

title of course	Operations Management				
responsible instructor	Prof. Dr. Michael Dornieden				
course objectives and learning outcomes	Students are able to - describe the input-transformation-output model of Operations Management,				
	 explain the characteristics of good operations processes, flow units illustrate the future trends of Operations Management, know quality's, speed's, cost's, dependability's and flexibility's importance for Operations Performance, illustrate the trade-offs between Operations Performance's objectives, differentiate between top-down and bottom-up view of operations strategy, illustrate the difference between a market requirements and an operations resources view of operations strategy, classify competitive facors into order-winning and order-qualifying factors, categorize the six phases of the generic Product Development Process, 				
	 demonstrate the variants of the generic Product Development Process, categorize the objectives of process design, explain how volume and variety affect process design, examine the effects of process variability on the company 				
course contents	Students are able to acquire knowledge and skills of the following types of knowledge and skills, respectively:				
	1) factual knowledge: - overviews of input-transformation-output models of Operations Management, - overviews of essential characteristics of operation processes and flow units, - overviews of Operations Performance's objectives				
	conceptual skills: generalisation of findings concerning entrepreneurial meaning of Operations Management, classification of the different phases of the generic Product Development				
	Process, - generalisation of findings concerning of rising significance of cost-effective process design, - classification of theoretical foundations of Operations Strategy,				
	- classification of volume-variety dimensions of process design				
	3) procedural skills: - analytical thinking with high degree of abstraction, - judgement regarding the solution of complex Operations Management issues, - analytical thinking regarding cross-company business model in the value-added chain, - empathy for culture-bound behaviour patterns of business partners within international value-added chains				
	4) metacognitive skills: - knowledge about the restricted significance of Operations Management models,				
	 knowledge about difficulties of corporate optimization under technical, political and social restrictions, knowledge about the defects of classifications, knowledge about the defects of own capability for empathy 				

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	course outline:				
	A Importance and Functions of Operations Management				
	B Operations Performance and Operations Strategy				
	C Product and Process Development				
	D Order Fulfilment				
teaching methods	 lectures and guest lectures exercises and student presentations real business life's case studies discussions self-study 				
prerequisites	no formal requirements				
suggested reading	literature (preferably most recent edition):				
	- Collier, D. A. / Evans, J.R.: Operations Management, Cengage Learning, 2015.				
	- Slack, N./Brandon-Jones, A./Johnston, R., Operations Management, 7 th edition, Pearson Education, 2013.				
	- Hokey, Min: The Essentials of Supply Chain Management: New Business Concepts and Applications, Pearson FT Press, 2015.				
	- Munson, C.: The Supply Chain Management Casebook, FT Press, 2013.				
	- newspaper articles of current topics regarding operations management (-> educational material will be announced during course)				
applicability	This course is in particular applicable to the following courses of the Bachelor programme: - Lean Production (German)				
	This course is also applicable to other business-oriented Bachelor programs offered by Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences.				
workload	total workload: 150 hours, of them: 1) lecture: 60 2) self-study: 90, of them: - course preparation (in particular reading): 30 - follow-up: 15 - exam preparation: 45				
ECTS credit points and weighting factor	5 ECTS credit points; weighting factor: 5/180 resp. 5/210				
basis of student evaluation	comprehensive written examination, 60 minutes (100%)				
time	first academic year				
frequency	each academic year				
duration	1 semester				
course type	elective course				
remarks	teaching language and examination in English				

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