



Code-Course	064509 - Strategic Management in Tourism Companies				
Year	4th	Credits	3 cr ECTS		
Thematic Area	Economics and Business		Course Type	Core subject	
In-class hours	24h	Teacher-led learning hours	24h	Individual work hours	27h

BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

To manage a company effectively, it is essential to know the external and internal factors that can affect the choice of the overall corporate strategy and the organizational structure of the company. Such decision must take into consideration the current processes of globalization, technological changes and macroeconomic and political conditions. This subject enables reflection on the contents learned in other subjects to be used to define, design and implement strategies to address the real problems of the tourism sector. It is a practical subject, based on case analysis so that students can analyze the highest number of situations and the different strategies to deal with them.

BASIC SKILLS

BS02 – Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work in a professional way and possess the skills used to develop and defend arguments and solve problems within their study field.

GENERAL SKILLS

GS02- Have business vision.

GS03- Have initiative and an entrepreneurial spirit.

SPECIFIC SKILLS

SS05- Understand and apply the political, legal, and institutional framework that regulates tourism companies and activities.

SS14- Identify and manage the internal aspects, functions, and operational processes of tourism business units.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES



1. Know the processes of planning and organizing events and major events such as fairs and conferences.
2. To know instruments and mechanisms for obtaining financial resources.
3. Prepare reports assessing the trend of the results obtained and the evolution and expectations of service prices, according to internal economic information and market needs.
4. Develop skills related to innovation and creativity for the creation of tourism products and services.
5. Manage the phases of the opening of tourist establishments (obligations of the property and obligations of the manager).

ACADEMIC CONTENTS

1. **Introduction to the strategy concept and strategy management**
 - 1.1 Vision, mission and company values
 - 1.2 Strategy
 - 1.3 Strategy management and strategic process
 - 1.4 Business models
 - 1.5 Business Case 1
2. **Analysis of the external environment**
 - 2.1 The Environment within the strategic position
 - 2.2 The macro environment
 - 2.3 Industry analysis. The 5 forces
 - 2.4 Analysis of competitors
 - 2.5 Business Case 2 (part 1)
3. **Analysis of the internal resources**
 - 3.1 Own capabilities within the strategic position
 - 3.2 Competitive advantage
 - 3.3 Sustainable competitive advantage. Dynamic capabilities
 - 3.4 Diagnosing strategic capability
 - 3.5 Tools to diagnose internal and strategic capabilities
 - 3.6 Managing strategic capability
 - 3.7 Business Case 2 (part 2)
4. **Development of management strategies**
 - 4.1 Development of strategies and strategic choice
 - 4.2 Business-level strategy. Competitive moves
 - 4.3 Corporate-level and international strategies
 - 4.4 Strategies to grow / to change (portfolio planning, Ansoff matrix, blue ocean)
 - 4.5 Business Case 3 (part 1)
5. **Implementation of strategies**
 - 5.1 Planning, Implementation and Control



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COURSE CONTENT

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- 5.2 Structures, Processes and Relationship
- 5.3 Assessing organizational performance: Balanced Scorecard
- 5.4 Managing Strategic Change
- 5.5 Business Case 3 (part 2)

LEARNING METHODOLOGY

The learning methodologies planned for the subject combine a number of processes being the most remarkable the cognitive methods related to the comprehension of the principles of tourism and the global tourism system as well as the inclusion of a set of skills, mainly technical.

The activities and methodologies -both group and individual- designed for this subject are the following:

- Lectures
- Case studies
- Guided discussions
- Practical exercises
- Problem-based learning

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The assessment system measures the student's achievement of learning outcomes regarding the subject's competences and contents.

Students may choose continuous assessment or single assessment:

Continuous Assessment: the teaching-learning process is assessed by a continuous monitoring of the work done by the students throughout the course and a final individual examination. Students must attend classes in order to be assessed by continuous assessment.

Single Assessment: for those students who cannot come to class regularly, they can choose to be assessed by single assessment. The teaching-learning process is assessed by means of the assessment of all activities and in-person individual examination at the end of the course.

To qualify for this form of assessment, students must apply within the first 15 days of the start of the course through the assessment section of Virtual Campus.

The assessment activities planning will be public for the students from the start.



Activities	Type	Continuous	Single	Week deadline
Business case 1	group	10 %		Week 03
Business case 2	group	20 %		Week 08
Business case 3	group	20 %		Week 13
Business case 3'	Individual		40%	Week 13
Participation in class	Individual	10%		
Individual Final Exam	individual	40 %	60 %	
	TOTAL	100%	100%	

To pass the course, it is mandatory to have obtained a minimum final grade of "5", as long as the student has completed the individual exam/s or work/s established in the course. This exam/s or final work/s must be graded with a minimum of "4" in order to be able to calculate the average of all the assessment activities carried out during the course.

Revision and Reassessment of the Course

The student has the right to revise all the evidences that have been designed for the assessment of learning.

If a student fails to achieve the learning objectives of the course, in order to opt for the subject reassessment, it will be necessary to have obtained a final grade of the subject between "4-4.9", and to have attended the individual final exam/s or final work/s of the course.

The reassessment process will only involve the modification of the final grade in the case that the new assessment activity is passed and, in any case, the maximum grade will be "5". This grade will be averaged with the other grades of the assessment activities carried out by the student during the corresponding academic period, considering the percentages established in each subject, setting the final grade for the course.

REFERENCES

- Strategic Management: Concepts and Cases: Competitiveness and Globalization. 13th edition – Cengage Learning – Hitt, Ireland & Hoskisson – 2018



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- Blue ocean strategy. How to create uncontested market space and make the competition irrelevant — Harvard Business Review Press – W. Chan Kim, Renée A. Mauborgne - 2015
- Exploring Corporate Strategy – Prentice Hall - Johnson, Scholes & Whittington – 2008
- Business Minds: Connect with the World's Greatest Management Thinkers – Prentice Hall – Brown, Crainer, Dearlove, Rodrigues - 2002
- The Balanced Scorecard: Translating strategy into action. 1st edition – Harvard Business Review Press – Kaplan & Norton – 1996