

Course outline: NRRT 679

Course number: NRRT 679A-B
Course Title: Current Topics in Nature-Based Tourism
Credits: 2 per semester; 4 per program
Terms: Fall and Spring
Prerequisites: None

Course Description: This course is a “Current Topics” course that explores the integration of course topics of the MTM degree as well as connection between the travel and tourism issues to broader economic, social, technological, and political issues throughout the world.

Instructor: Masters in Tourism Management faculty

Course Objectives: Students will increase their understanding of the...

- connection with and integration of the topics covered by required coursework in the Masters in Tourism Management degree.
- the connection and impact of the travel and tourism industry on the economic, social, technological, environmental, and political issues important in the world from a historical, current, and future perspective.
- the impacts of economic, social, technological, environmental, and political changes throughout the world on the domestic and international travel and tourism industry.

Weekly schedule: The specific topics of each week will be determined by the MTM faculty just prior to each academic year in order to insure their highest current relevance to the degree. The table below describes the time frame through which the special topics sessions will occur. There will be a total of 11 sessions throughout the semester.

Instructional Methodology: This class will involve on-campus, in-person interaction among the students of the course and the instructors. Each meeting (11 per semester) will involve discussion and other activities determined by the instructor for the purpose of broadening student understanding of topics related to the travel and tourism industry. Students may be assigned readings prior to each special topics session. The sessions may include discussion, video, guest speakers, and other instructional methodologies determined best to enhance learning regarding a special topic. Each special topic session will involve 3 hours contact time (accept for the first session, which will occur at the start of the semester and serve as an orientation/introduction for the cohort) for a total of 32 hours.

Methods of Evaluation: Students will be asked to prepare a thought essay related to readings and other materials assigned for each class meeting. Student evaluations will be made of each student’s performance by the instructor in charge of each meeting based on essay and participation. Students will be given an overall grade for each session. Final grades will be based on average of these grades over the course of a semester.