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Bachelor
International Tourism Management / Health & Medical Tourism

Faculty of Applied Healthcare Sciences

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Module code: T101
Module coordinator: Charles Lindenberg
Module Group: Key Competencies
Course number and name: T101 Foreign Language I
Semester: 1
Duration of the module: 1 semester
Module frequency: annually
Course type: required course
Level: undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS): 4
ECTS: 4
Workload: Time of attendance: 60 hours
self-study: 60 hours
Total: 120 hours
Duration of examination: 60 min.
Type of examination: written ex. 60 min.
Language of instruction: English

Module objective
Students use the English language more efficiently and are able to communicate using a wider spectrum of vocabulary

Applicability in this Program
English language courses (Foreign Language I + III)

Entrance requirements
English Language Level B2
Learning content

Team work
- working successfully within a team
- communicating across cultures
- business arrangements
- telephoning skills, business letters, formal/informal emails

Social media
- social networking
- the tenses

Business travel
- corporate hospitality
- arranging a company visit
- letter of invitation

Work-life balance
- global happiness
- dynamic presentations
- relative clauses
- suffixes and collocations

Relocating
- writing reports
- adjectives

Teaching methods

Lessons are planned and tailored for students’ needs

Academic material include: special journals, books, audios, MP 3 files, DVD-ROM, newspaper articles, business magazines, and special internet sites for students and teachers.

Students are introduced to the topic, while their knowledge and interests are taken into consideration. Objectives and aims are clearly presented followed by learning outcomes.
Practicing speaking, listening, writing and reading skills are key elements to improved language ability.

Most lessons involve students working in groups or pairs depending on the topic. Occasionally groups or pairs are asked to prepare a presentation either in front of the class or their group.

**Recommended Literature**

**Listening and viewing:**

BBC: http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnj3

The Guardian: https://www.theguardian.com/broadcastsummit

VOA Learning English broadcast: https://learningenglish.voanews.com/z/1689

**Reading, writing and listening:**

Business Spotlight: https://www.business-spotlight.de/


**Grammar:**

Module objective

Students from more than 20 nations participate in this study programme. In spite of their very different backgrounds, most of the students unite the challenges of a first degree course. Within the framework of the module, the students jointly define the framework conditions which they consider important for the achievement of their study goals. Among other things, they learn about different learning methods before they get to know the central methods and instruments of scientific work. The seminar accompanies the students in the preparation of their first research paper.

Professional and methodological competence:

The students know tools that help them to organize themselves. The students know the fundamentals of scientific work. They can define topics, specify them more precisely by means of research questions and map them by structuring their work. They are also able to carry out a literature review and know the formal requirements of scientific work.
Personal competence:

The students know new methods of knowledge transfer and acquisition.

Social competence:

Students will find their way around a new and intercultural learning environment. You have gained experience in structuring and target-oriented group work.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module prepares students for those exams that fall under the category "scientific work". This includes in particular the research papers and the final bachelor thesis, but also the presentations.

**Learning content**

1. Personal Development
   1.1. Studying in PAN - habits, views, motives, and expectations
   1.2. Our code of conduct
   1.3. Self-management and learning techniques

2. Scientific Writing
   2.1. Philosophy and theory of science
   2.2. Defining research topic & research questions
   2.3. Literature review
   2.4. Formal aspects
   2.5. Writing and structuring

**Teaching methods**

- Lectures
- Seminar teaching
- Exercises
- Self-study

**Recommended Literature**


Module objective

Professional and methodological competence:

Students know a range of statistical methods to analyze data and apply these methods purposively to answer questions based on evidence from quantitative data. Students understand different concepts and methods from the field and can explain these methods and their (practical) application in research.

Students distinguish between different methods based on their capability and limitations and select suitable methods appropriate to specific research problems.

Students analyze research problems (based on case study) to formulate adequate research questions and analyze data to generate answers and solve research problems.
Personal competence:

Students work self-responsibly on the solution of problems and carry out statistical analyses autonomously and in small work groups. The solutions of the examples given require students' self-responsible and self-directed working style.

Social competence:

Small work groups are defined (2-3 pax) to solve research problems and answer research questions. Close cooperation deepens student's social competences and fosters a team-oriented working style.

**Applicability in this Program**

Quantitative and qualitative research

Bachelor thesis

**Learning content**

1. Basics and key vocabulary

1.1. Statistical studies and surveys, characteristics, characteristic types, scales, data collection

1.2. Introduction to statistical programme

1.3. Deutsche Reiseanalyse RA (as exercise data), data matrix, questionnaire / codebook

2. Frequency distributions

2.1. Discrete / classified frequency distributions, graphical representation

2.2. Exercises Deutsche Reiseanalyse: frequency distributions (calculation, interpretation)

3. Location parameters and measures of variance

3.1. Mean, mode and median, variance, coefficient of variation, volatility, quantiles, quartiles

3.2. Exercises Deutsche Reiseanalyse

4. Samples / sampling

4.1. Sampling methods; sample size, confidence interval

4.2. Exercises: construction of samples (Simple random sampling, quota sampling)

4.3. Calculation of sample size

4.4. Confidence intervals
5. Measures of concentration

5.1. Lorenz curve

5.2. Gini coefficient

5.3. Herfindahl index

6. Index values

6.1. Proportions, economic benchmarks,

6.2. Growth rates,

6.3. Price indices, volume indices

7. Cross-tabulations

7.1. Cross-tabulation, Chi-Square-Test, Coefficients of association

7.2. Exercises Deutsche Reiseanalyse: cross-tabulations

8. Regression and correlation calculation

8.1. Least squares method, covariance

8.2. Correlation coefficient

8.3. Rank correlation

9. Graphs

9.1. Types of graphs

9.2. Construction and use of graphs in research

**Teaching methods**

The course sessions are divided into topic-oriented introductions and practice-oriented sessions where analyses are carried out to deepen the understanding of students and give the possibility to apply statistical methods to solve problems in tourism research and tourism marketing.

Therefore, a continuous case is used to connect the more theoretical inputs to practical application of statistical methods.

Cooperation in small groups is used to answer questions and carry out analyses.

The seminar is accompanied by tutorials where calculation examples from the course are repeated for better understanding and examples similar to those used during course sessions are calculated.
Remarks

Data from "Deutsche Reiseanalyse" are used for analyses in course.

For all statistical analyses the statistical package "PSPP", published under the GNU General Public License, is used. Students can install the free programme on their computers to perform analyses and to become familiar with the programme or use SPSS provided on computers on the campus.

Recommended Literature

Basic literature:


Recommended literature:


Module objective

Students have systematic overview over various concepts and current issues of business administration as a basis of the study programme in general and subsequent business oriented modules in particular. Students know relevant topics within the field of business administration and are able to classify practical cases.

Professional and methodological competence:

Students are able to identify specific problems of businesses (related to structures, processes and business environment). Students choose adequate tools to analyse these problems and propose solutions based on analyses.

Students are able to apply concepts, tools (SWOT, GE-matrix, PESTLE, Porter’s five forces) and methods of business administration to the field of tourism.
Personal competence:

Students can analyse problems and create appropriate solutions self-responsibly. They are able to structure the process of knowledge acquisition based on prior knowledge and competences and personal working style.

Social competence:

Social competence of students is promoted by the appropriate use of cooperative methods such as group work and moderated discussion.

**Applicability in this Program**

Fundamental module for the study program, especially for the modules Entrepreneurship, Strategic Management & Leadership, Innovation, Product Development & Service Design.

**Learning content**

1. Introduction to businesses and business administration
   1.1 Clarification of the field and discussion of basic terms
   1.2 Core processes of sustainable businesses
   1.3 Example of organisations and businesses in tourism and their functions: DMO, hotel, tour operator

2. Business Environment
   2.1 Theoretical model of the business environment
   2.2 Tools to analyse the business environment (PESTLE-analysis, Porter's five forces, GE-model)
   2.3 Scenario development
   2.4 Discussion and group work: application of analytical tools in the field of tourism (with special consideration of sustainability and environmental aspects)

3. Business Research
   3.1 Concept of research and research designs
   3.2 Quality criteria of business research
   3.3 Group work: research questions and research methods in applied business research

4. Strategic Management
   4.1 Clarification of terms: strategy - strategic management, UPE
   4.2 Hierarchy of goals in businesses
4.3 Tools for strategic analysis (SWOT, BCG-matrix)

4.4 Strategy options (Porter's approach, Ansoff matrix)

4.5 Group work and discussion: McKinsey's 7S model - concept and application in the field of tourism

5. Service Industries & Service Marketing

5.1 Service-dominant logic (SDL according to Vargo & Lusch)

5.2 Implications of service dominant-logic for service industries in management and marketing

5.3 Servicescape

5.4 Case discussion: service orientation in the tourism business

6. Business creation

6.1 Innovation as a core function of businesses

6.2 Business creation model

6.2 Group work and discussion: innovation in the field of (health) tourism

Teaching methods

Seminaristic teaching combining lecture, exercises, group work, group presentations, classroom discussions.

Students are encouraged to actively participate in course by choosing appropriate didactical methods.

Remarks

Teaching is supported by iLearn platform: course materials (presentations, journal articles, cases) are provided to students online.

Recommended Literature

Basic literature:


Recommended literature:


Additional material (articles form scientific and business journals, case studies...) is presented in course and provided on the iLearn platform.
# T105 ECONOMY & SOCIETY

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## Module objective

This module is designed to broaden the student's knowledge of the different approaches and perspectives of economics and sociology as well as their interrelations.

The student will acquire a theoretical foundation through the lecture program and discussions on concepts and frameworks used in economics and sociology. The module focuses on the development of institutions and their preconditions as well as the factors that promote economic growth. Additionally, also the global consequences of growth are reviewed.

The module helps to understand the challenges of international tourism management by facilitating the analysis and interpretation of strategic interactions, social networks and the embeddedness of economic actions in social structures. The consequences, chances and discontents of globalization and the role of global institutions are discussed. Furthermore, the module promotes sensibility for the issues of sustainability, global
environmental change and corporate social responsibility. Finally, some traps of collective action and voting rules and their impacts on governance systems are treated.

All concepts are linked to corresponding issues in the tourism industry and actual and ongoing debates in science and practice.

