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Master Programme (Two Years) Self-Finance (Under NEP 2020) Semester-IV Structure with effect from: 2024-2025

M.Sc in Resource Management and Design Application

Sr.	Core/Elective	Course No	Title	T/P	Credits	Contact	Exam	Marks		
No.					Per Week	hrs/ week	Duration in hrs	Internal	External	Total
Core	Course		•				•			
1	С	PHA04CRMD01	Consumer Guidance and Counselling	Т	4	4	2 ½	50/18	50/18	100/36
2	С	PHA04CRMD02	Front Office Operations	T	2	2	1 ½	25/9	25/9	50/18
3	С	PHA04CRMD03	Dissertation	P	14	28		100/36	200/72	300/108
			Total		20	34				
200 -	150 : Dissertation	evaluation								
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Course Code	PHA04CFRM01	Title of the	Theory- Consumer Guidance and
	FHAU4CFKWIUI	Course	Counselling
Total Credits of	04	Hours per	04
the Course	04	Week	

Course Objectives:	1. To provide a deep understanding of consumer rights, laws, and
	regulations.
	2. To equip students with effective counselling techniques to assist
	consumers in resolving disputes.
	3. To develop skills in financial literacy and consumer education.
	4. To foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities in complex
	consumer issues.

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Unit	Description	Weightage *(%)
1.	Consumer Rights and Laws	
	a) Historical evolution of consumer protection.	
	b) Fundamental consumer rights (right to safety, information, choice, redressal, etc.)	
	c) Consumer Protection Act (CPA) 1983-2019, and other relevant legislation	
2.	Consumer Protection	25
	a) Consumer Redressal mechanism.	
	b) Consumer Protection Councils.	
	c) Procedures for complaint filing.	
	d) Mediation	
3.	Basics of Guidance and Counselling	25
	a) Introduction, Definition, Concept of Guidance & Counselling, Evolution of Counselling in India and Abroad, Difference between Guidance and Counselling, Principles of Counselling, Theories of Counselling, Approaches to Counselling.	
	b) Consumer Education. Rights and Responsibilities of the consumer. Consumer Cooperatives. Consumer Organizations.	
	The Role of NGOs in Guidance and Counselling	
	a) Define NGOs and their societal role.	
	b) Highlight NGOs' unique contributions to the guidance and counselling field.	

4.	Cons	25		
	a) Counselling techniques and strategies.b) Effective communication and active listening skills.			
	c) Empathy and non-judgmental approach.			
	d) Advocacy for consumer rights and interests.			
	e)			

Teaching-	Lecture, PowerPoint Presentations, ICT-enabled Teaching, Individual/group
Assignments,	projects, Group discussions, Guest speakers, Quizzes Methodology, blackboard,
Learning	and chalk.

Evaluation	Evaluation Pattern			
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage		
1.	Internal Written Examination (As per R.AUG.HSC4)	25%		
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance	25%		
3.	Semester End Examination (As per R.AUG.HSC7)	50%		

Course	Course Outcomes:				
Having	Having completed this course, the learner will be able to				
1.	. Knowledge of rights and protections under consumer laws.				
2.	Guiding consumers to solve consumer issues.				
3.	Become aware of the mediation process.				
4.	To enhance problem-solving skills.				

Sugges	Suggested References:			
Sr. No.	References			
1.	Chadha R. 1995. The Emerging Concepts and Strategies. New Age International & Wiley Eastern.			
2.	Jones RN. 2007. Basic Counselling Skills. Sage Publ.			

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6.	Arbuckle. D.A. Counsellor Education and Supervision.
7.	Burdin E.S. Psychological Counselling Appleton Century Crofts.
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9.	Hahn. E. and M.S.Mchean, Counselling Psychology, McGraw Hill.
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11.	Corey, G. (2017). Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy. Cengage Learning.
12.	Egan, G. (2014). The Skilled Helper. Cengage Learning.
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Online Resources



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Course Code	PHA04CRMD02	Title of the Course	Theory- Front Office Operations
Total Credits of the Course	02	Hours per Week	02

Course Objectives:	1.	Understand the functions and structure of the front office department.	
	2.	To make the students know to check in and check out guests using	
		appropriate protocols and systems.	
	3.	To familiarize with reservation processes, including booking methods	
		and systems.	

Cours	se Content	
Unit	Description	Weightage*(%)
1.	 (a) Overview and Organizational set-up of Front office Department Layout of the front office and their Importance Qualities of Front Office staff Hierarchy: Small, Medium and Large Hotels Job specification of different front office personnel. (b) Basic Information for Front Desk Personnel Types of rooms, food plan Tariff and tariff fixation 	25
2.	 (a) Front Office Guest Handling and Registration Introduction to guest cycle Registration Form Format & Procedure for registration Handling registration of Foreigners Rooming a guest with reservation & Walk-in Guest Check out procedures (b) Reservation Importance of reservation for hotel and guest Types of reservations (Tentative, confirmed, guaranteed) Modes and Sources of Reservation Systems of Reservation 	25
3.	Front Office Guest Safety and Security i. The role of F.O. in key control (electronic card key, the grand master key, lost keys, damaged keys) ii. Safe deposit locker keys and their control iii. Lost and Found iv. Emergency situations (Accident, illness, theft, fire, bomb)	25

	(a) Plann	ing & Evaluating Front Office Operations	25
4.	i.	Establishing the Room rates (Rule of Thumb Approach,	
		Hubbart Formula)	
	ii.	Forecasting Room Availability	
	iii.	Types of discounted rates	
	iv.	Factors for evaluating front office operations	
	(B) Com	puter Application in Front Office Operation	
	i.	Role of information technology in the hospitality industry	
	ii.	Factors for need of a PMS in the hotel and advantages	
	iii.	Factors for purchase of PMS by the hotel	
	iv.	Introduction to Fidelio - Amadeus-IDS –Shawman	

Teaching-	Lecture, Power -point Presentations, ICT enabled Teaching, Individual / group
Assignments,	project, Group discussion, Guest speaker, Quizzes Methodology, blackboard and
Learning	chalk.

