

Fundamentals of Tourism

Code: 101193
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500894 Tourism	OB	1	1

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites

Objectives and Contextualisation

This course introduces students to the world of tourism, making an overview of economic tourism activities so that they acquire the basics of the industry and its components: basic and complementary products and services, customers, institutions, companies' activities, social factors, business environment and infrastructures

Competences

- Analyse quantitative and qualitative information on the economic dimension of the tourism sector and its companies: characteristics of the companies, evolving weight of the sector, market research, etc.
- Behave responsibly towards the environment.
- Critically interpret the context in which the tourism sector operates, from different perspectives deriving from theory, ideology and good practice.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of tourism in all its dimensions and areas.
- Develop a capacity for independent learning.
- Evaluate the economic dimension of tourism at different scales and analyse the interrelationship between them.
- Identify and evaluate the elements of a tourism system and how they interact with and impact the environment.
- Negotiate with different bodies on tourism development projects for particular areas and regions.
- Plan and manage activities on the basis of quality and sustainability.
- Plan, organise and coordinate a work team, creating synergies and showing empathy.
- Self-assess the knowledge acquired.
- Use communication techniques at all levels.
- Work in a team.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse the economic dimension of tourism by studying its sub-sectors: travel agencies, hotels, catering, leisure, consultancies, etc.
2. Analyse the functioning of destinations, tourism structures and business sub-sectors.
3. Argue how best to develop the tourism sector, based on theory and personal insights.
4. Behave responsibly towards the environment.
5. Critically evaluate tourism development projects for particular areas and regions.
6. Describe the dynamic, evolving nature of tourism and the new leisure society.
7. Develop a capacity for independent learning.
8. Identify and relate the activities that pertain to the tourism sector in all its areas: travel agencies, hotels, catering, leisure, consultancies, etc.
9. Identify quantitative and qualitative analysis mechanisms for the impact and evolution of the different sub-sectors of the tourism sector.
10. Plan and manage activities on the basis of quality and sustainability.
11. Plan, organise and coordinate a work team, creating synergies and showing empathy.
12. Recognise the complexity of the tourism sector and its sub-sectors, and how these interrelate with each other and with other sectors.
13. Relate the activities that make up all areas of the tourism sector (travel agencies, hotels, catering, leisure, consultancies, etc.), Single out their differential features.
14. Self-assess the knowledge acquired.
15. Single out and describe tourism development projects for the different sub-sectors of the tourism sector.
16. Use communication techniques at all levels.
17. Work in a team.

Content

Unit 1: Origin and evolution of the tourist activity.

Unit 2: Basic concepts and impacts of tourism.

Unit 3: Tourism demand.

Unit 4: Tourism supply.

Unit 5: Basic tourism companies.

Unit 6: Complementary tourism companies.

Unit 7: Quality of tourist services.

Unit 8: Tourism policy and future tourism expectations.

Methodology

The teaching method used is a combination of lectures, combined with a series of tutorials in small groups to work on different exercises and assignments that will be given to the students throughout the course

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classroom	40	1.6	2, 5, 4, 7, 15, 8, 10, 11

Type: Supervised

Guided and Tutoring	18	0.72	7, 12, 11, 13
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Type: Autonomous

Students Work	46	1.84	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 16, 10, 11, 17
Study	35	1.4	3, 6

Assessment

This subject will be assessed as follows:

A) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT:

- There will be two partial exams, which represent 60% of the grade. In order to be able to calculate the average for the final grade, it is necessary to obtain at least 4 out of 10 in every exam.
- Individual assignments represent 10% of the grade.
- The final project represents another 20% of the grade.
- Attendance and participation represent 10% of the grade.

To pass the course students must get at least a grade of 5 out of 10 in the final grade.

B) SINGLE ASSESSMENT:

Instead of continuous assessment, students have the option to choose single assessment as long as they can prove they are not able to attend classes because they are attending other classes or they are repeat students. Those must partake in the single assessment will have to inform the teacher by e-mail before March the 1st and attach the appropriate document/s to justify the change.

Single assessment students will deliver the final project within the deadline and will take the final exam on the date and time scheduled according to the academic calendar posted in the official academic program of the school. The grade of the final project will be 50% and final exam will be the remaining 50% of the final grade. A minimum of 4 points will be required to pass the exam.

To pass the course students must get at least a grade of 5 out of 10 in the final grade.

RETAKE EXAM:

Students with a grade between 3.5 and 4.9 in the final exam will have the chance to retake the exam according to the academic activities calendar, which is reported in the students' guide or on the school's website. If these students pass the retake exam, their final grade will be 5.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Attendance and participation	10%	0	0	4, 7, 16
Final project and oral presentation	20%	5	0.2	1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 10, 11, 13, 17
Individual assignments	10%	2	0.08	5, 15, 12, 16, 13, 14

Partial exam 1	30%	2	0.08	2, 5, 15, 8, 16, 14
Partial exam 2	30%	2	0.08	2, 8, 12, 16, 13, 14

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