Elective Course 3: Service Operation Management

Course Type:	PS: Program Specialisation	Course Credits:	2
Course Code:	O3SE511	Course Duration:	30 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To introduce foundational concepts, theories, and practices specific to service operations management.
- To equip students with skills to design and manage efficient service delivery systems.
- To cultivate analytical capabilities for evaluating service performance, quality, and customer satisfaction metrics.
- To enable students to apply process optimization techniques and lean principles in service contexts.
- To foster strategic thinking around contemporary issues in service operations, including digitization and customer experience management.

Course Outcomes:

- CO1: Recall the concepts of service operations management for solving business related problems
- CO2: Explain service operations principles for decision making
- CO3: Develop solutions for service operations business improvement
- CO4: Analyse the data and classify the issue regarding challenges and opportunities
- CO5: Assess the business environment and take a leading role in providing multiple opportunities
- CO6: Generate innovation approaches with technology and plan growth of the service business

Unit/	Content	СО	Assigned
Module		Mapping	Hours

1	Services: Introduction Characteristics of Services Importance of Service Sector Classification framework Service Delivery System – Process Flow Diagrams, blue printing Process Simulation	CO1, CO2	3
2	Service Strategy: Introduction to Service Strategy Strategic Positioning Service as Competitive Advantage Service Concept and Operating Strategy Turning Performance Objectives into Operations Priorities	CO3, CO4	3
3	Site Selection for Services: Types of Service Firms Site Selection for Demand Sensitive Services, Delivered Services and Quasi Management Services	CO1, CO2, CO5	3
4	Managing Service Quality: Defining, Measuring, Identifying Gaps in Service Quality Service Quality Design Achieving Service quality, Cost of Service Quality SERVEQUAL Model	CO1, CO2, CO3	3
5	Yield Management: Introduction to Yield Management, Capacity Strategies, Overbooking, Allocating Capacity and Implementation issues	CO4, CO5, CO6	3
6	Inventory Management in Services: Services versus Manufacturing Inventory Need for Inventory Science, The Newsvendor Model, Uncertain Sales Multiple Products and Shelf Space Limitations Practical methods to reduce stock outs, shrinkage and inventory inaccuracy	CO2, CO3, CO4	3

7	Offshoring and Outsourcing: Outsourcing: Contract risk, Outsource Firm Risk, Pricing Risk, Competitive Advantage, Information Privacy Risk, Firm Specific Risks Offshoring: Offshoring and Competitive Capabilities: Cost Issues Offshoring and Competitive Capabilities: Non-cost Issues	CO2, CO3, CO4	3
8	Service Processes: Introduction Service Processes and their importance Understanding the nature of service processes Service Blue Printing	CO1, CO2, CO3	3
9	Performance measurement of Service Operations: Purpose of performance measurement, a balance of measures, benchmarking, the relationship between operational decision and business performance The service performance network	CO3, CO4, CO5	3
10	Driving Operational Improvement: Approached to operational improvement, Service recovery, service guarantees	CO3, CO4, CO5	3

Textbooks:

- 1. Metters, King-Metters, Pulliman and Walton "Successful Service Operations Management 2e", Sengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd. 2006
- 2. "Services Operations Management: Improving Services Delivery" by Robert Johnson Graham, Clark, Prentice Hall, Pearson Education, 2008

Reference Books:

- 1. James A. Fitzsimmons & Mono J. Fitzsimmons "Service Management" Tata McGraw-Hill, sPublishing Co. Ltd. New Delhi
- 2. Bill Hollins and Sadie Shinkins "Managing Service Operations –Design and implementation" Sage Publication New Delhi 2006
- 3. Roger G. Schroeder, "Operations Management" Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi

4. B Mahadevan "Operations Management (Theory & Practice)

