Display

A. Window

- B. Show room
- C. Refrigerator
- D. Personnel
- E. Out of shop
- F. Seasonal

VII. Shop Layout

- A. Efficiency of placement
- B. Systems
 - 1. Placement of phones and computers
 - 2. Processing flowers
 - 3. Display refrigerator
 - 4. Delivery staging area
 - 5. Organizing the workroom
 - 6. Lighting
 - 7. Ease of cleaning

VIII. Customer Relations

- A. Dealing with emotions
- B. Translating requests into floral design
- C. On-time delivery

Assignment:

1. Visit 3 flower shops. Write a 3-page paper of observations, based on evaluation sheet provided.
2. Create a Yellow Pages ad for a flower shop.
3. Create a layout/floor plan for a full service flower shop.
4. Write a business plan for a retail flower shop.
5. Midterm.
6. Final: 10 minute in-class presentation of business plan.
7. Reading: approximately 10-25 pages per week.

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.

Observations paper; Yellow Pages ad.

Writing
10 - 25%

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

Floor plan; business plan.

Problem solving
30 - 40%

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

Oral presentation.

Skill Demonstrations
20 - 30%

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

Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items, Completion

Exams
10 - 20%

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

Attendance and participation.

Other Category
0 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Retail Flower Shop Operation. SOHO Press, 1994.

Instructor prepared materials.