Professional & methodical competences: The students know the key theories, concepts and models in economics and sociology. They obtain the skills and tools to critically analyze economic and societal factors that individuals, groups, organizations and even countries have to deal with in a general way and in the context of the tourism industry. Furthermore, they acquire a holistic understanding of the interdependence of economical and social drivers and issues. Students know the interpretation of economic and social data and indicators to evaluate the wider context the tourism industry is placed in. They have an overview over the concepts of game theory as well as social network analysis and the more classical instruments of market analysis. After successfully finishing, students are able to describe and assess the economic and societal context in which organizations operate today. They are empowered to derive personal and occupational strategies needed to meet the challenges of tourism management in a complex international context.

Social competence: Moreover, students have an understanding of the manifold interdependencies of today’s global issues.

Personal competence: Students develop written and verbal presentational skills as well as analytical skills. They demonstrate group-work, questioning and listening skills.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on general economical and sociological principles and offers interfaces to modules from health, tourism and destination management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism".

**Learning content**

1. Macroeconomic history
   1.1. Rich and poor countries – Analysis of key figures
   1.2. Economic progress and its driving forces
   1.3. GDP as a measuring rod
   1.4. Calculating growth rates

2. Economics and Sociology
   2.1. Homo oeconomicus vs. homo sapiens
   2.2. Themes and Methods
   2.3. Economic Sociology
2.4. Behavioural and Experimental Economics

3. Institutions
   3.1. The role of trust
   3.2. Communities
   3.3. Markets
   3.4. Households and firms

4. Globalization
   4.1. History of globalization and current state
   4.2. The role of global institutions
   4.3. Issues of the globalizing tourism industry

5. Sustainable Development
   5.1. Trade expansion, growth in international tourism and the environment
   5.2. Ecological footprints and climate change
   5.3. Sustainable development: theory and evidence
   5.4. Tourism and Corporate Social Responsibility

6. Social well-being and democratic government
   6.1. Freedom and democracy
   6.2. Individual and social well-being
   6.3. Democratic voting rules
   6.4. Tourism, government and governance

Teaching methods
- Lectures
- Seminar teaching
- Exercises
- Assignment
- Self study
Recommended Literature


Granovetter, Mark S. (1973). ‘The Strength of Weak Ties’. In: American Journal of Sociology 78.6, pp. 1360–1380.


Module objective

Professional competence: The students know the phenomenon of tourism under consideration of interdisciplinary approaches. They can assess the essential framework conditions. They can evaluate demand trends and know the special features of tourist products. They are familiar with important service providers along the tourism service chain (tourism destinations, tour operators, travel agencies, airlines etc.) and know their current management challenges.

Methodological competence: The students are able to present and classify various tourism service providers and their functions. There are capable of analysing market developments.

Social competence: The students learn the importance of sustainability and social responsibility in tourism.
Personal competence: The students are encouraged to think about their own behaviour, norms and values and define them for themselves.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module gives the students the fundamental knowledge of tourism and managing tourism destinations and teaches them contemporary issues in tourism and hospitality industry. It is a prerequisite for other courses such as such as hospitality management, marketing principles, tour operator management, strategic management & leadership, etc. It is also suitable for other courses in Master of international tourism management.

**Learning content**

1. Introduction
2. The tourist, tourist behaviour and tourism flows
3. The tourism destination
4. Global stakeholders & contemporary management challenges
5. Outlook: Tourism in an uncertain world

**Teaching methods**

Lectures, group works, assignments and self-study

**Remarks**

Guest lectures

**Recommended Literature**


**T201 FOREIGN LANGUAGE II**

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**Module objective**

**English course:**

Students use the English language more efficiently and are able to communicate using a wider spectrum of vocabulary.

**Other language courses:**

- Can understand and produce some familiar and daily expressions used in very recurring situations of communication as well as very simple statements aiming at satisfying certain concrete needs of the social life.

- Can identify himself and answer questions concerning, for example, his nationality, his age, his place of residence, his school and possibly, to ask himself questions of this type to somebody.
• Can participate in an ordinary interaction, at least partially, by means of simple statements (centered on one or two words) also by using his mother tongue or other acquired languages tongues if the interlocutor speaks slowly and clearly and shows himself cooperative and friendly

**Applicability in this Program**

Foreign Language II and IV are successive language courses in a language of your choice (Italian/French/Spanish) OR English courses.

**Entrance requirements**

B2 (English)
A1 (other languages)

**Learning content**

Students can either choose an English course or vote between the languages Italian, Spanish or French (in the previous semester).

**English course:**

*(Writing and communication skills)*

Writing skills
- sentence structure
- effective writing
- the writing process
- writing in digital and social interactions
- note taking techniques
- writing a thesis

Communication skills
- conversational skills
- cultural communication across borders
- meetings
- social interactions
- interviews
- presentations
Current world affairs relating to the economy may also be discussed.

**Other language courses (Italian, Spanish or French):**

- basic grammar
- basic vocabulary
- general topics, e.g.:
  - introducing oneself
  - ordering in the restaurant/ asking for
  - information/ reservations
  - festivities and traditions
  - occupations
  - periods of life

Additional issues will be included in accordance with recent developments in literature and teaching practice, with the changing on international project managers, and with students’ needs.

**Teaching methods**

Lessons are planned and tailored for students’ needs.

Academic material include: special journals, books, audios, MP 3 files, DVD-ROM, newspaper articles, business magazines, and special internet sites for students and teachers.

Students are introduced to the topic, while their knowledge and interests are taken into consideration. Objectives and aims are clearly presented followed by learning outcomes.

Practicing speaking, listening, writing and reading skills are key elements to improved language ability.

Most lessons involve students working in groups or pairs depending on the topic. Occasionally groups or pairs are asked to prepare a presentation either in front of the class or their group.

Homework and group projects are given regularly to enhance learning.

**Other language courses:**

- Partner and group work
- Introductions to topics by lecturer
- Listening exercises
Recommended Literature

English course:

Listening and viewing:

BBC: http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnj3

The Guardian: https://www.theguardian.com/broadcastsummit

VOA Learning English broadcast: https://learningenglish.voanews.com/z/1689

Reading, writing and listening:

Business Spotlight: https://www.business-spotlight.de/


Grammar:


Other language courses:

Literature recommendations can be found in the respective course description on our homepage.
T202 COMPULSORY ELECTIVE SUBJECTS OF A GENERAL ACADEMIC NATURE (AWP)

Module code: T202
Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. Marcus Herntrei
Module Group: Key Competencies
Course number and name: T202 Compulsory elective subjects of a general academic nature (AWP)

Semester: 2
Duration of the module: 1 semester
Module frequency: annually
Course type: required course
Level: undergraduate

Semester periods per week (SWS): 2
ECTS: 2
Workload:
- Time of attendance: 30 hours
- self-study: 30 hours
- Total: 60 hours

Type of examination: Course work certificate
Language of instruction: English

Module objective
Students use the language taught more efficiently and are able to communicate using a wider spectrum of vocabulary.

Applicability in this Program
If students want to choose a foreign language they need to vote between the languages Italian, Spanish or French (in the previous semester).

Entrance requirements
General electives (AWP):
General electives may not have thematic overlaps with the actual study course. They are centrally offered at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology through the Language and Electives Centre. The offer varies widely.

**Learning content**

An elective subject (AWP) can be a non-language-related compulsory elective subject of a general academic nature or a language course (semester course or intensive language course during the lecture-free period).

**General electives (AWP):**

Contents of the module can be found in the respective course description on our homepage.

**Language courses:**

- Basic grammar
- Basic vocabulary
- Communication and listening skills
- Reading and writing skills

Additional topics will be included according to the current development in literature and practice, to the changing industry demands for international project managers and to the need of the students.

**Teaching methods**

Seminar-style, partner and group work, introductions to topics by lecturer

**Recommended Literature**

Literature recommendations can be found in the respective course description on our homepage.
Module objective

Students become aware of how to achieve success through optimised accounting and controlling methods, gain a deep insight into the factors of the objectified process that strive for transparency and drive success in company management.

Furthermore, this course outlines and structures the basic challenges and assumptions for companies in the field of accounting and controlling. Outlined and analysed is the current status of accounting and controlling. After laying this foundation, the "objectification-orientated controlling approach" is deducted, related to accounting and management in tourism and healthcare companies.

Upon completion of this course, students are able to

- understand accounting and controlling system,
- use the strategic planning and operational planning under controlling
o solve problems taken place in the given accounting situations and apply the solutions in tourism business,
o examine the cause for differences and manage the methods of analysis for businesses,
o show feedback,
o understand the different elements of calculation,
o perform rigid, flexible and break even calculations

**Competences Development**

Professional competences - Considerable knowledge of professional fiscal theory, techniques, practices and procedures.

Social and personal competences - Ability to present information effectively in a manner suited to the characteristics and needs of the audience. Ability to convey information clearly and concisely either verbally or in writing to ensure that the intended audience understands the information and the message.

**Applicability in this Program**

Fundamental module for the study program *International Tourism Management / Health & Medical Tourism*, especially for the modules entrepreneurship, tour operator management, hospitality management and destination management.

**Learning content**

1. The Internal Profile of Financial Accounting
   1.1. The development of Accounting
   1.2. The significance and limitations of accounting information
   1.3. The users of accounting information and their needs.
   1.4. The accounting cycle
2. The Methods of Accounting
   2.1. Accrual basis
   2.2. Cash basis
3. Accounting Standards
   3.1. The standard-setting process and the development of standards
   3.2. The use of International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) 2009
3.3. International Accounting Standards (IAS) in the preparation of financial statements

4. Financial Reporting
   4.1. Objectives of Financial Reporting
   4.2. Qualities of accounting information – relevance, reliability, consistency, comparability, understandability, substance over form
   4.3. Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
   4.4. Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income Statement)
   4.5. Statement of Changes in Equity
   4.7. Notes to Financial Statements.

5. Accounting principles, concepts and conventions
   5.1. Historical cost, prudence, materiality, going concern,
   5.2. Entity, monetary concept, revenue recognition, matching principles.

