



CIEE Seville, Spain

Course title:	Strategic Issues in International Manufacturing
Course code:	BUSI 3003 SEBS
Programs offering course:	Advanced Liberal Arts, Business and Society, Communications, New Media and Journalism Spanish, Liberal Arts
Language of instruction:	Spanish
U.S. semester credits:	3.00
Contact hours:	45.00
Term:	Fall 2023

Course Description

This course will focus on the analysis and study of an area crucial to the success of all organizations (manufacturers of goods or services): The Operations Area, whose strategic, tactical and operational contribution is decisive for most of the world class companies. The Operations area is responsible for manufacturing those goods and services with which the company has to compete in a global market, and for such competition to be possible, they must be manufactured at the lowest possible cost, the highest quality and service, in a flexible system, with increasingly tight deadlines, and productive processes that respect the environment. All these objectives, as you can see, are in fact the competitive keys with which successful organizations are positioned in the market, and all of them are Operations -- specific, that is, their achievement depends on the Management and Management of the Subsystem of Operations of the Company.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Analyze the main strategic aspects of operations management through the study of operations subsystem
- Differentiate the main strategic decisions involved in operations management, and the impact of these decisions on the tactical and operational aspects of the business area in question
- Break down the great importance of running the company as a whole, and in a manner consistent with the current characteristics of the markets to which it directs its goods and services: globalization, high competition, need for personalization and flexibility, costs and quality, responsibility with society, and the environment

Course Prerequisites

None.

Methods of Instruction

The course will be divided into three sections: management concepts, strategic management theories and strategies, and company visits.

Classroom instruction will cover academic concepts, through PowerPoint presentations and videos that will provide students with the proper tools and techniques for proper operations planning and programming. Classroom exercises will be performed throughout the semester.

Company visits will be used to reinforce academic concepts taught in class and required reading.

Linguistic Resource Center: It is recommended that students use the LRC

Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Mid-term Exam	25%
2.	Final Exam	25%
3.	Quizzes	20%
4.	Assignments	20%

5.	Active Participation in Class	10%
	TOTAL	100%

Course Requirements

Mid-term Exam

Exams: There will be two exams throughout the course. The mid-term Exam worth 25% of the final grade of the student. The final exam, worth 25% of the final grade, will be done the last week of class.

Part 1:

10 multiple-choice questions related to the topics studied above. Each question will have four options, of which only one will be true. Each question answered correctly will add 10 points, while the questions answered incorrectly will subtract 2.5 points. This part 1 will be worth 40% of the final exam grade.

Final Exam

Part 2:

Students will write four extended response essays (one page each) related to material covered in class. In these essays the student will have to demonstrate his knowledge of the content and critical analysis skills. In the final exam, one of these questions will be replaced by a practical exercise. Each essay is worth 25 points out of 100 points. This second part comprises 60% of the overall exam grade.

Quizzes

At the beginning of each class, or during the development of the same, the teacher will ask questions that the student must respond using interactive response commands. This will require students to study at home the contents explained in the previous class, and to maintain constant attention in the teacher's explanation. Students' scores on these quizzes will be worth a total of 20 points in the final grade.

Assignments

Throughout the course, students will complete individual and group assignments relating to various aspects of the course content. Students will normally have one or two weeks to submit the solution to the assigned exercises. These assignment grades will be worth 15% of the students' final grade.

Active Participation in Class

The professor will evaluate the participation and involvement of the students during the development of the class, specifically in the analysis and comments made by the student in the discussion topics that arise during the development of the class, as well as in group work that takes place in class. With this active participation in class, the student can add 10 points for their final grade.

Attendance

To encourage engaged learning, regular class attendance is required throughout the program. This includes any required co-curricular class excursion or event, as well as internship, service-learning, or other required field placement.

An excused absence in a CIEE course will only be considered if approved by a CIEE Center Director/Academic Director (not the Instructor), and:

- it is a self-certified absence for illness (only once per course, requires formal request before or within 24 hours, cannot miss assessment worth more than 5% of final course grade)
- a doctor's note from a local medical professional is provided
- evidence of a family emergency is provided
- it is a pre-approved observance of religious holiday

Unexcused absences include personal travel and/or travel delays, as well as missing more than 25% of a single class period (including tardiness and early departure). Assessments missed due to unexcused absences will be marked as zero. Students with over 10% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff. Students with over 20% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff, receive a formal warning letter (shared with their home institution) and lose 10% of the final course point total (e.g., a final A grade of 93% will be lowered to a B grade of 83%).

For more detail, please consult your CIEE Academic Manual.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to a positive and inclusive teaching and learning environment. All students are expected to complete coursework responsibilities with fairness, respect, and honesty. Failure to do so by seeking unfair advantage over others or misrepresenting someone else's work as your own can result in grade penalties or disciplinary action. See the CIEE Student Academic Manual for further information on academic integrity.

N.B. Course schedule and co-curriculars are subject to change. The final duration and distribution of content and assignments will be determined and presented to students at the onset of the course.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class: 1.1 Presentation of the class

Unit 1. The business system and operations subsystem.

The company as an open and complex system: a functional approach.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 1.1 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Active Participation in class:

What is the mission of the operations subsystem in the current company?

What is a manufacturing process?

Class: 1.2 Unit 1. The business system and operations subsystem.

The Operations Subsystem and Operations Management: Historical evolution of its strategic importance.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Sections 1.2 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

What is the role of the current company in our economic system?

