

Course coordinator

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3.2. Course description W: www.uniri.hr • E: ured@ Basic description
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Development Strategy and Business Policy

Course title	Development Strategy and Business Policy		
Study programme	Management of sustainable development		
Course status	compulsory		
Year	4 <sup>th</sup>		
CCTC gradite and tagabing	ECTS student 's workload coefficient	6 ECTS	
ECTS credits and teaching	Number of hours (L+E+S)	60 (30+0+30)	

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

## 1.1. Course objectives

Objectives are set at two levels: to enable students to assimilate, build upon and understand theoretical knowledge in the area of development strategies and business policies, and to implement acquired knowledge in resolving concrete problems situation, that is, to innovate the development concept and business policies of enterprises and destinations to ensure a well-thought out response to change in a dynamic marketplace. Objectives include providing students with knowledge needed to understand the importance of a development concept model, development strategies and business policies in a new value system, analyse the current state and level of competitiveness of a destination and enterprise (macro and micro levels), anticipate change on the tourist market, set goals, innovate potential strategies in gaining innovation-based competitive advantages, implement strategies, innovate special business policies, ensure the interaction of new strategic orientations and the development concept model to achieve excellence, and examine practical examples of development strategies and business policies.

### 1.2. Course enrolment requirements

## 1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

After passing the examination, students will be able to interpret correctly the fundamental theoretical ideas of the model of development concept, development strategy and business policies, analyse new trends in 21<sup>st</sup> century tourism and understand changes in the tourism business, devise new strategic orientations for modern hotel and tourism enterprises and destinations within a new value system, distinguish basic resources and levels of competitive advantages, interpret preconditions to development, analyse the current state of competitiveness of destinations and hotel and tourism enterprises, set business goals, put forward and make a case for strategies and special business policies that can ensure success on the turbulent tourist market, and understand the implementation of new strategic orientations and the reengineering of modern enterprises, as well as the transformation of existing enterprises into learning organisations.

### 1.4. Course content

Conceptual attributes of the development concept model. Business and development policies in the face of the dynamic twenty-first-century marketplace. Environmental management as a tool of development. Devising a concept as a tool of enterprise development: Potential strategies. The methods of devising concepts. Selecting the best strategy. Strategy implementation. Operations strategies: marketing strategy, R/D strategy, production strategy, financial strategies in tourism. Business and development policies of hotel and tourism enterprises within a new system of market values. New strategic orientations of modern hotel and tourism enterprises. Change management in the business policies of hotel and tourism enterprises. Factors of the development concept of Croatian tourism. Practical examples of development strategies and business policies.

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	1.5. Teaching methods	<ul> <li>lectures</li> <li>seminars and workshops</li> <li>exercises</li> <li>long distance education</li> <li>fieldwork</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>individual assignment</li> <li>multimedia and network</li> <li>laboratories</li> <li>mentorship</li> <li>other</li> </ul>
	1.6. Comments		
	1.7. Student's obliga	tions	
	Students are required to exams and the final exam	•	a term paper and essays, and take preliminary
	1.8. Evaluation of stu	udent's work	

Course attendance	2,4	Activity/Participation		Seminar paper	0,6	Experimental work	
Written exam	1,1	Oral exam		Essay	0,2	Research	
Project		Sustained knowledge check	1,7	Report		Practice	
Portfolio							

1.9. Assessment of learning outcomes in class and at the final exam (procedure and examples)

Assessment and evaluation of students in classes and at the final exam is conducted under the Rulebook on evaluation of students at the Faculty of tourism and hospitality management.

For each course it is made a detailed course syllabus which coordinates activities, student load, learning outcomes and evaluation methods.

1.10. Assigned reading (at the time of the submission of study programme proposal)

1. Stipanović, C: Koncepcija i strategija razvoja u turizmu – Sustav i poslovna politika, Fakultet za turistički i hotelski menadžment u Opatiji, Opatija, 2006.

1.11. Optional / additional reading (at the time of proposing study programme)

- 1. Božičević, J.: Razvojna politika poduzeća u uvjetima strukturalnih promjena i obnove hrvatskog gospodarstva, TEB Biro za privredno savjetovanje, Zagreb, 1993.
- 2. Buble, M. i dr.: Strategijski management, Ekonomski fakultet, Split, 2004.
- 3. Grant, R. M.: Contemporary Strategy Analyses, Blackwell Publishing, Malden, 2008.
- 4. Mencer, I.: Strateški menadžment i poslovna politika. Vitagraf, Rijeka, 2003.
- 5. Moutinho, L: Strategic Management in Tourism, Cabi, Oxfordshire, 2011.
- 6. Umelt, R. P. i dr. : Fundamental Issues in Strategy, Harvard Business School Press, Boston, 1994.
- 7. Tipurić, D.: Konkurentska sposobnost poduzeća, Sinergija, Zagreb, 1999.

1.12. Quality monitoring methods which ensure acquirement of output knowledge, skills and competences

The quality of the programme, teaching process, teaching skills and level of acquired course matter will be evaluated in writing, by means of extensive questionnaires and by employing other methods that are in accordance with the accepted standards and with the Book of regulations on the quality of the University of Rijeka, as well as the Book of regulations on the quality of the Faculty of tourism and hospitality management.