6. The Changing Role of Controlling
   6.1. Appraisal of several definitions
   6.2. Concept of controlling
   6.3. Framework and evolution of controlling

7. Basic Assumptions of Controlling
   7.1. Influence of globalization
   7.2. Scientific and theoretical perspective
   7.3. Management cycle
   7.4. Controlling in Germany and other countries

8. Value Orientation
   8.1. Profit and Profitability Indicators
   8.2. Calculations focused on cash
   8.3. Calculations focused on risk
   8.4. Calculations focused on time

9. Controlling Analysis in hospitality and tourism
9.1. Status Analysis
9.2. Costs and sales analysis
9.3. Deduction of objectification approach
9.4. Pricing Decisions in Hospitality and Tourism

10. History of controlling in the EU
10.1. Development
10.2. Current Status

11. Controlling System Elements
11.1. Problem definition
11.2. Vision
11.3. Targets
11.4. Tasks and Organization of Controlling
11.5. Practical application, tools and procedures

12. Final Summary
12.1. Preparation for the practical use of the subject
12.2. Mock exam

**Teaching methods**

**Theoretical Methods**
The teacher gives the necessary materials to learn, explains, analyses in class all the concepts and methods and clarifies the students’ doubt with help of examples.

**Practical Methods**
The students solve exercises applying the theoretical knowledge they have learned.

**Forms of Delivery**
Lectures, assignment, exercise (seminary form), project work (case seminars), presentations, tutoring, group work

**Remarks**
Online part: Students have access to iLearn platform under unique passwords. There is all study material shared with them. When there is a need, practical visits (excursions/field trips) and field trips are organized. Also experts from industry held guest lectures and co-organize the internships.
Recommended Literature


Module objective

This module is designed to broaden the student’s knowledge of marketing and strategy in the modern organization. The student will acquire a theoretical foundation through the lecture program and discussions on marketing concepts and frameworks. The module will focus on what being “market oriented” means, in practice. The module helps to understand the challenges of marketing in manufacturing and service industries: analyzing marketing environments; evaluating strategic alternatives and designing and implementing marketing programs involving decisions about products/services, pricing, distribution and promotion.

Professional and methodological competences:

Students should develop knowledge and understanding of key theories, concepts and models in marketing to guide the development and execution of marketing strategies. They obtain the skills to critically analyze marketing situations facing organizations. Furthermore, they acquire a holistic understanding of brand management. Students will
learn the steps to an effective development of brand identity and how to lead brands. They get an overview over marketing communication and the steps to an effective development of a communication strategy (targets, target groups, message and media) and community marketing strategies. After successfully finishing, students will understand the specific challenges of marketing and sales in an international context.

Personal and social competences:

Students should develop written and verbal presentational skills. They demonstrate group-work, questioning and listening skills.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on general business management principles and offers an interface esp. to the modules strategic management & leadership, hospitality management, entrepreneurship, innovation, product development & service design.

**Learning content**

1. Fundamentals of marketing
   1.1. The evolution of marketing
   1.2. Relationship economics
   1.3. Basic marketing terms and concepts
   1.4. Marketing planning: an overview of marketing

2. Situational analysis in the marketing planning process
   2.1. Assessing the internal marketing situation
   2.2. Assessing the external marketing situation
   2.3. Analyzing buying behaviour on B2C and B2B markets
   2.4. SWOT analysis

3. Strategy Formulation in the marketing planning process
   3.1. Marketing management planning
   3.2. Market segmentation, targeting and positioning

4. Marketing mix in the marketing planning process
   4.1. Product and service decisions
   4.2. Pricing decisions
   4.3. Distribution decisions
4.4. Communication decisions

5. Implementing and controlling in the marketing planning process
   5.1. Organizing and implementing the marketing plan
   5.2. Budgeting and control
   5.3. Ethical, social and environmental aspects of marketing planning
   5.4. Developing and managing customer relationships

Teaching methods
   o Exercises
   o Self study
   o Seminar teaching

Remarks
   o Excursion
   o Guest lectures
   o Interdisciplinary field internships

Recommended Literature


### Module objective

Students have a deepened understanding of (applied) research in the field of tourism. They can define a research topic and according research questions, develop an appropriate research design using qualitative and quantitative methods and implement research projects based on this design.

**Technical competence:**

Students understand basic concepts of research and can apply these concepts to the field of tourism and leisure. In particular, students are able to:

- explain different research paradigms,
- distinguish research designs and the conditions for application of these designs,
o define research topics in the field of tourism research and formulate research questions,
o plan qualitative and quantitative research methods,
o collect and analyse data using these methods,
o develop appropriate answers to research questions based on analyses and to
o write research reports following scientific standards and formal guidelines (APA standard).

Methodological competence:

Students can choose adequate methods to answer research questions, plan and implement these methods.

In particular:
o Quantitative methods: questionnaire survey (online and offline)
o Qualitative methods: qualitative interview (in-depth interview), focus group discussion, qualitative observation

Furthermore, students can apply tools for research management (citation and referencing software) and analysis of empirical data (PSPP/SPSS).

Personal competence:

Students train their competences of self-responsible and self-guided work by fulfilling a specific task in a research project and therefore contribution to the final result and the joint project report.

Social competence:

Students have to closely cooperate to carry out a research project as a group work during the semester and to contribute to this joint project. Good and smooth cooperation in the working group is a prerequisite for the successful implementation of the joint research project.

**Applicability in this Program**

Modules where seminar papers and scientific presentations are composed.

Bachelor thesis

**Entrance requirements**

Personal and Scientific Development.

Applied Statistics and Data Analysis.
Learning content

1. Introduction to research
   1.1. Terms and classification

2. Research designs
   2.1. Qualitative design
   2.2. Quantitative design
   2.3. Mixed-methods design

3. Quality criteria
   3.1. Objectivity
   3.2. Validity
   3.3. Reliability

4. Using scientific literature

5. Sampling
   5.1 Sampling methods
   5.2. Sample size

6. Data collection
   6.1. In-depth interview
   6.2. Focus-group discussion
   6.3. Questionnaire survey

7. Data analysis
   7.1. Analysis of qualitative data
   7.2. Analysis of quantitative data

8. Presenting research results
   8.1. Presenting qualitative results in research
   8.2. Presenting quantitative results - creating graphs
   8.3. Planning and executing presentations
   8.4. Writing research reports / research articles
   8.5. Creating scientific posters

9. Research management
   9.1. Planning research projects
   9.2. Creating research proposals

Teaching methods

Seminaristic teaching combining topic-oriented lectures, group work, group presentations and classroom discussions.

Students conduct a joint research project with clearly defined tasks. The lecturer(s) support(s) the students in this process of self-organized and self-responsible learning.
Students are encouraged to actively participate in course by choosing appropriate didactical methods.

**Recommended Literature**

**Basic literature:**


Recommended literature:


Additional material (articles form scientific journals, conference proceedings) is presented in course and provided to students on iLearn platform.
Module code: T206
Module coordinator: Dr. Melanie Kappelmann-Fenzl
Module Group: Medical Tourism
Course number and name: T206 Medical Basics for Health Tourism Professionals
Semester: 2
Duration of the module: 1 semester
Module frequency: annually
Course type: required course
Level: undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS): 4
ECTS: 5
Workload: Time of attendance: 60 hours
self-study: 90 hours
Total: 150 hours
Type of examination: written ex. 90 min.
Language of instruction: English

Module objective

After successfully completing the module, students will be able:

- to understand the basic medical objectives in anatomy and physiology and biochemistry and their relation to each other
- to understand and describe changes in human motor skills across the lifespan
- to analyze the different beneficial effects of physical activity and their results on health outcomes
- to understand the interrelation of cognitive and motor functions in life development and the benefit of regular physical activity
- to understand the molecular, physical and mental alterations due to life style and environment
Applicability in this Program

The competences transferred within this module are uses in further modules: nature based and sports tourism, applied destination management, contemporary issues in international health tourism.

Learning content

- Human development and aging
- Basics in anatomy and physiology of the different organ systems within the human body
- Nutrition and weight control
- Dysfunctionalities of the organ systems and their effects on physical activity
- Molecular alterations and their effects on cardian rhythmus, metabolism, the nervous system and biomechanics

Teaching methods

The module consists of a lecture part with blended learning components, including practical exercises and interactive discussions on current topics. The lecture part will prepare students' basic knowledge on medical objectives and the practical exercises as well as the interactive discussions will practice students' critical thinking skills. They will be encouraged to study respective literature for a substantive discussion in class. The practical exercises will provide the opportunity to deepen the gained knowledge and to learn about the complexity of the human body by taking all the learning objectives into relation. The outcome of these small-scale exercises and discussions on current literature will be presented as a poster in class.

Recommended Literature


Module code | T207
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Module coordinator | Prof. Dr. Marcus Herntrei
Module Group | Tourism Management
Course number and name | T207 Legal Aspects of Tourism
Semester | 2
Duration of the module | 1 semester
Module frequency | annually
Course type | required course
Level | undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS) | 4
ECTS | 5
Workload | Time of attendance: 60 hours
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| Total: 150 hours
Type of examination | written ex. 90 min.
Language of instruction | English

**Module objective**

After completing this module the students will achieve the following learning targets:

**Professional competences**
- The students know the main principles of contract law
- They can describe and divide different types of contracts
- The students know the different features of liability depending on the type of contract
- They can divide the involved parties in tourism contracts and their legal relationships

**Methodical competences**
- The students are able to read and understand legal codes
- They can handle legal questions and cases
Personal competence

- The students are able to analyze a case and divide the different questions of the case and operate with the features in law
- They can find practical solutions for legal problems

Social competence

- The students know how to work in virtual groups

Learning content

- basic knowledge: German contract law (conclusion, validity and performance of contracts, withdraw rights)
- types of contracts in tourism (purchase agreement, lease agreement, usufructuary lease, package travel contract, brokerage contract)
- special problems of accommodation contracts (classification, binding contracts, cancellation, defects, hotel classification in Germany)
- special liability of innkeepers
- overview Service contract
- the new package travel contract law in 2018 (classification of different contracts, brokerage in tourism, liability, information rights)

Teaching methods

Lectures, online-lectures, assignments, self-study, discussion panel

Remarks

Virtual classroom, using the I-learn-feature

Recommended Literature


Module objective

Students should be in a position to recognize and expound on the importance of the English language as an indispensable communication tool for the tourism industry. Over the course of the semester, students develop a mastery of the language required to perform at optimal levels in a variety of tourism sectors.

In addition to working on their specialized language proficiency, students refine their receptive and productive skills by watching video tutorials; reading authentic materials on tourism and its history; and generating oral and written forms of language expression.

Moreover, students will develop expertise in professional skills such as dealing with enquiries, working with marketing destinations, offering advice, negotiating, writing emails, and speaking to groups.
Students should be able to reflect and expound on issues in the tourist industry through realistic case studies and interactive tasks.

