George Mason University  
School of Recreation, Health and Tourism  

TOUR 190 – Wedding Planning and Management (3)  
Spring 2012  

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PREREQUISITES  
None  

NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY  
This is an online course.  

COURSE POSTINGS  
Our class uses Blackboard LMS, Bb Learn 9.1 (Bb 9.1). All course materials will be managed through Blackboard.  

COURSE DESCRIPTION  
This course offers an introduction to the planning and management of weddings. The social, political, economic, cultural, religious and historical influences on wedding planning decision-making and business strategies will be explored. Practices relevant to successful wedding planning and consultancy for diverse clients and settings will be reviewed.  

COURSE OBJECTIVES  
At the completion of this course, students should be able to:  

1) analyze the social, cultural, religious and historical contexts of weddings;  
2) demonstrate understanding of the political and economic influences on weddings;  
3) articulate the business and ethical obligations of wedding planners;  
4) design wedding plans for diverse clients;  
5) create and maintain realistic wedding budgets; and  
6) engage the involvement of businesses in the wedding planning process.  

COURSE OVERVIEW  
Instructional techniques include video lectures, textbook readings, directed readings, short assignments, blog comments, peer leaders assignments and comments, a project design, a comprehensive final project, a midterm and a final examination.  

REQUIRED TEXT  

Available at the Johnson Center or Amazon.com:  
http://www.amazon.com/Wedding-Planning-Management-Consultancy-Diverse/dp/0750682337/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1203165413&sr=1-1
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<th>Week &amp; Dates</th>
<th>Topic / Activity (Due Date)</th>
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| Week 1 1/23-1/26 | Role and scope of wedding consultancy  
*Blog comments due: 1/26 by 11 p.m.* | Text & Video Lecture: Chapter 1  
Review: Brides.com American Wedding Study |
| Week 2 1/30-2/2 | Weddings, culture and religion  
*Wedding customs assignment due: 2/2 by 11 p.m.*  
*Directed reading due: 2/2 by 11 p.m.*  
*Blog comments due: 2/2 by 11 p.m.* | Text & Video Lecture: Chapter 2  
Additional readings:  
Riley: *Love conquers all. Except religion.*  
McCarthy: *Matchmakers, matchmakers, making a mint*  
Shapira: *For millennials, love is never asking them to call you back* |
| Week 3 2/6-2/9 | History and hegemony  
Weddings, media and consumerism  
*Peer leader approval due: 2/6 by 9 a.m.*  
*Directed reading due: 2/9 by 11 p.m.*  
*Blog comments due: 2/9 by 11 p.m.* | Text & Video Lectures: Chapters 3, 4, 6  
Lom video: *Bridal kidnapping*  
Additional readings:  
Brulliard: *Zulus eagerly defy ban on virginity test*  
Sieff: *In Afghanistan, an effort to expel excess*  
Gurr: *Jury awards jilted bride $150,000*  
*The Royal Wedding: Official Programme*  
*InStyle Weddings* |
| Week 4 2/13-2/16 | The changing family, politics and law  
Tourism and destination weddings  
*Peer leader approval/postings due: 2/13 by 9 a.m.*  
*Directed reading due: 2/16 by 11 p.m.* | Text & Video Lectures: Chapters 5 & 7  
Additional readings: |
| Week 5   | 2/20-2/23 | Blog comments due: 2/16 by 11 p.m. | Morello: *When couples say “I do” more often it’s for keeps*  
Sullivan: *Quiet Va. wife ended interracial marriage ban*  
Somashekar: *NY gay marriage measure passes*  
Wagner: *Marriage bill could get O’Malley stamp*  
|          |           | Wedding timelines  
Determining the vision  
Peer leader approval/postings due: 2/20 by 9 a.m.  
Blog comments due: 2/23 by 11 p.m.  
|          | Text & Video Lectures:  
Chapters 8 & 10  
Additional reading:  
Hax: *Wedding runs smack into family's football commitment*  
| Week 6   | 2/27-3/3 | Wedding budgets  
Food, beverage and the wedding cake  
Peer leader approval/postings due: 2/27 by 9 a.m.  
Blog comments due: 3/1 by 11 p.m.  
|          | Text & Video Lectures:  
Chapters 9 & 11  
| Week 7   | 3/5-3/8  | Wedding attire and the bridal party  
Peer leader approval/postings due: 3/5 by 9 a.m.  
Blog comments due: 3/8 by 11 p.m.  
|          | Text & Video Lecture:  
Chapter 12  
|          | 3/12-3/16 | No class: Spring break  
| Week 8   | 3/19-3/22 | The ceremony  
Floral décor  
Peer leader approval/postings due: 3/19 by 9 a.m.  
Blog comments due: 3/22 by 11:00 p.m.  
|          | Text & Video Lectures:  
Chapters 13 & 14  
| Week 9   | 3/26-3/29 | Stationery elements and etiquette  
Peer leader approval/postings due: 3/26 by 9 a.m.  
Blog comments due: 3/29 at 11:00 p.m.  
|          | Text & Video Lecture:  
Chapter 18  
| Week 10  | 4/2-4/5  | Photography  
Music and entertainment  
Peer leader postings due: 4/2 by 9 a.m.  
Blog comments due: 4/5 by 11 p.m.  
|          | Text & Video Lectures:  
Chapters 15 & 16  
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Week 11  
4/9-4/12  
Rentals and site layout  
Transportation  
**Peer leader approval/postings due:** 4/9 by 9 a.m.  
**Blog comments due:** 4/12 by 11 p.m.  

