#### 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	ľ	Nbr of Weeks	<b>Course Hours Total</b>	
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:**

In this course, students will be introduced to managing a variety of beverage operations including buying, selling, and serving both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages: beer, wine, spirits, coffee, and tea.

#### **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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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:

**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