**Applicability in this Program**

English language courses (Foreign Language I + III)

**Entrance requirements**

C1

**Learning content**

**English course:**

Understanding the concept of the travel and tourism sector

- main types of tourism
- reasons why people travel
- economic contribution of tourism
- blogs: how to write reflections

**Trends in tourism**

- the history of tourism
- tourism developments
- tourist motivations
- push and pull factors
- using visuals and describing trends

**Social media**

- advertising and publicity
- the web
- getting the message
- maintaining a website
- understanding terms and conditions

**Hotel branding**

- branding in the hospitality industry
- boutique hotels
catering for guests in the future
creating a business plan

Sustainability
impacts of tourism growth
environmental concerns
dealing with threats
chairing meetings

What makes a good airport
airport security
dealing with difficult situations
review and consolidation quiz

Teaching methods
Students’ learning is reinforced through group and pair activities and is guided through a variety of reading, listening, speaking and video simulations. Furthermore, special material from books, magazines, and up to date newspaper articles related to tourism are used to further influence real-life situations.

Recommended Literature
Module objective

Professional competence:

- Students are familiar with the corporate and public law obligations of a company.
- They understand the meaning of key terms such as corporate compliance, code of conduct, corporate governance, and know their similarities and differences.
- They will be able to define the production of services in the individual segments and understand the respective basics.
- The students understand the holistic approach of service quality in tourism.
- They know the relationship between service quality and customer satisfaction in tourism.
Methodological competence:

- The students are proficient in individual instruments for measuring and analysing the quality of service.
- They are in a position to assess the quality of service, especially from the customers' point of view, with regard to the services offered by tourist service providers.

Personal and social competence:

- The students understand how to make strongly subjective aspects from different perspectives more objective. But they also know the limitations of this.
- The students learn the method of observation

**Learning content**

1. Corporate compliance
   - Corporate compliance
   - Corporate governance
   - Corporate social responsibility
   - Risk management
   - Compliance management system & quality management

2. The concept of quality
   - Determinants of service quality
   - Dimensions of service quality
   - Effects of service quality

3. Analysis & measurement of quality
   - Customer-oriented measuring methods
   - Objectives and subjective measuring methods
   - Event-oriented measurement methods
   - Problem-oriented measurement methods
   - Result-oriented measurement methods
   - Company and management-oriented measurement methods
   - Employee-oriented measurement methods

4. Quality management
   - Dynamisches Prozessmodell
   - Total Quality Management (TQM)
   - ISO-Norm 9001:2015
   - GAP-Modell
   - EFQM-Modell

**Teaching methods**

Lectures, group work, surveys, self study
**Remarks**

guest lecturer, field trip, survey

**Recommended Literature**


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**Module objective**

This module is designed to broaden the student's knowledge of digital marketing and service marketing in a tourism environment. During this module, theoretical foundations and practical application of marketing of services is examined. Topics include the general nature of services and the marketing mix for services, service encounter, human factor and service quality. This module focuses on the key elements (culture, communications, strategy, operations, people and technology) that marketers must integrate to establish and sustain successful service excellence and provide customer value. While the course examines broad issues in managing service businesses, a core theme is how customer value is created.

Topics include nature of service products, consumer behaviour in service settings, service quality and satisfaction, developing service strategies, managing customer service, service strategies, service recovery and service technologies. Especially the role and consequences of digital technologies on both social relations and marketing practice is explored. Digital technologies are now pervasive, infiltrating many aspects of our lives.
They are not only tools to achieve traditional business and marketing goals; they are part of a paradigm shift, with an increasing emphasis on social interaction and consumer collaboration. From this perspective, not only does this module consider implications, opportunities and challenges faced by marketing practitioners in a digital setting, but it also critically examines what it means for ‘consumers’ to live in a digital world from a cultural perspective.

Professional and methodological competences:

Students understand and explain the nature and scope of services marketing in a digital world. They use critical analysis to perceive service shortcomings with reference to ingredients to create service excellence. Characteristics and challenges of managing service firms in the modern world are identified and discussed including cultural implications. Students are able explain the social paradigm, which comes along with the rise of digital technologies, and critically discuss its impact for service marketing practices and social life. In this context, they will creatively employ digital marketing tools and strategies to meet service/ marketing goals. Students will be able to critically analyze the suitability and ethics of different digital marketing practices.

Personal and social competences:

Students should develop written and verbal presentational skills. They demonstrate group-work, group-interactions, questioning and listening skills. They will develop argumentation skills in relation to the analysis of digital and service marketing and demonstrate the ability to take part in the creation of a digital marketing campaign.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on general service and digital management principles and offers an interface to modules from marketing principles, tourism and destination management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism". Especially the modules innovation, product development & service design, entrepreneurship and tour operator management base on this module.

**Learning content**

1. Marketing in the service industry
2. Customer behaviour, customer satisfaction and service quality
3. Managing people for service advantage
4. Positioning services, supplementary and core services
5. Distributing services through physical and electronic channels
6. Marketing in a digital world
7. Exploring the digital ‘consumer’
8. Digital marketing strategy
9. Online market research, web analytics and technologies

10. Campaign planning for digital media

11. The ethics of digital marketing: security and privacy

12. Marketing for the future: virtual worlds

**Teaching methods**

- Lectures
- Seminar teaching
- Exercises
- Assignment
- Self study

**Remarks**

- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

**Recommended Literature**


## Module objective

Students have deep understanding of core issues of strategic management and leaderships. Students are able to identify problems and can use suitable tools and methods to develop appropriate solutions to various problems in the field.

Professional and methodological competence:

Students understand the topic of strategic management and leadership in organisations and can describe and explain specific concepts and topics within these fields. Students can analyse problems in the field, choose appropriate tools and apply these tools to discuss possible solutions.

Students evaluate different concepts and tools concerning their usability and applicability in the field of tourism (management) and apply these concepts and methods to cases and examples from the field of tourism.

Students are able to develop a seminar paper for a specific topic in the field, including:
- Specification of topic and (research) question
- Literature analysis and desk research
- Defining the structure of the paper
- Composing the seminar paper in accordance with formal guidelines
- Developing a meaningful conclusion answering the initial (research) question

**Personal competence:**

Students train their competences of self-responsible and self-guided work by composing a seminar paper as an individual semester project.

**Social competence:**

Social competence of students is promoted by the appropriate use of cooperative methods such as group work and moderated discussion.

**Applicability in this Program**

Foundation for specialised management modules, in particular:


**Entrance requirements**

Fundamentals of Business Administration

Fundamentals of Tourism Management

**Learning content**

1. Leading Organisations
   1.1 Key terms, function of leadership
   1.2 Types of leadership
   1.3. Situational Leadership Theory
   1.4. Cross-cultural leadership
   1.5. Group work and discussion of case
2. Management under the Service Dominant Logic
   2.1. Service-Dominant-Logic (SDL)
   2.2. Value-creation and co-creation under the SDL
2.3. The Service-profit logic

2.4. The strategic management trap

2.5. Group work and discussion: improving service quality in hotel business

2. Communication

2.1. Communication model

2.2. Organisational communication

2.3. Group work: significance of non-verbal communication

3. Corporate Social Responsibility

3.1. Social responsibility of organisations

3.2. Green approaches - levels of responsibility

3.3. Discussion: CSR in practice (example)

3.4. Factors determining social behaviour

3.5. Group work and presentations: practical examples (UNWTO Global Code of Ethics, tourcert, hotels, tour operator)

4. Customer Care & Quality in Service Industries

4.1. Service quality dimensions

4.2. Framework for managing customer expectations

4.3. Service failure

4.4. Effects of Satisfiers versus Dissatisfiers

4.5. ServQual dimensions

4.6. GAP Analysis Model

4.7. Example: Ritz Carlton Gold Standards

5. Customer-Focussed Organisations

5.1. Service-oriented organisational structure

5.3. Service-system model

5.4. Service Design

5.5. Steps of change processes

6. Change Management
6.1. Innovation and change in businesses
6.2. Changing environments
6.3. Managing change in organisations
6.4. Examples: change in tourism businesses
7. Managing Teams
7.1. Function of work groups in companies
7.2. Developmental sequence in small groups
7.3. Leading and managing work groups
8. (De-) Motivation
8.1. Employee motivation in businesses
8.2. Motivators and de-motivators
8.3. Avoiding de-motivated employees
8.4. Group work and discussion: de-motivating factors in tourism businesses

**Teaching methods**

Seminaristic teaching combining lecture, exercises, group work, group presentations, classroom discussions. Students are encouraged to actively participate in course by choosing appropriate didactical methods.

Students have to write a seminar paper as individual contribution to course.

**Remarks**

Teaching is supported by iLearn platform: course materials (presentations, journal articles, cases) are provided to students online.

**Recommended Literature**

Basic literature:

Recommended literature:


**T305 Hospitality Management**

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**Module objective**

**Professional competence:**

- Sound knowledge of the management areas of the hotel industry.
- The students are familiar with the essential characteristics of the hotel business.
- They are able to analyse the hotel industry’s markets and identify market entry opportunities.
- The students understand the essential determinants of the hotel and hotel industry.
- They are familiar with the tools of hospitality marketing and are able to apply them.

**Social competence:** Students work in groups on a case study.
Methodological competence: Students are familiar with various planning and analysis tools for the hotel context

**Learning content**

1. Introduction
2. Selected structural features
   2.1 Differentiation possibilities
   2.2 Operating modes
   2.3 Hotel companies and individual hotels
   2.4 Actual changes in the market
   2.5 Challenges for the hotelier

3. Production of services
   3.1 Services of the hotel business
   3.2 Functions of the hotel business

4. Overview of the management areas in the hotel business
   4.1 Organisation of the hotel business
   4.2 Planning in hotel operations
   4.3 Human resource management in the hotel business
   4.4 Investment and financing in the hotel business

5. Marketing and Sales Challenges
   5.1 Actual situation of hotel distribution
   5.2 Online distribution
   5.3 Offline distribution
   5.4 Effectiveness & efficiency in distribution
   5.5 Yield Management

**Teaching methods**

Lectures, self study, group work, case study, field trip

**Remarks**

case study, field trip

**Recommended Literature**


Module objective

Professional competence: The students can define a project and its process. They know several practical tools and techniques for project management and have the ability to use them within the different stages of a project.

Social competence: The students know communication as a crucial tool in project management. Generationing ideas, the motivating of a team and an effective feedback are known as important social aspects of a project.

Methodological competence: The students are familiar with several project management tools and know how to move projects on to a successful outcome.

