Syllabus

Course description

Course title: Entrepreneurship and Leadership
Course code: 30176
Scientific sector: SECS-P/08 – SECS-P/10
Degree: Tourism, Sport and Event Management
Semester and academic year: 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} Semester, 2022/2023
Year: 2\textsuperscript{nd} study year
Credits: 12
Modular: Yes

Total lecturing hours: 72
Total lab hours: -
Total exercise hours: -
Attendance: suggested, but not required
Prerequisites: not foreseen
Course page: https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/bachelor-tourism-sport-event-management/course-offering/?academicYear=2022

Specific educational objectives

The course refers to the typical educational activities and belongs to the scientific area of Business Administration.

The modular course M1: Strategic Management:

The course introduces students to the analysis of the strategic behavior of firms. This matter is approached according to a process perspective, with particular emphasis on decision-making processes that shape firm strategy. From a point of view of content, the course analyzes the strategy both as an outcome and as managerial process.

The modular course M2: Organizational Behaviour and Leadership: The course provides a general overview of topics of organizational behavior and leadership. The course will provide the students with theoretical knowledge on contemporary theories of leadership, which are applied in case study work to real-life situations providing a praxis relation to the learned topics. After the completion of the course, the students will be able to better understand behavior within organizations.

Module 1

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| **Scientific sector of the lecturer** | SECS-P/08 |
| **Teaching language** | English |
| **Office hours** | [link](https://www.unibz.it/en/timetable/?department=26&degree=13009%2C13134) |

### List of topics covered

1. **The business strategy. Approaches. Basic concepts. Problems.**
   - Contents: Strategy, objectives, vision, planning: definitions, common and distinctive elements according to contemporary approaches to strategic management.
   - Tools: Strategy as a tool for managing complexity.

2. **The formation of the strategy**
   - Contents: From strategy formulation to strategy formation. Deliberate and emergent strategies.

3. **Strategy, firm and the environment**
   - Contents: Strategies such a conceptual interface between the firm and its external environment.
   - Tools: PESTEL model. SWOT analysis. Scenario planning.

4. **Competitive systems**
   - Tools: Analysis of the competitive forces. SWOT.

5. **Resources and competence**

6. **Business strategies and business models**
   - Contents: Generic competitive strategies. Interactive strategies.

7. **Entrepreneurship and innovation**

8. **Case studies in strategic management**

### Teaching format
Frontal lectures, case exercises, team presentations.

### Module 2
Organizational Behaviour and Leadership
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Scientific sector of the lecturer: SECS-P/10
Teaching language: English
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List of topics covered:
• Basics of Organizational Behavior
• Attitudes and Job Satisfaction
• Emotions and Moods
• Personality and Values
• Individual Decision Making
• Motivation
• Group Behavior
• Work Team
• Communication
• Leadership
• Conflict and Negotiations
• Organizational Structure
• Organizational Culture

Teaching format: Frontal lectures & group discussions

Learning outcomes: **Knowledge and understanding**

M1 – Strategic Management:
• Knowledge and understanding of decision making in management
• Knowledge and understanding of enterprises’ strategies and basic business models
• Knowledge and understanding of diverse industry structures, firm conduct and performance and their relevance for industries as well as individual companies
• Knowledge of principal strategic planning tools and their appropriate, context dependent use

M2 – Leadership:
• Knowledge and understanding of leadership theory and methods
• Knowledge and understanding of human resource management practices and their relevance in different structural/competitive settings
• Knowledge and understanding of industries, customers, and competitors in an entrepreneurial and new venture setting
• Knowledge and understanding industry analysis and venture opportunity assessment

Applying knowledge and understanding:
M1 – Strategic Management:
• Ability to apply managerial principles to enterprises of different dimensions and in different settings
• Ability to conduct industry analyses, competitor analyses and business environment analyses in different industries
• Ability to provide support for strategic and operational decision making by using basic planning tools and scenarios
• Ability to evaluate strategic situations and competence to apply models and tools relevant for decision making under risk and uncertainty

