Course Title	Introduction to Gastronomy & Culinary Theory						
Course Code	TCUA-100						
Course Type	This course serves as both Elective and Requirement, according to the program.						
		ulinary Diploma/Hospitality iploma		Requirement			
	Al	l Programs		General Electi	ve		
Level	Diploma (Short Cycle)						
Year / Semester	Year 1, A' Semester						
Teacher's Name	Dimitris Kouklos						
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week			
Course Purpose and Objectives	The course exposes the students to the history and the development of national and international cuisines, gastronomy and the tasting profiles around the world. Through the course, students will gain an understanding of the revolution, development and progress of the profession. As a foundation for developing professional competencies, students will learn about tools, equipment, basic cooking procedures, recipe structure, recipe use and basic kitchen sanitation and safety procedures. Emphasis is given to the structure and history of each group food, in order students to be ready to understand the different methods of cooking. Students are expected to: • Explore national and international cuisine and gastronomy • Understand different tasting profiles and their importance in menu planning • Develop food production and service related professional knowledge and competencies						



Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of this course students will be able to:						
	Define the history and development of national and international cuisines.						
	Comprehend the different tasting profiles around the world.						
	Recognize the dangers of working in a professional kitchen environment and explain procedures to avoid them.						
	4. Develop a sense of professional responsibility to the public health by recognizing and practicing common sanitary procedures needed to prevent food borne illness.						
	 Become familiar with the tools, equipment and layout of the kitchen laboratory as a main back of the house support function in catering industry. 						
	Demonstrate a clear understanding of all the cooking methods and basic food qualities and standards						
Prerequisites	None Required						
Course Content	 Historical review of the national and international cuisine development (Stone Age Neolithic Revolution, Ancient Egypt, Greece and Roman Civilizations, Middle Ages Modern Cuisine, Nouvelle Cuisine, American Cookery). 						
	Tasting Profiles, Food Culture and eating habits.						
	3. Introduction to cooking, Cooking- nutrition and healthy eating.						
	4. Kitchen departments, their usage and planning, Kitchen equipment, mechanical and small ware utensils, Energy sources - use, function and safety, Fire protection, kitchen accidents.						
	 The working environment, Kitchen personnel, hierarchy (kitchen briga personnel duties, organization, staff scheduling, Qualifications, duties responsibilities, Personal hygiene, basic knowledge for kitchen accidents. 						
	6. Professional and hygienic appearance / Food hygiene and kitchen hygiene regulations, HACCP.						
	7. Importance of Personal Skills to Work, Personal, and Family Life.						
	Positive Attitude, Self-confidence, Honesty and Integrity, Self-discipline, Interpersonal Skills that Enhance Working Relationships, Working Cooperatively, Communicating Effectively, Sharing Responsibilities, Exercising Leadership, Communication Skills, Getting and Keeping a Job, Interacting with Customers and Employees.						
	9. Food storage, storage areas, cleanliness.						
	10. Measurement units – use of metric systems.						
	11. Cooking methods and food categories (boiling/frying/grilling/roasting/baking/roasting/stewing/braising/potroasting/paper bag).						
	12. Gastronomic philosophy, gastronomy and society, gastronomy and civilization, fount of gastronomy, apex of the hospitality industry, genesis of grand cuisine, history of early European gastronomy, medieval and renaissance cuisine, fathers of European gastronomy (Escofier, Careme, Point), nouvelle cuisine, harmonious food and wine, changing nature of dinning, influences on cuisines, modern European gastronomy and developments, gastronomy in 21st century.						



Teaching Methodology	The course is delivered through lectures, demonstrations and kitchen practice.						
Mode of delivery	Face to face.						
Bibliography	Required						
	 Gillespie, C. (2012). European Gastronomy into the 21st Century. NY: Routledg Practical Cookery, 13th ed. John Campbell, David Foskett, 2015 						
	Recommended						
	John Willey & Sons, The Culinary Institute of America, Professional Chef, 9th ed 2011. Use Harvard APA 6 th						
Assessment	The following assessment methods are employed to assess this course:						
		30 – 50 %	Final Exam				
		20 – 40 %	Mid –Term / Tests / Quizzes				
		10 – 30 %	Assignments / Projects				
		0 – 10 %	Class Attendance & Participation				
Language	English						