Personal competence: The students are know tools for motivating team members, for improving creativeness and for giving feedback to team members.
Learning content

1. basics of project management
2. scheduling
3. resource management
4. cost management
5. risk management
6. project management and monitoring
7. communication with project participants
8. reporting
9. Implementation of sample projects

Teaching methods

lectures, group work, case study, self study

Remarks

organisation of an event

Recommended Literature


T401 FOREIGN LANGUAGE IV

Module code T401
Module coordinator Charles Lindenberg
Module Group Key Competencies
Course number and name T401 Foreign Language IV
Semester 4
Duration of the module 1 semester
Module frequency annually
Course type required course
Level undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS) 2
ECTS 2
Workload
Time of attendance: 30 hours
self-study: 30 hours
Total: 60 hours
Type of examination written ex. 60 min.
Language of instruction English

Module objective

English course:
Students should be able to make proficient use of the language items covered and to communicate at an advanced level by integrating a broader spectrum of technical and vocational terms into their active vocabulary.

Other language courses:

- Can understand and produce some familiar and daily expressions used in very recurring situations of communication as well as very simple statements aiming at satisfying certain concrete needs of the social life

- Can identify himself and answer questions concerning, for example, his nationality, his age, his place of residence, his school and possibly, to ask himself questions of this type to somebody
• Can participate in an ordinary interaction, at least partially, by means of simple statements (centered on one or two words) also by using his mother tongue or other acquired languages tongues if the interlocutor speaks slowly and clearly and shows himself cooperative and friendly

**Applicability in this Program**

Foreign Language II and IV are successive language courses in a language of your choice (Italian/French/Spanish) OR English courses.

**Entrance requirements**

C1 (English)

A1/ 2.Teil (other languages)

**Learning content**

Students can either choose an English course or vote between the languages Italian, Spanish or French (in the previous semester).

**English course:**

**(Medical English)**

Module topics for Medical English will include the following:

- what is medicine?
- taking patients’ history and asking basic questions
- asking about symptoms
- basic principles and terminology
- taking notes
- giving instructions
- public health

**Other language courses:**

**(Italian, Spanish or French)**

- basic grammar
- basic vocabulary
- general topics, e.g.,
  - introducing oneself
- ordering in the restaurant/ asking for information/ reservations
- festivities and traditions
- occupations
- periods of life

**Teaching methods**

Medical English is a skills-based course designed specifically to develop students’ mastery of areas of the English language related the medical profession.

This course will help promote the language skills necessary to communicate proficiently in a range of medical settings. Moreover, it provides carefully graded practice in key academic skills such as listening to lectures and speaking in seminars. Lessons are designed to be challenging, interactive, and rich in vocational content.

The module aims to equip students with the complex specialist language they need in order to participate successfully within a medicine facility. Extensive listening exercises come from medical lectures and reading texts are taken from a host of sources in the field, including medical journals and peer-reviewed websites.

By the end of the course, students should have acquired proficient communication skills in and a comprehensive understanding of the language of a broad mix of medical professions.

The module will provide sustained and intensive training in the four core language competencies.

*Listening*: through note-taking activities, students deepen their understanding of and engagement with extended lectures; this close listening process includes practicing how to follow an argument and identify the speaker’s point of view.

*Speaking*: students train how to participate effectively in a variety of realistic situations, from seminars to presentations; this oral proficiency practice includes how to develop a compelling argument and use stance markers.

*Reading*: students hone their global and microscopic comprehension of a wide variety of complex texts, from recently published academic texts to articles published on authoritative websites and by leading international journals; this deep comprehension practice includes parsing complex sentences and identifying such things as a writer’s stance.

*Writing*: students improve and refine their writing abilities by producing a series of concise, coherent and well-structured texts; this comprehensive writing discipline includes fine-tuning such skills as paragraphing, paraphrasing and the use of appropriate academic register.
A wide range of multi-method learning activities are introduced with a view to developing students’ knowledge and command of target vocabulary from the fields of academic study in general and management in particular.

Vocabulary and skills banks are provided to revise and reinforce the key words and phrases presented in each lesson. Full transcripts are provided to all listening exercises.

**Other language courses:**

- Partner and group work
- Introductions to topics by lecturer
- Listening exercises

**Remarks**

Visit to a hotel medical clinic

**Recommended Literature**

**English course:**


**Other language courses:**

Literature recommendations can be found in the respective course description on our homepage.
**Module code**
T402

**Module coordinator**
Prof. Dr. Marcus Herntrei

**Module Group**
Key Competencies

**Course number and name**
T402 Compulsory elective subjects of a general academic nature (AWP)

**Semester**
4

**Duration of the module**
1 semester

**Module frequency**
annually

**Course type**
required course

**Level**
undergraduate

**Semester periods per week (SWS)**
2

**ECTS**
2

**Workload**
Time of attendance: 30 hours
self-study: 30 hours
Total: 60 hours

**Type of examination**
Course work certificate

**Language of instruction**
English

**Module objective**
Students use the language taught more efficiently and are able to communicate using a wider spectrum of vocabulary.

**Applicability in this Program**
If students want to choose a foreign language they need to vote between the languages Italian, Spanish or French (in the previous semester).
Entrance requirements

General electives (AWP):

General electives may not have thematic overlaps with the actual study course. They are centrally offered at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology through the Language and Electives Centre. The offer varies widely.

Learning content

An elective subject (AWP) can be a non-language-related compulsory elective subject of a general academic nature or a language course (semester course or intensive language course during the lecture-free period).

General electives (AWP):

Contents of the module can be found in the respective course description on our homepage.

Language courses:

- Basic grammar
- Basic vocabulary
- Communication and listening skills
- Reading and writing skills

Additional topics may be included according to the current development in literature and practice, to the changing industry demands for international project managers and to the need of the students.

Teaching methods

Seminar-style, partner and group work, introductions to topics by lecturer

Recommended Literature

Literature recommendations can be found in the respective course description on our homepage.
**Module objective**

Intercultural differences have a great influence on management decisions and outcomes. For future managers, intercultural competence is one of the most important requirements for working successfully in a global environment.

Professional and methodological competences:

The module examines case studies and readings that focus on general concepts of "culture" as well as in particular on issues of intercultural competence, cultural identity and cultural diversity from a strategic, organizational and also marketing perspective. In parallel, the course considers the ethical issues highlighted by an intercultural perspective on international business activities. Towards the end, the module will encourage students to adopt a range of critical approaches drawn from history, geography, anthropology, sociology and management practice.
The module is aimed to understand the key concepts of intercultural management and to apply these concepts through a variety of practical examples and exercises. The regional emphasis is on Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

The module encompasses ways of cross-cultural comparison of management and communications processes, emphasizes possible and practical cultural geographic distinctions and antecedents that affect individual, group and organizational behaviour. The overall objective of this module is to define in theory and practice the divergence of management across an internationalized and globalized world today. At the end, this module enables students to interact interculturally and to behave correctly in an international team setting. They will be able to understand the way management is approached in different areas of the world.

Personal and social competences:

Students should develop written and verbal presentational skills. They demonstrate group-work, questioning and listening skills.

**Applicability in this Program**

With a detailed understanding of topics related to Intercultural Management, students can operate in an internationalized and globalized world. Consequently, managers need to be aware of the guiding principles when working in multicultural teams or when being appointed to lead an international team. Appropriate intercultural training is the key prerequisite before being accepted for an international position. Therefore, this module offers an interface to modules from health, tourism and destination management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism".

**Learning content**

1. Relevance of intercultural management
2. Intercultural management research: scope and results
3. Manifestations and functions of culture
4. Concepts of culture
5. Culture as an explanatory factor – the concept of "national culture"
6. Principles of effective intercultural communication and negotiations
7. Culture and management: organization, motivation and leadership in different cultures
8. Intercultural competence
9. Importance of internationalization for firms and challenges in context of international operations
10. Intercultural training

Teaching methods

- Exercises, self study, seminar teaching

Remarks

- Excursion, guest lectures, interdisciplinary field internships

Recommended Literature


Module objective

The module teaches the basics of innovation management. A major focus is on the development of new products and services. Approaches to classic product development in tourism are combined with the comparatively new perspective of service design.

Professional competence: The students know about the meaning and importance of innovation and innovation management. They are familiar with the aspect of product development and service design.

Social competence: In joint creative phases, the students develop products and services within the framework of concrete tasks.

Methodological competence: The students are familiar of tools for service and product development.
Personal competence: The students learned and used creativity techniques in work groups.

**Learning content**

1. Definition and process of innovation
   - innovation and economic cycles
   - invention vs. innovation
   - pull and push factors of innovation

2. The spread of innovation
   - diffusion of innovations
   - basics of innovation strategies
   - tools and methods for developing and analysing innovation strategies

3. Product and service innovation
   - creativity techniques
   - product innovation and competitiveness
   - product development process
   - tools and methods for product development

4. Service design
   - definition and application of “service design”
   - tools and methods for the development of new or improvement of existing touristic services and products
   - service design process
   - service design strategies for tourism companies

5. Conclusion & outlook
   - combining product development and service design
   - service design and product development from a management perspective
   - best-practices

**Teaching methods**

Lectures, assignment, group work, self study
Recommended Literature


Module code: T405
Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. Markus Pillmayer
Module Group: Tourism Management
Course number and name: T405 Tourism Geography & Tourism Planning
Semester: 4
Duration of the module: 1 semester
Module frequency: annually
Course type: required course
Level: undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS): 4
ECTS: 6
Workload:
- Time of attendance: 60 hours
- Self-study: 120 hours
- Total: 180 hours
Type of examination: research paper
Language of instruction: English

Module objective:
This module focuses on the spheres of activity of social science and in particular on the issues of tourism geography and the tourism industry. Furthermore, it shows its interdependency and necessity of regional planning.

It primarily investigates structures, processes, relationships, interactions and patterns of different fields of geography, on which the open, dynamic and adaptive system of tourism is based in the global context, as well as their integration with or dependence on the conditions and changes in natural regions.

Using a wide range of different international case studies, this module presents and analyses the variety of tourist destinations. It also examines global networking, interdependencies and competitive situations, as well as spin-off and unpredictable effects in relation to historical, socio-cultural, ecological, economic and political conditions and their historical developments and current trends.
In this multi-dimensional, complex environment, regional planning is crucial. In a rapidly urbanizing world, haphazard and uncontrolled growth of cities, regions and destinations, inadequate and inefficient transport systems, lack of basic services and the expansion of informal sector are some of the major challenges. Planning and management of spatial areas is of critical importance in order to mitigate some of the effects of indiscriminate urban expansion and provide a base for sustainable and inclusive development for future.

