

Operations Management

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Degree	Type	Year
Business Administration and Management	OB	3
Economics	OT	3
Economics	OT	4

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

Subject development doesn't require any knowledge prerequisites.

Obviously, all administrative requirements to course the subject must be fulfilled to enroll in the course.

Objectives and Contextualisation

- To introduce a modern approach to Operations Management as a basement to achieve an integrated management of the company
- To place the production system as the union of procurement, manufacturing and distribution subsystems positioning itself in relation with Finance and Marketing Systems
- To introduce the strategic and operational aspects of the production function
- To know the main decision areas of the operations area
- To know the main tools used to support decisions in the operations area

Competences

Business Administration and Management

- Apply mathematical instruments to synthesise complex economic-business situations.
- Apply theoretical knowledge to improve relations with clients and suppliers, identifying the advantages and disadvantages of those relations for both sides: company and client or supplier.
- Demonstrate initiative and work individually when the situation requires it.
- Identify, justify and reason the appropriate decisions according to the basic parameters of a business problem.
- Organise the work in terms of good time management, organisation and planning.
- Select and generate the information necessary for each problem, analyse it and take decisions based on that information.
- Use of the available information technology and adaptation to new technological environments.

Economics

- Apply mathematical instruments to synthesise complex economic-business situations.
- Apply theoretical knowledge to improve relations with clients and suppliers, identifying the advantages and disadvantages of those relations for both sides: company and client or supplier.
- Demonstrate initiative and work individually when the situation requires it.
- Identify, justify and reason the appropriate decisions according to the basic parameters of a business problem.
- Organise the work in terms of good time management, organisation and planning.
- Select and generate the information necessary for each problem, analyse it and take decisions based on that information.
- Show motivation for carrying out quality work and sensitivity to the consequences for the environment and society.
- Use of the available information technology and adaptation to new technological environments.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply algorithmic resolution techniques to optimisation problems.
2. Apply the basic principles of modelling in business decision-making.
3. Demonstrate initiative and work independently when required.
4. Demonstrate motivation regarding the quality of the work performed and sensitivity regarding the consequences on the environment and society.
5. Differentiate between alternative methods of analysis, and apply the appropriate quantitative tools to resolve business management problems.
6. Model the management of business operations by applying quantitative support techniques.
7. Organise work, in terms of good time management and organisation and planning.
8. Select and generate the information needed for each problem, analyse it and make decisions based on this information.
9. Solve problems optimising and obtaining forecasts through information technology applications.
10. Use available information technology and be able to adapt to new technological settings.
11. Use forecasting techniques in business contexts.

Content

THEME I - INTRODUCTION TO OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

1. What is Operations Management?
2. Why study OM?
3. The production function and the production system
4. Goods versus services
5. What operations managers do
6. OM and the strategy of the firm

7. New trends in OM

THEME II - PROCESS DESIGN AND PLANNING

PART 1 - Capacity and Performance Measurement

1. Process strategies
2. Capacity and Productivity
3. Considerations on capacity and strategy

PART 2 - Time studies

1. Labor Standards and Work Measurement
2. Time studies
3. Predetermined Time Standards

PART 3 - Line Balancing

1. Production lines
2. Cycle Time, Number of Workstations, Efficiency
3. Heuristic methods for elements assignment

THEME III - PRODUCTION PLANNING

1. What is Aggregate Planning?
2. Methods for Aggregate Planning
3. Graphical Methods - (constant workforce; variable workforce; subcontracting)
4. Transportation Method of Linear Programming (Bowman)
5. Other models

THEME IV - MATERIALS REQUIREMENT PLANNING

1. MRP: definition and benefits
2. Dependent demand
3. Master Production Schedule (MPS)
4. From Aggregate Production Plan to MPS
5. Bill of Materials (BOM)
6. Lead times, safety stock and lot policy
7. Examples MRP

THEME V - PRODUCTION SCHEDULING

1. The strategic importance of short-term scheduling
2. Scheduling issues
3. Forward and backward scheduling
4. Scheduling criteria
5. Scheduling process-focused facilities
6. Loading jobs
7. Sequencing jobs
8. Finite Capacity Scheduling (FCS)
9. Theory of Constraints
10. Scheduling repetitive facilities
11. Scheduling services

THEME VI - INVENTORY MANAGEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT DEMAND PRODUCTS

1. Inventory: functions and types
2. What is inventory management?
3. ABC analysis
4. Holding, Ordering, and Setup Costs

5. Deterministic inventory models
 1. Basic economic order quantity
 2. Production order quantity
 3. Quantity discount model
7. Deterministic versus probabilistic Models
8. Probabilistic Models and Safety Stock
9. Fixed quantity (Q) versus fixed period (P) models

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Practise classes	17	0.68	2, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 8, 11, 10
Theory classes	32.5	1.3	2, 1, 5, 6, 9, 8, 11, 10
Type: Supervised			
Tutoring for project preparation and SAP exercise	12	0.48	3, 7, 8, 10
Type: Autonomous			
Study	85	3.4	2, 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 8, 11

Teaching will be offered on campus.