M2 – Leadership:
• Ability to basically develop and lead human resources
• Ability to create a winning soft skill proposal for new ventures
• Ability to identify potential talent in the market
• Ability to analyse diverse human resource management and team building approaches, as well as diverse structural configurations of the firm

Making judgments
M1 – Strategic Management:
• Ability to evaluate appropriate models and tools to analyze the strategic decisions of specific firms.
• Ability to evaluate effectiveness of firm’s strategy and strategy formation.
• Ability to evaluate a firm’s environment and industry attractiveness.

M2 – Leadership:
• Ability to assess differentiate leadership practices and their effectiveness in an organization
• Ability to judge the performance of individuals in an organization
• Ability to predict and understand individuals’ behaviour in organization and judge the consequences of the behaviour

Communication skills
M1 – Strategic Management:
• Ability to adequately communicate and use the key concepts and theory of the course.
• Ability to consistently and convincingly communicate and present the analysis of firms’ strategies.
• Ability to communicate and discuss with peers the application of strategy theory to specific business cases.

M2 – Leadership:
• Ability to understand how to efficiently communicate within organizations
• Ability to discuss topics of organizational behaviour and leadership in an academic manner and with peers
• Ability to present topics of organizational behaviour and leadership

Learning skills
M1 – Strategic Management:
• Ability to establish links among the heterogeneous required readings in an autonomous and independent way.
• Ability to apply critical thinking when approaching the analysis of firm’s strategies.
• Ability to apply strategy formation theory to praxis related case studies.
• Ability to recognize opportunities and develop business strategies.

M2 – Leadership:
• Ability to autonomously extend the knowledge acquired during the course by searching and reading supporting scientific literature
• Ability to apply leaned theoretical material to praxis related case studies
• Ability to participate in problem based learning such as case study work
• Ability to learn to think in alternatives and consider the consequences of each alternative

Assessment
M1 – Strategic Management:
- Final written exam: 60% based on lecture contents
- Expected Duration: 90 minutes
- Project and group presentation: 40%

M2 – Organizational Behaviour and Leadership:
- Written and oral: written exam to test theoretical knowledge at the end of the course and oral group-presentations of case study work during the semester to test the application skills of the theoretical knowledge
- Final written exam: 60%, group presentation: 40%
- Expected duration of exam: 60 minutes

B) Non attending students:
M1 – Strategic Management:
- Final written exam: 100% based on lecture materials
- Expected duration: 120 minutes

M2 – Organizational Behaviour and Leadership:
- Written exam based on the text book and the lecture notes provided by the instructor.
- Expected duration: 60 minutes

Assessment language
English

Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks
The final mark of the module is an average of the parts M1 and M2; however, both parts must be passed.

M1 – Strategic Management:
The final mark is a combination of the grade of the written exam (60%) and project report (40%).
- relevant for assessment 1 (written exam): clarity of answers, ability to discuss the theoretical concepts in an academic manner, ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics;
- relevant for assessment 2 (project work and group presentation): ability to apply theoretical knowledge, ability to work in a team, creativity, skills in critical thinking, ability to summarize in own words.

M2 – Organizational Behaviour and Leadership:
The final mark is a combination of the grade of the written exam (60%) and case study result presentations (40%).
- relevant for assessment 1 (written exam): clarity of answers, ability to discuss the theoretical concepts in an academic manner, ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics;
- relevant for assessment 2 (case study work): ability to apply theoretical knowledge, ability to work in a team, creativity, skills in critical thinking, ability to summarize in own words

NOTE: Project work (case study work) and classroom contributions are valid for 1 academic year only and cannot be carried over beyond that time-frame.

Required readings
M1: Strategic management


Supplementary readings

M1: Strategic management:
Supplementary readings recommended by the lecturer during the semester.

M2 – Organizational Behaviour and Leadership: supplementary readings recommended by the lecturer during the semester