



SYLLABUS

Academic year 2024-2025

1. Information regarding the program

1.1. Higher education institution	Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai
1.2. Faculty	Business
1.3. Department	Hospitality Services
1.4. Field of study	Business Administration
1.5. Study cycle	Bachelor
1.6. Study program/ Qualification	Business Administration in Hospitality Services

2. Information regarding the course

2.1. Name of the course	Managementul agenției de turism/Travel Agency Management						
2.2. Code	ILE0048						
2.3. Course coordinator	Assoc. Prof. Dr Monica Maria COROȘ						
2.4. Seminar coordinator	Assoc. Prof. Dr Monica Maria COROȘ						
2.5. Year of study	3	2.6. Semester	I	2.7. Type of evaluation	E		2.8. Type of course

3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

3.1. Hours per week	4	Of which: 3.2. lecture	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	2
3.4. Total hours in the curriculum	56	Of which: 3.5. lecture	28	3.6. seminar/laboratory	28
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					20
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					20
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					15
Tutorship					2
Evaluations					2
Other activities:					10
3.7. Total individual study hours					69
3.8. Total hours per semester					125
3.9. Number of ECTS credits					5



4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	-
4.2. competencies	-

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	• Classroom with video projector
5.2. for the seminar/lab activities	• Classroom with video projector; Internet access; Laptops or Informatics lab

6. Specific competencies acquired

Professional competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1.1. Description of concepts, theories, and methodologies for collecting, processing, and analysing data from both inside and outside the company; • C1.2. Identification of concrete methods of data collection, processing, and analysis according to various specific situations and operating conditions of the company; • C1.3. Data collection; preparation, management, and use of computer systems for data processing and analysis to solve business-specific problems; • C1.4. Analysis, assessment and validation of empirical data and results to avoid and eliminate misinterpretation; • C4.1. Description, definition, and characterisation of strategies implementable in the activity of hospitality organisations; • C4.2. Analysis of the current situation; selection and proposal of several strategic alternatives for business development; • C4.5. Design and proposal of improvements to business development strategies in hospitality industry organisations;
Transversal competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC2. Identification of roles and responsibilities within a multi-skilled team and use effective teamwork and interpersonal techniques.

7. Objectives of the course (outcome of the acquired competencies)

7.1. General objective of the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the manner how the activity of a travel agency can be managed and organized while contributing to the achievement of the responsible consumption and production sustainable development goal
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7.2. Specific objective of the course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to detail the specific structure of a travel agency and its relation with the tourist industry, and to the responsible consumption and production of tourist services; 2. to communicate the basic understanding of the comprising elements of a travel agency, 3. to carry out ticketing activities, to understand and describe the procedures and regulations in this field, 4. to analyze the four functions of management within travel agencies: planning, organizing, motivating and controlling, 5. to collect and analyse data and information regarding the activity and performance of Romanian and/or European travel agencies.
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8. Content

8.1. Course		Teaching Method	Remarks
1	<i>Introduction and subject presentation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates • discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) • the use of case studies 	1 lecture
2	<i>The tourist market and its intermediaries; Demand: The contents and the structure of the tourist services; The intermediaries' structure, behavior and performance; The appearance of tourist demand</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates • discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) • the use of case studies 	1 lecture
3	<i>Typology of travel agencies: The concepts of travel agent/ agency and tourist agency; Brick &</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates 	1 lecture



	mortar agencies and Online TAs; The types of travel agencies and their development; Networks of travel agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	
4	<i>Typology of travel agencies: The types of travel agencies and their development in Romania; online TAs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	1 lecture
5	<i>The techniques of travel agency operations: The ticketing activity in tourism</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	1 lecture
6	<i>The techniques of travel agency operations: The sale of tourist services; The rights and obligations of the travel agency</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who 	1 lecture



