

French Banquet (Banquet and Buffet Lab B & D)

Overview:

This class is intended to give students an in-depth, hands-on exposure to a variety of banquet and buffet skills. Students participate as members of a team to plan and execute a large-scale event, they learn the details of planning, coordinating, and executing banquet functions. Students start out participating in a production capacity learning the systems and skills for production. As skills are gained, the students take on more planning and supervisory functions. At the end of this sequence a student should understand all of the tasks and functions that are part of successfully executing a banquet.

Outcome:

If you participate fully with a positive attitude you will have a rewarding and fun experience, and will gain the skills necessary for planning and executing most types of banquet and buffet functions encountered in the industry.

General Expectations:

For each Banquet and Buffet credit earned a student is expected to spend approximately 30 hours in planning, researching, studying and participating in production activities. The bulk of this is normally in production activities during the prep days and the day of the banquet.

Understanding that banquets are a wonderful opportunity for learning, second year students must choose to participate in one of the banquet brigade station activities as required. Remember the education you receive is equal to the effort you put in.

Prep Days:

For all banquets there are **required** prep days (normally the 2 days prior to the banquet) that each student is responsible for participating in. A common time for this prep time is from **2:00pm to 5:00pm**. If you have work, class, or other conflicts that make it impossible to be there for the announced prep time, it is **your responsibility** to see the instructor and to arrange an alternate time to fulfill your prep time obligation. **Failure to do so will result in a “no pass” grade!**

Banquet Day:

It is expected that students will make arrangements to participate for the **entire time** during the day of the banquet. The typical timeframe for banquet day is **2:00pm-11:00pm (approx.)**. Credit will not be given if you are unable to participate fully in the banquet. See your instructor right away if you are unable to participate for the entire time of the banquet.

Grading:

Grading is “optional”, students may choose to receive either:

-Pass/No pass

-Letter grade: A-F

For a passing or letter grade of “C”, students are expected to:

- 1) Attend all organizational meetings (or arrange in advance with the instructor)
- 2) Participate as a contributing member in a professional manner in their assigned capacity for at least **one** prep day and the entire time of the banquet
- 3) Complete assigned research and costings on time.

Students who wish to earn a letter grade of “B” or better must:

- 1) Attend all organizational meetings (or arrange in advance with the instructor to be absent)
- 2) Participate as a contributing member in a professional manner in their assigned capacity for **all** prep days and the entire time of the banquet
- 3) Complete assigned research and costings on time.

OLCC Card

ALL students are required to have attained an OLCC card in order to participate in this banquet. OLCC card must be current and is required to be on your person the day of the banquet. Failure to secure an OLCC card by the day of the banquet will result in a **NO PASS** grade for this class.