Has the mission of business managers changed?

Are the principles of the old schools of thought still applicable in the management of current companies? (Group work in class)

Assignments:

Current importance of the service sector in the global economy (one-week delivery time).

Week 2

Class: 2.1 Unit 1. The business system and operations subsystem.

Design and management in the area of manufacturing

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 1.3 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

If you had the responsibility, relocate any activity of your company?

Class: 2.2 Unit 1. The business system and operations subsystem.

Current challenges Operations Management at a strategic level.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 1.4 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

The company constantly wants to reduce its logistics costs. How many suppliers would work, many or few? Why? (Group work in class)

Week 3

Class: 3.1 Unit 2. Manufacturing Strategy

Introduction: Business strategy development

Diagnosing the current situation: Internal and external analysis

Strategic Manufacturing

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 2.1; 2.2 y 2.3 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Mission and vision of Iberia

Mission and vision of MCDonald's

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

"Aldi: The largest retailer in Europe" (Group work in class)

Class: 3.2 Unit 2. Manufacturing Strategy

Goals of a manufacturing subsystem. How to get a competitive advantage

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 2.4 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Proposal to improve work methods. (Group work in class)

Assignments:

Essay on the role of the service objective in the current company (one-week delivery time).

Week 4

Class: 4.1 Unit 2. Manufacturing Strategy

Goals of a manufacturing subsystem. How to get a competitive advantage

Strategic decisions of manufacturing

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 2.4 y 2.5 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Volkswagen

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Advantages and disadvantages of manufacturing standardized products. (Group work in class)

Class: 4.2 Unit 2. Manufacturing Strategy

Strategic decisions of manufacturing

The Strategic Plan and the Long-Term Production Plan.

Evaluation and Attaining goals

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 2.5; 2.6 y 2.7 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Assignments:

Critical test on the different ways that the current company has to reduce costs (two-week delivery time).

Week 5

Class: 5.1 Unit 3. Design and Product selection

Introduction

Product design and selection

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 3.1 y 3.2 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Successful Spanish products

The Spanish company "Calvo"

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Investigation or imitation. Advantages and disadvantages.

Class: 5.2 Unit 3. Design and Product selection

Long term capacity

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 3.3 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

The EREs: need or business whim?

Week 6

Class: 6.1 Unit 3. Design and Product selection

Location

Plant layout

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 3.4 y 3.5 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Analysis of relocated Spanish companies.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Class: 6.2 Midterm Exam

Week 7

Class: 7.1 Unit 4. Lean Manufacturing as a pillar of competitive strategy

Introduction

Goals and elements of a JIT philosophy

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 4.1 y 4.2 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Harley-Davidson

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Inventories in storage: good or bad business policy?

Class: 7.2 Unit 4. Lean Manufacturing as a pillar of competitive strategy

Reduce preparation time (System SMED) and production

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 4.3 of the Academic Workbook.

Practical exercise

Impact of the size of the manufacturing lot on liquidity, costs and quality

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Assignments:

Analysis of the strategic decisions of Operations of an Andalusian oil company (Two weeks of delivery).

Week 8

Class: 8.1 Unit 4. Lean Manufacturing as a pillar of competitive strategy

Standardization of operations

Ability to adapt to a flexible demand: Shojinka

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 4.4 y 4.5 of the Academic Workbook.

Practical exercise:

Standardization of operations

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Specialized or multi-skilled workers?

Class: 8.2 Unit 4. Lean Manufacturing as a pillar of competitive strategy

Soikufu

Autonomous defect control: Jidoka

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 4.6 y 4.7 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Poka-Yoke systems to prevent defective products

Week 9

Class: 9.1 Unit 4. Lean Manufacturing as a pillar of competitive strategy

Leveling of production

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 4.8 of the Academic Workbook.

Practical exercise:

Leveling of production

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Class: 9.2 Unit 4. Lean Manufacturing as a pillar of competitive strategy

Production programation: Kanban System

Relationships with suppliers

Implementing the Lean Philosophy and its advantages

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 4.9; 4.10 y 4.11 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Assignments:

Critical analysis on possession of inventories in the company. Advantages and disadvantages (One weeks of delivery).

Week 10

Class: 10.1 Unit 5. Quality Management

Introduction.

Quality and competitive advantage.

Definition of quality and historical evolution.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 5.1; 5.2 y 5.3 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Business failures due to quality problems.

Opel Spain.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Quality certifications. Advantages and disadvantages

Class: 10.2 Unit 5. Quality Management

Current approaches to quality management.

Attitudes and organizational aspects for quality.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 5.4 y 5.5 of the Academic Workbook.

Business cases (in class)

Why do quality circles fail in Spain?

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Active Participation in class:

Week 11

Class: 11.1 Unit 5. Quality Management

Tools for the improvement and control of quality.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 5.6 of the Academic Workbook.

Practical exercise:

Pareto Diagram

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Assignments:

Ishikawa's diagram (One weeks of delivery).

Class: 11.2 Unit 5. Quality Management

The quality in the service companies.

Readings for the preparation of the class:

Section 5.7 of the Academic Workbook.

Participation:

Quizzes: questions about the subject explained the previous class

Week 12

Class: 12.1 Review

Class: 12.2 Final Exam

Course Materials

Readings

- ARIAS ARANDA, D.; MINGUELA RATA, B.: Dirección de la producción y operaciones. Decisiones estratégicas. Ed. Pirámide. 2018.
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