Objectives:

The module gives students the opportunity to recognize and analyze in particular the significance of the unequal general conditions of different fields of geography, i.e. the discrepancies and the mutual dependencies and the consequences resulting from this for tourism in different destinations. Students will be able to evaluate and assess global networking with the resulting competitive situations and interdependencies, and spin-off effects of tourist areas. Furthermore, they learn to research, analyze and interpret the details of a spatial area. In combination with planning, students are provided an integrated perspective of key concepts in spatial planning processes, practices and institutional mechanisms. The module will show the students emerging issues in regional planning and introduce relevant case studies on destination and regional planning practices to appreciate the need for reforms and potential for innovations.

Personal competence:

Students should develop written and verbal presentational skills. They demonstrate group-work, questioning and listening skills.

Applicability in this Program

With a detailed understanding of topics related to tourism geography and regional planning, students will understand the interdependency between tourism development and the need for spatial planning. Tourism geography reveals how geographic perspectives can inform and illuminate the study of tourism. The module explores the factors that have encouraged the development of both domestic and international forms of tourism (like health tourism), highlighting ways in which patterns of tourism have evolved and continue to evolve. This makes a planning perspective, especially in a spatial context, obligatory.

Therefore, this module offers an interface to modules from health, tourism and destination management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism".

It can also be used esp. in the following modules: nature based & sports tourism, destination management, transport & mobility management, urban & cultural tourism, ethics & sustainability in international tourism
Learning content

1. Basic concepts of world geography
   1.1. Introduction of hemispheres, continents and oceans
   1.2. Climate zones and seasonality of destinations
   1.3. Definition of GMT, UTC, international day line and time zones
   1.4. Definition of latitude and longitude

2. Tourist attractions
   2.1. Definitions – what are attractions
   2.2. Role and attributes of attractions
   2.3. Typology of attractions
   2.4. Supply side aspects of tourism and its role in the process of tourist destination image formation

3. Major tourism regions
   3.1. Timeline of tourism development
   3.2. The world top ten tourism destinations
   3.3. The world top tourist receiving countries in different regions

4. Theoretical background to city and regional planning process and its influence in shaping places
   4.1. Theories of planning
   4.2. Concept of city, region and city-region
   4.3. Evolution of city and regional planning
   4.4. Strategic and participatory planning
   4.5. Challenges to city and regional planning and management

5. Regional planning practice
   5.1. The importance of regional planning for tourism
   5.2. Different kind of development plans
   5.3. Urban development plans formulation and implementation guidelines

6. Tourism planning
   6.1. tourism planning systems
Teaching methods

- Exercises
- Self study
- Seminar teaching

Remarks

- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

Recommended Literature


T406 MEDICAL WELLNESS & SPA MANAGEMENT

Module code          T406
Module coordinator   Prof. Dr. Marcus Herntrei
Module Group         Medical Tourism
Course number and name T406 Medical Wellness & Spa Management
Semester             4
Duration of the module 1 semester
Module frequency     annually
Course type          required course
Level                undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS) 4
ECTS                 5
Workload             Time of attendance: 60 hours
                     self-study: 90 hours
                     Total: 150 hours
Type of examination  written ex. 90 min.
Language of instruction English

Module objective

The module teaches students the basics of Medical Wellness & Spa Management:

Professional competence: After attending this course, the students have knowledge about the spa and wellness market. They can classify the wellness trend with its key drivers into the health care market. They know the different spa forms and services. They are familiar with the current management challenges.

Social competence: The students know about conflicting target groups

Methodological competence: In addition, the students have know instruments, processes and tools necessary for the development and management of spa and wellness facilities.

Personal competence: The students are motivated to think about the consequences of changes in the tourism system, such as demographic change, health trends, changes in social and health policy.
Learning content

1. Introduction

The students learn about the development of the wellness paradigm, its important milestones and personalities. The demarcation of the school medicine approach as well as the use of both approaches for the spa industry are being worked out. It is classified into health care.

2. The wellness & spa market

The students get an overview of the developments in the spa and wellness market. The demand as well as the offer side are considered. The first and second health care market in Germany as well as the consequences of the social reforms are presented and discussed using examples. The German model of the health resort including the predication guidelines are presented and critically questioned by the students.

3. The spa facility

The different spa types are presented and separated from one another. A critical examination of the services associated with the spa types and the wellness paradigm.

4. Strategic planning

The basic principles of strategic planning already familiar to the students are transferred to the development of spa and wellness facilities and health destinations. Central peculiarities and differences are elaborated.

5. Architecture and design

Architecture and design are essential product characteristics and a differentiation factor, which clearly shows the gap to the first health care market. The students are taught the basics of staging experience, which are illustrated by numerous practical examples from the spa and wellness area.

6. Marketing and management

The special features in the marketing of spa and wellness facilities are shown. On the basis of existing marketing concepts, the students are asked to critically question and to show improvement approaches.

Teaching methods

Lectures and seminar lessons;
Exercises and class presentations; self-study

Remarks

Excursions and guests lecturers
Recommended Literature


This module deals with the structural and economic framework conditions related to healthcare, as well as with the main features of its political-legal status. Students acquire skills that enable them to identify the main features of decisions related to healthcare and that prepare them to take independent decisions. It discusses the current processes in the interplay between regulation and deregulation of the healthcare market, market economy and backup needs. Broadly speaking, the module provides an introduction to health management and serves as a guideline for healthcare systems, service organisations and the management of healthcare facilities.

The most important fields of activity are: structuring and provision of healthcare services in the international context, which includes mental health, acute care, primary care, chronic disease and integrated provision.

- Use of resources in healthcare: Definition and management of priorities
Professional and methodological competences: After completing this course, students will be familiar with the fundamental processes of health management. They will be aware of healthcare models and will be able to use this knowledge to classify current situations. In addition, they will have an understanding of the actors and components of healthcare and their interaction in the healthcare market. They will be able to assess current issues and developments in the healthcare market to identify opportunities for their own economic activity and decisions.

Social and personal competencies: In small groups, students will work on current topics in the context of health economy, health policy and medical tourism.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on the general principles of healthcare and offers an interface to modules related to health and medical tourism as part of the “International Tourism Management/Health & Medical Tourism” course of study, esp. to Contemporary Issues in International Health Tourism.

**Learning content**

1. Introduction into health management and health provision
2. International health management
3. The current and future challenges of health management
4. Politics of health management and healthcare and the health policy process
5. Research and innovation in a health context
6. Financing healthcare
7. Allocating resources for health
8. Global health policy
9. Health and well-being
10. Healthcare services
11. Infrastructure of healthcare
12. Patient and public involvement
13. Governance and accountability
14. Main principles for the management of health organizations
15. Health & medical tourism

**Teaching methods**
- Exercises
- Self study
- Seminar teaching

**Remarks**
- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

**Recommended Literature**


T501 INTERNSHIP (18 WEEKS)

Module code T501

Module coordinator Prof. Dr. Markus Pillmayer

Module Group Practical Competence

Course number and name T501 Internship (18 weeks)

Semester 5

Duration of the module 1 semester

Module frequency annually

Course type required course

Level undergraduate

Semester periods per week (SWS) 0

ECTS 26

Workload Time of attendance: 0 hours

self-study: 780 hours

Total: 780 hours

Language of instruction English

Module objective

The general objective of the module is that students should apply the knowledge they have acquired in practice, and simultaneously learn about the operational processes in a tourism organisation. Students should be introduced to the work performed by a tourism manager by independently working on concrete operational and process-regulatory tasks in companies and organisations and thereby learn how to tackle problems competently and find solutions for the most varied and diverse of situations.

In addition, the internship semester offers the participants an opportunity to improve their cooperation and communication skills by making presentations or presenting reports of what they have achieved.

Training objective of internship:

o Participants should get an overview of the working methods in the divisions of a tourism organisation.

o Insight into the complexity of operations in the tourism industry.
Knowledge of modern work processes to solve complex issues.

Introduction to competence for action in the tourism industry as well as an introduction to working as a tourism manager through independent participation in concrete operational, process-regulatory tasks; acquisition of problem-solving skills.

**Entrance requirements**

The regulations are provided under §8 in the Study and Examination Regulation for the “International Tourism Management / Health & Medical Tourism” course of study.

**Learning content**

Training content of internship:

Wherever possible, students should assist in tasks that are related to their future competence fields, and complete sub-tasks independently and with individual responsibility. The degree of difficulty of these tasks should be commensurate to the level of training and subsequent work as Bachelor of Arts.

The minimum internship period in the training organisation must not be less than 18 full weeks. Together with the two PLV blocks, this makes it a minimum required internship period of 20 weeks (compare §2 (2) of the Framework Examination Regulation (RaPo)). It is possible to shorten the internship period in certain individual cases (e.g., if a student has completed vocational training).

Practical study phases are an integral part of the complete standard period of study and are completed as an ongoing process and not in a row (§8 Practical Study Phases, Study and Examination Regulation StPrO WS17/18).

The internship can also be completed abroad.

In addition, extensive information in the form of separate FAQs is available for the students on the Internet.
Module code T502
Module coordinator Prof. Dr. Markus Pillmayer
Module Group Practical Competence
Course number and name T502 Block Seminar to accompany the internship (PLV) 1
Semester 5
Duration of the module 1 semester
Module frequency annually
Course type required course
Level undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS) 2
ECTS 2
Workload Time of attendance: 30 hours
self-study: 30 hours
Total: 60 hours
Type of examination Course work certificate
Language of instruction English

Module objective

- Consolidation of the skills acquired in practice through contemporary work processes in the tourism divisions of an organisation or in administration departments by combining theory and practice.

Learning content

In addition to the 18 weeks in a training organisation, students need to complete two PLV weeks during the internship semester.

The first PLV week comprises Career Service seminars. PLV are practice-oriented courses which students must have attended by the start of the internship semester in the 5th semester. Every student is required to attend three seminars from the “Study and Personality Competence” category and two seminars from the “Professional Competence” category. Students can download the confirmation form for the seminars from iLearn.
Students are responsible for completing the five seminars by the beginning of the internship. They can sign up for the Career Service seminars at www.th-deg.de/seminare/ec. Different seminars are offered every semester.
Module code: T503
Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. Markus Pillmayer
Module Group: Practical Competence
Course number and name: T503 Block Seminar to accompany the internship (PLV) 2
Semester: 5
Duration of the module: 1 semester
Module frequency: annually
Course type: required course
Level: undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS): 2
ECTS: 2
Workload: Time of attendance: 30 hours
self-study: 30 hours
Total: 60 hours
Type of examination: Course work certificate
Language of instruction: English

Module objective

- Consolidation of the skills acquired in practice through contemporary work processes in the tourism divisions of an organisation or in administration departments by combining theory and practice.
- Reflection on practical experience.