Week 12  
4/16-4/19  
Wedding day details  
Post-wedding evaluation, Business plan  
**Peer leader approval/postings due:** 4/16 by 9 a.m.  
**Blog comments due:** 4/19 by 11 p.m.  

Week 13  
4/23-4/26  
Marketing, Client interview, Vendor relations  
**Peer leader approval/postings due:** 4/23 by 9 a.m.  
**Blog comments due:** 4/26 by 11 p.m.  

Week 14  
4/30-5/5  
Office management, Competition, Stress management  
**Blog comments due:** 5/3 by 11 p.m.  
**Final Project due:** Saturday, 5/5 by 11 p.m.  

Week 15  
Finals  
Final Exam (Chapters 11-28):  
Available 5/9-5/12

**TOUR 190 EVALUATION**

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TOUR 190 CLASS POLICIES

1. **Online Participation and Professionalism** – Ongoing, timely and professional online communication skills are essential to your success in TOUR 190. Comments that are posted past the weekly due date will not receive credit. Inappropriate or unprofessional comments will not receive credit.

2. **Short Assignments and Directed Readings** – Throughout the semester, you will regularly have short assignments and directed readings. None of these assignments will be accepted late, nor can they be made up. Your lowest short assignment or directed reading grade will be dropped.

3. **Peer Leader Assignment** – For one course topic, you will be the peer leader. Your materials should be submitted to your instructor no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the week that your discussion topic will be posted for comment. You will receive up to a 20 point deduction for each day the assignment is late. After five days past your assignment due date, this assignment will not be accepted and you will receive no credit.

4. **Wedding Project Assignments** – You will be completing a project design and final project. These assignments will receive up to a 20 point deduction for each day the assignment is late. After one week past the due date, wedding project assignments will not be accepted and you will receive no credit.

5. **Midterm and Final Exams** – The midterm and final exams must be completed on the scheduled dates. Only documented absences will be considered for make-up exams.

**ADDITIONAL RHT AND GMU POLICIES**

_Student Expectations_

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/].

- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See http://ods.gmu.edu/].

- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html].

- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.

- Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

_Campus Resources_
• The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students’ personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].

• The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/].

• For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism, please visit our website [See http://rht.gmu.edu].

CORE VALUES COMMITMENT: The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.