Evaluation	Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage	
1.	Internal Written Examination (As per R.AUG.HSC4)	25%	
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Quizzes, Seminars,	25%	
	Assignments, Attendance		
3.	Semester End Examination (As per R.AUG.HSC7)	50%	

	Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to		
1.	Acquaint with the safety and security procedures to maintain a safe environment for guests and staff.		
2.	2. Appraise property management systems (PMS) and other front office software.		
3.	Comprehend the technology application in enhancing the guest experience.		

Sugge	Suggested References:		
Sr. No.	References		
1.	James A. Bardi. (1996): <i>Hotel Front Office Management</i> ", New York. Thomson Publishing Inc., 2nd Edition.		
2.	Andrews Sudhir. (2013) "Hotel Front Office Training Manual": New Delhi. Tata Mcgraw Hill Publishing Company Ltd., 32nd Reprint.		
3.	Andrews S., (2000) "Hotel Front Office Training Manual", Tata Mc Graw Hill Publications, New Delhi		

4.	Chakravarti, B.K., (2011). "Hotel and Hospitality Management". New Delhi: Aph Publishing Corporation.
5.	Chakravarti, B.K., (2009). "Hotel Management Theory." New Delhi: Aph Publishing Corporation.
6.	Singh, Malini and George, Jaya (2008): "Housekeeping: Operations, Design and Management". Jaico Publishing House, New Delhi.
7.	James Bardi, (2012): "Hotel Front Office Management". CBS Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd.



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Course Code	PHA04CRMD04	Title of the	Practical-Dissertation
		Course	
Total Credits of	14	Hours per	28
the Course		Week	

Course	
Objectives	 To plan and design a research proposal specifying objectives, rat To facilitate the execution of independent research projects based on finalized topics. To enhance data collection, analysis, interpretation, and academic writing skills. To foster critical thinking and develop innovative solutions to domain-specific problems. To prepare students for professional and academic presentations through effective communication of research findings. To instill ethical practices in research and uphold academic integrity.

	Description
1.	Execution of Research (Advanced Methods and Tools): (a) Conducting comprehensive data collection based on the finalized research plan. (b) Using advanced software for data analysis (SPSS, R, NVivo, etc.). (c) Systematic interpretation of results aligned with research objectives.
2.	Writing and Structuring the Dissertation: (a) Developing chapters: Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion. (b) Integrating citations and references using tools like EndNote or Zotero.
3.	Ethics in Research and Plagiarism Check: (a) Adhering to ethical practices in research, including participant consent and confidentiality. (b) Plagiarism checks and ensuring originality of work. (c) Ethical reporting of data and findings.
4.	Presentation and Defense of Research: (a) Preparing a concise, impactful research presentation. (b) Answering questions effectively during viva-voce. (c) Incorporating panel feedback into the final document.

Teaching-	Guidelines for Students:		
Learning			
Methodology	1. Focus on Research Execution: Students should build upon the research		
	design finalized in the third semester.		
	2. Regular Supervisor Meetings: Regular progress discussions with the		
	supervisor are mandatory.		
	3. Documentation: Maintain a detailed logbook to track progress,		
	challenges, and decisions.		
	4. Plagiarism-Free Submission: Ensure that the final dissertation meets		
	institutional originality standards.		

Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Research Progress: Supervisor's assessment based on research execution	20%
2.	Dissertation Document: Final submission evaluated by an external expert	50%
3	Viva-Voce (Oral Defense) :Presentation and defense before the evaluation pane	30%

References		
Sr.	References	
No		
1.	Kothari, C. R., & Garg, G. (2019). Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques (4th Edition). New Age International Publishers.	
2.	American Psychological Association (APA). (2020). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th Edition). APA.	
3.	Murray, R. (2019). How to Write a Thesis (4th Edition). Open University Press.	
4.	Relevant journal articles online from: Journal of Resource Management and Design Application. International Journal of Research in Social Sciences. Journal of Environmental Design and Management	

Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to				
Sr. No.				
1.	Execute a structured and methodical research project, applying domain-specific knowledge.			
2.	Utilize advanced tools for data analysis and presentation of findings.			

3.	Write a well-structured dissertation adhering to academic and institutional standards.	
4.	ent and defend their research findings confidently to an expert panel.	

On-line resources to be used if available as reference material

On-line Resources

Relevant entries on Wikipedia and Encyclopaedia Britannica

- 1. Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL) for citation and academic writing guidelines: https://owl.purdue.edu.
- 2. IBM SPSS Statistics Documentation: https://www.ibm.com/spss-statistics