Learning content

The second PLV is offered as a block event (date to be announced). Registration for the PLV is carried out in the corresponding iLearn course for that particular semester.
T601 BACHELOR THESIS TUTORIAL (SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP)

Module code           T601
Module coordinator    Prof. Dr. Markus Pillmayer
Module Group          Tourism Management
Course number and name T601 Bachelor Thesis Tutorial (Scientific Workshop)
Semester              6
Duration of the module 1 semester
Module frequency      annually
Course type           required course
Level                 undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS) 4
ECTS                  5
Workload              
                        Time of attendance: 60 hours
                        self-study: 90 hours
                        Total: 150 hours
Type of examination   research paper, Course work certificate
Language of instruction English

Module objective

The tutorial for the Bachelor thesis is concerned with the acquisition and application of in-depth knowledge in planning, implementation and evaluation of tourism studies with a theoretical or empirical basis. The intention is for the bachelor thesis to demonstrate that the respective student is capable of processing a subject specific theme independently and structuring a scientific work in an appropriate manner both linguistically and formally. Students gain the competence to break down the processes in their bachelor thesis into different stages of development and to present these in a scientific manner.

During the module, students will learn how to find a topic, how to identify a specific problem and how to develop a certain question (or questions) related to the problem for their bachelor thesis. They have to decide which research methods they would like to take and give reasons for that. A literature review of the current scientific discussion is essential. Based on that, students will write a proposal for their future thesis they need to apply for at the supervisor. The student will present his/her proposal in an internal
public lecture followed by a discussion at the end. This will give the student the opportunity to get direct feedback from the auditory. The supervisor advises the student with regard to presentation tools and points out common mistakes.

Professional and methodological competences:

The intention is for the students to acquire the ability, with guidance, to process a tourism issue scientifically utilizing professional methods. They learn how one identifies a tourism issue, researches in literature, and selects and applies suitable methods in response to the issue or question.

Personal and social competence:

Through the obligatory work with literature, the bachelor thesis tutorial explicitly promotes the development of knowledge acquiring strategies. Participants acquire the competence to present and defend their work in a scientifically sound manner during a plenary session for students. Furthermore, the presentation of working results in tourism studies in a written and oral form is explicitly required by future employers and therefore highly promoted.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is the preparation period, in which the students are acquainted with the requirements for the bachelor thesis.

**Learning content**

1. Definition of the topic & research questions
2. Literature review
3. Explicit wording of the topic
4. Description of the necessary preparatory work – corresponding time schedule
5. Discussion of the research design
6. Elaboration of the preliminary structure
7. Development of proposal
8. Presentation and discussion of proposal
9. Further development of scientific work

**Teaching methods**

- Exercises
- Self study
- Seminar teaching
Remarks

- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

Recommended Literature


Module code: T602

Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. Marcus Herntrei

Module Group: Tourism Management

Course number and name: T602 Nature-based & Sports Tourism Management

Semester: 6

Duration of the module: 1 semester

Module frequency: annually

Course type: required course

Level: undergraduate

Semester periods per week (SWS): 4

ECTS: 5

Workload:
- Time of attendance: 60 hours
- self-study: 90 hours
- Total: 150 hours

Type of examination: presentation 15 - 45 min.

Language of instruction: English

Module objective

In addition to passive aspects such as the classic spa operation, modern health tourism increasingly includes active elements. Numerous studies prove the positive effect of a natural environment (e.g. forest, low mountain landscape) on the human body. Consequently, health-promoting, sporting activities should be transferred to a natural environment. This module enables students to develop appropriate products and services.

Professional competence: The students know the most important nature-bound health tourism products and offers and the necessary basic conditions. The students are familiar with instruments that enable them to carry out product development. They are aware about the potentials conflicts between tourism, agriculture and forestry.

Methodological competence: The students know tools for product development.
Social competence: In this context, the students also know the special needs of people with disabilities, who have these in nature experience based tourism products.

Personal competence: The students are encouraged to think about the value of the natural environment and the potential negative effects of the built environment.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module offers an interface to the module applied destination management.

**Learning content**

1. Introduction

2. Natural resources in health tourism
   2.1 Natural resources
   2.2 Therapeutic landscapes

3. Nature based health and active tourism
   2.1 Hiking
   2.2 Biking
   2.3 Nature based trend sports

4. Product development in nature based health tourism
   4.1 Strategic product development
   4.2 Case study

**Teaching methods**

lectures, field trip, self study, group work, case study

**Remarks**

field trip

**Recommended Literature**


## T603 ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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### Module objective

Entrepreneurship and innovation are important drivers for success in any industry. This is particularly so in the dynamic and rapidly evolving industries worldwide. This module examines key issues in entrepreneurship, with a special focus on tourism. Tourism industry is dominated by small and medium-sized enterprises all around the world. There is a need for an entrepreneurial approach to management in both the development of new businesses and in existing businesses. Such an approach is appropriate for both large and small businesses whether they be in the private or public sector of economies. Low barriers mean that independent entrepreneurship is a realistic prospect for graduates. This module addresses this need.

Professional and methodological competences:

Students should develop a critical understanding of the nature of enterprise, entrepreneurship and innovation within the industries to get actual entrepreneurial competence/skills. The module will consider entrepreneurship in a range of business...
contexts - large and small businesses, private and public sector businesses, regional, national and international businesses. Students will examine the nature and implications of the considerable body of entrepreneurship theory. Furthermore, the module should encourage greater awareness of entrepreneurship and innovation amongst students and to develop entrepreneurial competencies.

Personal and social competences:

Students should develop written and verbal presentational skills. In its core are creative problem solving and idea generation, scenario development of different business ideas and feasibility testing and negotiating for resources, debating and presenting ideas and positions. They demonstrate group-work, questioning and listening skills.

Applicability in this Program

The module is based on general business management principles and offers an interface to modules from health, tourism and destination management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism".

Learning content

1. Defining, characterizing and developing general concepts to understand entrepreneurship
2. Concepts of entrepreneurship
3. Enterprise environment and enterprise culture
4. Strategic aspects of entrepreneurship
5. Ethnic entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship in an international context
6. Business opportunity recognition and concept development
7. Intrapreneurship and social entrepreneurship
8. Entrepreneurial aspects of franchising
9. Role of government and government agencies in entrepreneurship
10. Feasibility and case studies

Teaching methods

- Exercises
- Self study
- Seminar teaching
Remarks

- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

Recommended Literature


Module code: T604

Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. Georg Christian Steckenbauer

Module Group: Tourism Management

Course number and name: T604 Contemporary Issues in International Health Tourism

Semester: 6

Duration of the module: 1 semester

Module frequency: annually

Course type: required course

Level: undergraduate

Semester periods per week (SWS): 4

ECTS: 5

Workload:
- Time of attendance: 60 hours
- Self-study: 90 hours
- Total: 150 hours

Type of examination: presentation 15 - 45 min.

Language of instruction: English

Module objective

Students have a very good overview over topics and current problems in international health tourism. They can identify and describe critical areas and analyse specific problems within the field.

Students can analyse the situation of individual providers, describe specific problems and suggest solutions for problems.

Professional and methodological competence:

Students have both the professional and the methodological competence to work on current case studies from the field of health tourism and to develop adequate solutions for specific problems of individual providers.
In particular, analytical methods and tools are used which have been taught in other modules (e.g. Fundamentals of Tourism Management, Fundamentals of Business Administration, Strategic Management and Leadership) and these methods are applied to problems in the field of health tourism.

Students develop presentations including the analyses and solutions for selected cases following scientific standards.

Personal competence:

Students can analyse problems and create appropriate solutions self-responsibly. They are able to structure the process of knowledge acquisition based on prior knowledge and competences and personal working style.

Social competence:

Social competence of students is promoted by the appropriate use of cooperative methods such as group work and moderated discussions.

**Applicability in this Program**

Bachelor thesis

**Learning content**

1. Health Tourism: Categorisation and Phenomena
2. History and Development of International Health Tourism
3. Health Tourists
4. Providers and Mediators in International Health Tourism
5. International Mobility, Globalisation and Health Tourism Industry
6. Service Quality in International Health Tourism
7. Evidence-based Health Tourism
8. Emerging Markets in Health Tourism
9. Chances and Challenges for European Health Tourism Providers

**Teaching methods**

Seminaristic teaching combining lecture, exercises, group work, group presentations, classroom discussions. Students are encouraged to actively participate in course by choosing appropriate didactical methods.

Students have to create a poster and conduct a poster presentation about a relevant topic in international health tourism (following academic standards).
Remarks

Teaching is supported by iLearn platform: course materials (presentations, journal articles, cases) are provided to students online.

Recommended Literature

Basic literature:


Journal:


Recommended literature:


Additional material (articles form scientific and business journals, case studies...) is presented in course and provided on the iLearn platform.
T605 DESTINATION MANAGEMENT (GERMAN)

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Module objective

Students should be familiarised with current destination management concepts, in particular in an international and health economy context. Based on new structural approaches to destination management, this involves challenges and perspectives in tourism services management. The objective of the module is to give students an in-depth insight into the principles of strategic destination management and to demonstrate the strategic involvement of tourism service providers. The destination is regarded as a holistic strategically spatial unit. Furthermore, the interaction between destination, location and regional management plays a crucial role. Different theories and approaches to destination management are processed from an international perspective. In addition, this module discusses selected strategies for the management of traditional destinations and product and quotation preparation.
Professional and methodological competences:

After taking this course, students will possess an understanding of the touristic destination as a regional value creation system of complementary sectors and on this basis shall become familiar with the typology of touristic destinations. They will develop an in-depth understanding of specific destination management issues and will learn how to deal with basic destination management concepts properly and critically. An overview of theoretical approaches for destination differentiation (including geographical, network and system theoretical and microeconomic approaches) serves as a basis for understanding the impact of the spatial structure on value creation processes for destinations. Students are therefore able to classify the impacts of different demand conditions on the ability to evolve and the competitiveness of destinations. They will obtain a basic understanding of current trends and challenges in an intercultural and interdisciplinary context. The insight into application-oriented implementation of selected issues creates a pathway to practical issues.

