

Operations Strategies

Teaching guide 2025-26

INTRODUCTION

Course description

The aim of this course is to show the contribution of the operations system to business strategy and to serve as a practical operations system to business strategy. To this end, the aim is to analyse the operations strategy of companies and to see the relevance of three operations decisions: design of products and services; location; and supply chain.

o **Degree:** Business Adminstration

o Module in the Degree Program: 2. "Organización de Empresas"; 2.1. "Gestión estratégica"

o Number of credits: 3 ECTS

o Year: Fourth, 2° semester

o Type of course: Required

o Coordinator: José A. Alfaro

o Instructor : José A. Alfaro

o Language: English

o Department: Business

o Lecture Schedule: they will appear in the web of the Faculty

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Competencies)

Generales:

CG2 - To identify, integrate and use the knowledge acquired to argue, discuss and solve relevant problems in economics and/or business.

CG7 - To analyse the process of defining and implementing goals and/or strategies in the company.

Basics:

CB1 - Students must demonstrate that they possess and understand knowledge in an area of study based on a general secondary school education whose content often comes from advanced textbooks, but also includes cutting-edge knowledge in this field of study.

CB5 - Students must develop the learning skills required to undertake subsequent studies with a high level of independence.

Specifics:



- CE3 To be familiar with the theoretical and practical aspects of a company, its organizational structure and/or the relationship between its parts.
- CE4 To understand the concept of strategy in the context of a company.
- CE16 To be familiar with the processes of implementing company strategies.
- CE18 To make judgments on business situations and/or decisions based on economic criteria.
- CE23 To be familiar with the design of organizational structures.
- CE25 To be familiar with the relevance of process analysis in company operations.

PROGRAM

- Chapter 1: The operations field in a firm.
- Chapter 2: Operations strategy.
- Chapter 3: Design of products and services.
- Chapter 4: Location of facilities.
- Chapter 5: Supply Chain.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Theoretical and/or practical classes: 15 hours.
- Personal study: 30 hours.
- Individual and/or group work: 10 hours.
- Tutorials: 2 hours.
- Assessment: 3 hours.
- Discussion and/or study of practical cases: 15 hours.

ASSESSMENT

ORDINARY CALL

Attendance and participation: 20%

Group and/or individual work: 30%.

Final exam: 50%.

In order to pass the course, it is necessary to get at least a 5 in the final exam.

EXTRAORDINARY CALL

Students may choose to maintain their participation and evaluation grades for work from the ordinary call or for the final exam to be worth 100% of the final grade.



OFFICE HOURS

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BIBLIOGRAFÍA

Moscoso, Philip (2017) Operations Management for executives: realize the full potential of your company. McGraw Hill Education. Find it in the library.

Material from Harvard Business School Publishing and academic and informative articles that will be added as the course progresses.