		<p>are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of case studies 	
7	<p><i>The organizing of the travel agency:</i> The organizing of the travel agency's activity; The information system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates • discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) • the use of case studies 	1 lecture
8	<p><i>The organizing of the travel agency:</i> The structure of the agency and the tasks of the personnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates • discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) • the use of case studies 	1 lecture
9	<p><i>The products and the supply of the travel agency:</i> The typology of tourist products; The insurance of tourist services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates • discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) 	1 lecture



10	<i>The products and the supply of the travel agency: Tourist programs and arrangements offered by the travel agency</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of case studies the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	1 lecture
11	<i>The functions of tour-operators: Organizing models of tour-operators</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	1 lecture
12	<i>The functions of tour-operators: Tour-operators at national and international level</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	1 lecture
13	<i>The evaluation of the travel agency's efficiency: The evaluation of the financial results</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates 	1 lecture



	of the commercial activity of a travel agency (the sale of tourist products); The financial profitability rate; Indexes of the efficiency of the human resources; The income and expenditure statement of the a travel agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	
14	<i>Final remarks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the use of an interactive course, based on lecture and debates discussions and debates during the lecture based on examples provided by the teacher and on the interventions of the students (who are required to make various presentations of topics independently studied and identified in the recommended readings) the use of case studies 	1 lecture
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8.2. Seminar/laboratory		Teaching Method	Remarks
1	Presentation of the discipline, of the requirements and objectives, respectively the planning and organizing of the activities; the presentation of the semester and final evaluation methods	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
2	Types of travel agencies in Romania and their developments	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
3	The analysis of the tourist intermediation activities in Romania	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
4	Practical applications – transportation order; booking systems; package development	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification;	1 seminar



		problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	
5	Practical applications – tourist service orders; international contracts for tourist services	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
6	Case studies – the organization and development of travel agencies	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
7	Case studies – motivation of tourist service providers	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
8	Practical applications and case studies – the analysis and the pricing of tourist products and packages	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
9	Case studies – tourist programs and arrangements provided in Romania; Practical Applications – the elaboration of tourist programs and arrangements	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
10	Case studies – development strategies of tour-operators	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar



11	Case studies – the analysis of the evolution and development of tour-operators at national and international levels and the discussion of the determining factors of these developments	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
12	Case studies and practical applications – profitability, cash-flows, income and expenditure statements	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
13	Project presentations	Oral presentation; interactive exposition; multimedia (video or retro projector); exemplification; problem formulation; solving of case studies; solving of practical applications	1 seminar
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9. Corroborating the content of the course with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers within the field of the program

A general view regarding the role of travel agencies within the international tourist activity is compulsory for any graduate. Moreover, the graduates must understand how travel agencies are organized and function; they must comprehend their particularities and specific activities. Finally, it is important to know the methods practiced and applicable in this field in order to be able to properly fulfill specific tasks.

10. Evaluation



Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation method	10.3 Quota in the final grade (%)
Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctness and amplitude of theoretic knowledge Logic coherence Specialized terminology Understanding of basic concepts 	<p>Final test (multiple choice test with one correct answer +/- open-end questions +/- true or false statements) – in order to pass the discipline, all students must receive a grade of minimum 5 (five) in the written exam, only then will all other points be added in order to establish the final grade</p> <p>!!! In order to attend the final exam, students must register for the exam, picking the first or the second date (through the Assignment created in this respect).</p>	30 %
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students' interventions during the lectures 	Two interventions based on topics announced by the students (themes covered by the syllabus or by the optional references)	20 %
Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity to use the acquired knowledge Interest in study (proposal of discussion topics based on the optional references) Projects elaborated on announced topics 	Activity over the semester: simulation of travel agency activities, carried out in teams of 2 to 3 students (teams are established at the beginning of the semester and maintained until the end)	25 %
		Elaboration and oral presentation of projects (in teams of 2 to 3 students) – topics are discussed during the first seminar	25 %
Bonus	Students can gain a bonus worth 1 point if they take part in lecture and seminar activities actively .		
10.6. Minimum performance standards			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprehension of basic notions and their usage interpretations of the obtained results. 			

Date

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