Through the course the different chapters of the course will be developed.

Usually a series of materials and activities will have to be worked by the student prior to the classes to motivate and improve the comprehension of the subject.

Through each chapter, a series of exercises and activities will be proposed to the students to reinforce the contents. These activities will be developed by reduced groups of students.

Each week the teachers will be available some hours to attend the students individually to solve any doubts they may have (tutorial time).

In this course, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies is not permitted at any stage. Any work that includes fragments generated with AI will be considered a breach of academic honesty and may result in a partial or total penalty in the grade for the activity, or more severe sanctions in serious cases.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Case - Production planning with SAP (PP)	5%	0	0	3, 7, 9, 11, 10
Final exam	50%	2	0.08	2, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 7, 9, 8, 11, 10
Group project	10%	0	0	4, 7, 8, 10
Mid-term exam	35%	1.5	0.06	3, 4, 7, 8

Comprehensive evaluation

This subject/module does not offer the option for comprehensive evaluation.

A student is considered as "Not evaluable" for the final overall grade, whenever he/she did not participate to any evaluation activity.

Minimum Final Exam Grade

To pass the course, the final exam grade must be at least a 3.5. If this requirement is not met, the student must take the makeup exam, provided that the overall course grade (continuous assessment and final exam) is at least a 3.5, as stipulated by UAB regulations.

Calendar of evaluation activities

The dates of the evaluation activities (midterm exams, exercises in the classroom, assignments, ...) will be announced well in advance during the semester.

The date of the final exam is scheduled in the assessment calendar of the Faculty.

"The dates of evaluation activities cannot be modified, unless there is an exceptional and duly justified reason why an evaluation activity cannot be carried out. In this case, the degree coordinator will contact both the teaching staff and the affected student, and a new date will be scheduled within the same academic period to make up for the missed evaluation activity." Section 1 of Article 115. Calendar of evaluation activities

(Academic Regulations UAB). Students of the Faculty of Economics and Business, who in accordance with the previous paragraph need to change an evaluation activity date must process the request by contacting the studies coordinator

Grade revision process

After all grading activities have ended, students will be informed of the date and way in which the course grades will be published. Students will be also be informed of the procedure, place, date and time of grade revision following University regulations.

Retake Process

All students are required to perform the evaluation activities. If the student's grade is 5 or higher, the student passes the course and it cannot be subject to further evaluation. If the student grade is less than 3.5, the student will have to repeat the course the following year. Students who have obtained a grade that is equal to

or greater than 3.5 and less than 5 can take a second chance exam. The lecturers will decide the type of the second chance exam. When the second exam grade is greater than 5, the final grade will be a PASS with a maximum numerical grade of 5. When the second exam grade is less than 5, the final grade will be a FAIL with a numerical grade equal to the grade achieved in the course grade (not the second chance exam grade).

A student who does not perform any evaluative task is considered "not evaluable", therefore, a student who performs a continuous assessment component can no longer be qualified with a "not evaluable".

Irregularities in evaluation activities

In spite of other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate, and in accordance with current academic regulations, "in the case that the student makes any irregularity that could lead to a significant variation in the grade of an evaluation activity, it will be graded with a0, regardless of the disciplinary process that can be instructed. In case of various irregularities occur in the evaluation of the same subject, the final grade of this subject will be 0". Section 10 of Article 116. Results of the evaluation. (UAB Academic Regulations).

"To participate in the retake process, students must have previously been assessed in a set of activities that represent a minimum of two thirds of the total grade of the subject or module. " Section 3 of Article 112b. Retake (UAB Academic Regulations).

The proposed evaluation activities may undergo some changes according to the restrictions imposed by the health authorities on on-campus courses.

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Software

Microsoft Excel

Groups and Languages

Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2025. You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject.

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	2	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(PAUL) Classroom practices	4	English	second semester	morning-mixed
(PAUL) Classroom practices	52	Catalan	second semester	afternoon
(PAUL) Classroom practices	60	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	2	Catalan/Spanish	second semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	4	English	second semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	52	Catalan/Spanish	second semester	afternoon
(TE) Theory	60	Catalan/Spanish	second semester	morning-mixed