Social and personal competence:

In small groups, the students will deal with current destination management issues in the context of the health economy and internationalisation.

This module is taught in German as its rather theoretical nature aims to create a pathway to the Applied Health Destination Management (T705) module (implementation-orientated projects in the region).

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on general economic and geographic principles relating to tourism and offers an interface to Business Administration and Health Tourism modules within the scope of the "International Tourism Management/ Health and Medical Tourism" degree programme.

**Entrance requirements**

T106 "Fundamentals of Tourism Management” or T406 “Medical Wellness and Spa Management” provide a useful background or complement this module

**Learning content**

1. Destination structure and organisation
2. Destination as a regional value creation system
3. Destination differentiation approaches
4. Destination management as a holistic approach
5. Demand conditions in destinations
6. Competitiveness of destinations
7. Planning and governance approaches
8. Destination branding
9. Outlook and future development in destination management
10. The future of destination management

**Teaching methods**
- Exercises
- Self study
- Seminar teaching

**Remarks**
- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

**Recommended Literature**


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**Module objective**

Based on the theory of normative and strategic management, the students understand all the operational processes of tour operators and travel agencies. They are familiar with both and know the differences, similarities and their position in the tourism service chain. The students are familiar with the current competitive situation and they know the common strategies for gaining competitiveness.

Professional competence: The students know the terms tour operator and travel agent. They also know their essential characteristics. Furthermore, they are familiar with the changes in the market, especially based on new Internet-based business models, which are presented and discussed in the module.

Social competence: The students work in groups on different tasks. Here they practice their presentation and criticizing skills.

Methodological competence: The students deepen and expand their knowledge of business analysis and planning tools.
Personal competence: Students are encouraged to take a critical look at life cycles and their consequences.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on the general and introductory modules for business administration and marketing. In addition, a further important component in the tourism service chain will be covered, linking the module Transport & Mobility Management in the next semester.

**Learning content**

1. Tour operator management
   - Definitions and terms
   - Position and functions in the tourism system
   - Current management challenges of tour operators
   - The core technological processes of tour operators: the value chain
   - The importance of yield management
   - Channel Management

3. Travel Agencies
   - Definitions and terms
   - Position and functions in the tourism system
   - Current management challenges for travel agencies

4. New business models and outlook

**Teaching methods**

Lectures and seminar lessons;

Exercises and class presentations; self-study

**Remarks**

guest lecturers

**Recommended Literature**


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**Module objective**

Students show that – based on the theoretical and practical knowledge gained during their studies – they are able to independently resolve a scientifically and practically relevant problem by studying the facts, providing new insights, drawing conclusions and giving recommendations in a limited period of time. They are able to organize their workflow in order to meet the demands of the problems formulated in their thesis, as well as to monitor progress and make necessary amendments. Finally, students are able to document their approach and their results to meet the requirements of a scientific publication.

Professional competence: The students deal with a practically relevant problem and questions in a scientific way.
Social competence: The possibility of data collection and cooperation with companies opens up new perspectives for students.
Methodological competence: The students deepen and apply the methods and instruments learned during their studies.
Personal competence: The students learn to deal intensively with a question over a longer period of time.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is the final element of the study program, with students having to bring together all theoretical and practical skills gained in the course of 7 semesters.

**Teaching methods**

- personal counselling

**Recommended Literature**


### Module objective

Students have a sound overview over the broad field of mobility and transportation management in tourism, can identify critical issues and develop solutions for transportation management with a special view on sustainability aspects.

**Professional competences:**

Students know about the crucial role of transportation to tourism destinations and within destinations and can identify critical factors related to transportation. Students can critically analyse mobility concepts of tourism destinations with particular reference to sustainability issues and aspects of environmental protection.

Students can develop alternatives for existing mobility concepts and create suggestions to improve the ecological balance sheet in tourism destinations.
Personal competence:

Students can analyse problems and create appropriate solutions self-responsibly. They are able to structure the process of knowledge acquisition based on prior knowledge and competences and personal working style.

Social competence:

Social competence of students is promoted by the appropriate use of cooperative methods such as group work and moderated discussion.

**Learning content**

1. Introduction to the topic of mobility and transport in tourism
2. Modes of transport
   2.1. Private transport
   2.2. Aviation management
   2.2. Railroad management
   2.3. Cruise ship management
   2.4. Car rental management
   2.5. Intermodal use of transport modes in travel and tourism
3. International transport and sustainability
4. Sustainable mobility within tourism destinations
5. Case studies: best practice examples in sustainable transportation management

**Teaching methods**

Seminaristic teaching combining lectures, exercises, group work, group presentations, classroom discussions. Students are encouraged to actively participate in course by choosing appropriate didactical methods.

**Remarks**

Teaching is supported by iLearn platform: course materials (presentations, journal articles, cases) are provided to students online.

**Recommended Literature**

Basic literature:


Recommended literature:


Module objective

Culture, tourism and regeneration explores the way in which culture and tourism have become a central part of regeneration strategies as cities try to adapt to the far-reaching socio-economic changes that have transformed spaces over the last 60 years. This module explores the growth and increasing diversity of cultural tourism, the role it plays in urban centers and their regions and the ways in which cities have reinvented themselves as centers of leisure and recreation consumption using major cultural infrastructure investment, heritage commodification, events and festivals.

The relation between the process of elicitation of cultural products and the social, spatial and economic architectures that shape the cityscape influencing the successful results of such process, are investigated through theoretic arguments and the illustration of a number of international case studies. In this context, the module will also address the concept of resilience and its specific application and relevance to tourism.

Professional and methodological competences:
The module shall equip students with a basic understanding of the role culture and tourism play in urban regeneration and strategies for the successful management of cultural tourism. Students should get a general understanding of the role of arts, museums, galleries and contemporary culture and their management in the leisure economy and international tourism. Furthermore, they should understand practical problems of managing cultural tourism in dynamic urban and semi-urban contexts.

Personal and social competences:

Students develop skills in practical research, observation, creative thinking, tourism product design, fieldwork research, recording and communicating findings.

**Applicability in this Program**

The module is based on a general understanding for international cultural issues and offers an interface to modules from intercultural, destination and health management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health & Medical Tourism".

**Learning content**

1. Defining cultural tourism - theory and practice
2. Cultural tourist and cultural tourism product
3. Arts and heritage sites
4. Intangible heritage
5. Issues in identity, authenticity, invention of tradition - the tourist gaze
6. Culture-based urban regeneration - theory and practice
7. Regeneration strategies for urban agglomerations
8. Managing cultural quarters and cultural hubs
9. Cultural audits, clusters, corridors and packages
10. Celebrating culture - spectacle, festivals, fairs and mega-events

**Teaching methods**

- Exercises
- Self study
- Seminar teaching
Remarks

- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships

Recommended Literature


Module code: T704

Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. Marcus Herntrei

Module Group: Tourism Management

Course number and name: T704 Ethics & Sustainability in International Tourism

Semester: 7

Duration of the module: 1 semester

Module frequency: annually

Course type: required course

Level: undergraduate

Semester periods per week (SWS): 4

ECTS: 5

Workload:
- Time of attendance: 60 hours
- self-study: 90 hours
- Total: 150 hours

Type of examination: written ex. 90 min.

Language of instruction: English

Module objective

Professional competence: The students know the fundamental principles of sustainable development and their application to tourism. Further they are familiar with the development and forms of sustainable tourism with a focus on climate change, biodiversity, sustainable development and resilience.

Social competence: The students have learned to work in groups, constructively discuss and present the results of their work in plenary session and represent them.

Methodological competence: The students know the methodological framework necessary to analyse and to understand the interrelationships in complex networks between tourism, environment and society.

Personal competence: The students have first approaches to sustainable tourism implemented independently in practice and addressed sustainability issues in the self-study.
Learning content

1. Introduction to sustainable tourism
   o definitions
   o why sustainable tourism?
   o effects of tourism
   o the concept of sustainability and sustainable tourism

2. Challenges for the international tourism
   o globalisation
   o climate change
   o uncertainty
   o supply and demand side

3. Sustainable tourism management
   o corporate social responsibility and sustainability
   o cases of sustainability management along the tourism service chain

4. Outlook
   o sustainability and international tourism - a contradiction?
   o Resilience and sustainability

Teaching methods

Lectures, self study, group work, field trip

Remarks

field trip

Recommended Literature


T705 APPLIED DESTINATION MANAGEMENT (GERMAN)

Module code T705
Module coordinator Prof. Dr. Markus Pillmayer
Module Group Tourism Management
Course number and name T705 Applied Destination Management (German)
Semester 7
Duration of the module 1 semester
Module frequency annually
Course type required course
Level undergraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS) 4
ECTS 5
Workload Time of attendance: 60 hours
self-study: 90 hours
Total: 150 hours
Type of examination presentation 15 - 45 min.
Language of instruction English

Module objective

In this multi-disciplinary module students will be introduced to the role applied health destination management plays in the modern tourism business in addition to the more traditional planning and control aspects of management. Without a detailed understanding of topics related to health destination management, especially in an international context, students will not be able to successfully operate in an increasingly project-related world. Consequently, they need to be aware of the basic (project) management concepts and standards when working in an international environment. Often fieldwork is the first task being assigned to newly acquired staff making applied management skills a prerequisite for successfully entering the job market.

Professional and methodological competences:

The module provides students with a detailed knowledge about destination management and its practicability. Students will be able to successfully manage a destination in an international environment by considering intercultural challenges. The objective of the
module is furthermore to understand and to be able to apply the basic concepts of international destination management and apply these concepts in a real-life environment/project.

Personal and social competences:

Students will be able to discuss openly and deeply in intercultural teams all matters of the fieldwork. They have to work cooperatively and effectively in a project-related team and will have to present the results.

Due to the fact that the project-related focus is on regional issues, the study language is German.

Applicability in this Program

The module is based on general (project) management principles and offers an interface to modules from health, tourism and destination management as part of the study program "International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism".

Learning content

1. An introduction to applied health destination management
2. Stakeholders and stakeholder analysis
3. Quality and risk management
4. Planning tools and budgeting
5. Methodologies
6. Performance monitoring and control

Teaching methods

- Seminar teaching
- Self study
- Fieldwork

Remarks

- Excursion
- Guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary field internships
Recommended Literature


