Linnæus University

Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Business, Economics and Design School of Business and Economics

1FE665 Service Management, 7,5 högskolepoäng Service Management, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject Group

Business Administration

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Business and Economics 2010-06-14

Revised 2011-12-09. Revised due to translation into English

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2012

Prerequisites

General entry requirements, as well as Business Administration 1-30 credits or at least 15 credits Organisation and Marketing.

Objectives

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- describe basic theory and development of Service Management
- describe and explain the development and importance of the service society
- analyze and explain the service logic core and influence on consumer and business markets
- analyze and explain basic concepts and models in Service Management
- analyze and explain the role of different participants in the service process as well as different types of servicescapes, traditional and virtual
- describe and explain Relationship marketing

Content

The course's contents build on research within the subject area and its relation to a society scientific context.

- The role and development of the service society
- Service logic as base for intergrated marketing communications
- The servicescape and its design

- The role of the service personnel and the importance of customer/consumer participation
- The service offering and its development
- Relationship marketing

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars, case studies and group aiignments. Participation in and preperation for certain, specified in course instructions, course elements and seminars are mandatory.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Students who do not achieve a satisfactory result in the examinations are permitted to make a second attempt approximately 5-8 weeks after the normal examination date. The student will have a minimum of five occasions for written exams in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually 3 occasions per academic year.

Results are graded using one of the terms Passed with distinction, Pass or Fail, and A-F according to the ECTS scale. The basis for grading is determined by how well the students have fulfilled the expected learning outcomes.

Course Evaluation

A written evaluation in conducted and complied in a report, which is filed at the department. The result and actions, if taken, are communicated to the teacher responsible for the course and presented to the students in the way most appropriate according to the teacher responsible for the course. Other types of evaluations, such as continuous during the course or oral communication with the students, can occur and is encouraged to secure continuous quality improvement.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Mandatory

Godson, M. (2009) Relationship Marketing. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 361p. ISBN 978-0-19-921156-2

Wilson, A. Zeithaml, A. Bitner M. J. och Gremler, D. (2008) Services Marketing: Integrating Focus Across the Firm. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. 623p. ISBN 978-0-07-710795-6

Scientific articles appr. 100p.

Reference list

Armstrong, G. Kotler, P. Harker, M. och Brennan, R. (2009) Marketing an Introduction. Essex: Pearson Education Limited. 648p. ISBN 978-0-273-71395-1

Bruhn, M och Georgi, D (2005) Service Marketing: managing the service value chain. Harlow; Pearson Education Limited. 504p. 978-02-73-68157-1

Grönroos, C. (1998) Marknadsföring i tjänsteföretag. Malmö: Liber Ekonomi. 200p. ISBN 978-91-47-04389-7

McKnight, L. W. Wrocławski, J. (2010) Internet Service. Cambridge: MIT Press, 356p. ISBN 978-02-62-13448-4

Normann, R. (2000) Service Management - Ledning och strategi i tjänsteproduktion.

Malmö: Liber Ekonomi. 208p. 978-91-47-06036-8

Patel, R. och Davidson, B. (2003) Forskningsmetodikens grunder. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 149p. ISBN 978-91-44-02288-8 *or eqvivalent*