

Hospitality Management, CAS

Culinary Arts – Concentration

Academic Year 2026-2027

Program Description:

The hospitality and food service industry is a large, diverse field that provides challenging and exciting career opportunities for people from all walks of life. The possibilities for satisfying careers are almost limitless. The rewards and satisfactions provided by the industry far exceed those of many other fields of work.

While the different segments of the hospitality and tourism industry have their own unique characteristics, they all share the same mission and heritage serving the guest or customer. The segments of hospitality and tourism are fine dining, catering, hotel and motel food service, casual family restaurants, chef-owned bistros, quick-service dining, national chains, national parks, resorts, casinos, stadiums, theme parks, cruise lines, and on-site foodservice operations such as hospital, collegiate, and company cafeterias. They all possess a common future as one of the most dynamic employment and career fields available. The Culinary Arts Certificate prepares individuals for entry-level chef positions. Students will study the fundamentals of classical and contemporary cuisine, sanitation, nutrition, purchasing, cost control, kitchen management, and restaurant procedures. A range of different cuisines are taught from basic levels, to intermediate, to advanced. The curriculum is designed for the entry-level student with no previous work experience or formal training in the profession, as well as for industry professionals seeking to raise their skills.

Students are required to make a grade of “C” or better in each CA and HM course before graduating from the program.

Career Outlook:

For the most current information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

Salary Forecast:

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Career Description:

Chefs, cooks, and food preparation workers prepare, season, and cook a wide range of foods—from soups, snacks, and salads, to entrees, side dishes, and desserts—in a variety of restaurants and other food services establishments. Chefs and cooks create recipes, menus, and prepare meals, while food preparation workers peel and cut vegetables, trim meat, prepare poultry, and perform other duties such as keeping work areas clean and monitoring temperatures of ovens and stovetops.

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Hospitality Management CH30-Culinary Arts, CAS Major Code – CH31¹

Name:

ID Number 942-

COURSE REQUIRED

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
CA 105	Fabrication & Knife Skills ²	F	3				
CA 110	Mise en Place ²	F	3				
CA 120	A la Carte Dining Rm Serv I	F	3				
CA 200	Sanitation and Safety ²	F	3				
ENL 101	Written Communication		3				
			15				
CA 112	Garde Manger	S	3				
CA 269	Stocks, Soups & Sauces ³	S	3				
CA 270	Managing Culinary Operations	S	2				
CA 275	Cost Control and Revenue Management	S	2				
IT 101	Fundamental of Computers		3				
MAT 120	Applied Professional Math ⁴	S	3				
			17				
HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 35							

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² CA 105, CA 110, and CA 200 must be taken concurrently.

³ CA 269 has a prerequisite of CA 105, CA 110, and CA 200.

⁴ MAT 120 has a prerequisite of Accuplacer 250+, or minimum ACT Math score of 19 or SAT Math score of 510.

⁵ ENL 101 has a prerequisite of ACT 18, SAT 480, Accuplacer 250-300, or be placed in ENL 101E. Students must complete ENL 101 or ENL 101E with a C or better to graduate.