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|  | University of North TexasCollege of Merchandising, Hospitality, and TourismDepartment of Hospitality and Tourism Management**HMGT 4300.001 – Survey of Beverages in the Hospitality Industry****Fall 2025** |

**Course Schedule**

Fall 2025 August 18 – December 12, 2025

 HMGT 4300.001 Monday & Wednesday from 11:00am to 12:20pm

 Room 345 – Chilton Hall

**Course Description**

A study of social beverages commonly used in the hospitality industry. Primary emphasis is on history, language, product identification and production and merchandising techniques for wines, beers, distilled spirits and non-alcoholic beverages. **Prerequisite: student must be 21 years of age or older.**

**Faculty Information**

Dr. Leta Durrett

Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:00am. By appointment or via Zoom.

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**Required Textbook**

* Gibson, M. (2025). The Sommelier Prep Course: An Introduction to the Wines, Beers, and Spirits of the World. Second Edition. Wiley.
* Available online at UNT Library: <https://iii.library.unt.edu/search/?searcharg=The+Sommelier+Prep+Course%3A+An+Introduction+to+the+Wines%2C+Beers%2C+and+Spirits+of+the+World.&searchtype=X&searchscope=12>

**Recommended Readings**

* Blue, A.D. (2004). The Complete Book of Spirits: A Guide to Their History, Production, and Enjoyment. Harper Collins.
* Alworth, J. (2015). The Beer Bible. Workman Publishing



**Mission, Vision, and Program Learning Outcomes**

**HETM Mission**

We educate the next generation of hospitality and tourism leaders who strive for excellence and embrace our diversity in a caring, innovative, and empowering community.

**HETM Vision**

To be world class in advancing innovative education, creating collaborative knowledge, and transforming future hospitality and tourism leaders.

**HETM & EDEM Program Learning Outcomes**

**PLO1**: Identify and apply the knowledge and skills necessary for hospitality and tourism operations.

**PLO2**: Develop and integrate a core set of business skills necessary to successfully operate a hospitality and tourism organization.

**PLO3**: Demonstrate competence in the communication skills necessary for hospitality and tourism management.

**PLO4**: Formulate business decisions in hospitality and tourism management.

**PLO5**: Evaluate leadership principles necessary in the diverse and global hospitality and tourism industry.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To discuss the history of wines, beers, and distilled spirits. (PLO 3)
2. To define and explain commonly used terms associated with wines, beers, and distilled spirits. (PLO 3)
3. To examine and differentiate between the production techniques for wines, beers, and distilled spirits. (PLO 3)
4. To compare and contrast different characteristics of wines, beers, and distilled spirits. (PLO 3)
5. To identify the types of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available in today’s hospitality management market and to examine current trends in beverage sales and consumption. (PLO 3)
6. To explain the legal issues related to serving alcoholic beverages within the hospitality industry. (PLO 4)
7. To recognize and practice responsible drinking. (PLO 4)
8. To examine the implications of alcoholism on personal and professional life. (PLO 4)

**CLASSROOM PROTOCOL**

* Students enrolled in the class must be 21 years of age or older.
* Students are not required to participate in these tasting sessions.
* Approximately one-quarter ounce to one-half ounce will be the standard portion size.
* Students are responsible for knowing their medical history and allergic reaction which they might have to alcohol.
* Students who are taking any type of medication that might have an adverse reaction when combined with alcohol or women who are pregnant should not participate in the tasting session.
* Students should not consume any alcoholic beverage prior to a beverage tasting session.
* Students should not drive under the influence of any type of alcoholic beverage.
* The instructor reserves the right to refuse to serve any student an alcoholic beverage when in her sole judgment it is in the best interest of the University.

**Communication with Staff**

Communications outside of the classroom should be conducted through email. You may also visit my office during my posted office hours or meet with me via Zoom, but an appointment is strongly suggested to ensure that you will not have to wait.

**Revisions**

The instructor reserves the right to revise this syllabus, class schedule, and list of course requirements when she deems such revisions will benefit the achievement of course goals and objectives. Changes will be announced verbally in class.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Course work will be evaluated on the following basis:

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| Exam I  | 100 points |
| Exam II | 100 points |
| Exam III |  50 points |
| Quizzes | 100 points |
| Attendance |  50 points |
| **Total** | **400 points** |

Exams are taken in Chilton 345 and exam dates are specified on the syllabus. There will be no make-up allowed. Please check the course calendar early in the semester to avoid any conflicts. **All excused documents must be provided to the instructor no later than one week after an excused absence.** Failure to provide valid documentation within the time frame will deem it unexcused.

Make-up exams and excused absences will be allowed **only** for serious reasons, i.e.:

1. Illness (confirmed by a physician)
2. Schedule conflicts, official school excuse, (and then only if the faculty member in charge of the course is notified prior to scheduled exam time).

All quizzes are assignment quizzes posted on Canvas. Due dates are specified on Canvas, please mark your calendar accordingly to avoid missing quizzes. Quizzes are open-book and open-note, and you’ll have 30 minutes to complete each of them.

The final grade for the course will be calculated on the following basis:

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| **GRADE** | **POINTS** |
| A= | 360 - 400 points |
| B= | 320 - 359 points |
| C= | 280 - 319 points |
| D= | 240 - 279 points |
| F= | 239 and below |

**EXAMS/QUIZZES**

Exams will cover material presented in lectures, class activities, assignments, guest speakers, and other indicated sources. Make-up exams are allowed only in the case of documented medical emergencies and documented UNT school activities. A total of 12 quizzes will be given and the two lowest grades will be dropped totaling 100 points for the semester.

**Attendance**

Attendance will be taken during each class period. Lectures will cover material not found in the textbooks; therefore, attending class will be the best way to assure learning all the topics discussed. Tardiness disrupts the class so please be on time.

**COVID-19 - Impact on Attendance**

While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class.

If you are experiencing any [symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Hotline at 844-366-5892 or COVID@unt.edu for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.

**College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism**

**Syllabus Statements**

**Fall 2025 (All Sessions)**

**Advising and Degree Progression**

**Undergraduate Advising**

**ALL** students are expected to meet with their Academic Advisor each semester to update your degree plan and to stay on track for a timely graduation.

* ***Advising Contact Information (Chilton Hall 385 – 940.565.4635)***
* ***SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS HERE:*** [***appointments.unt.edu***](https://appointments.unt.edu/)
* ***Email:*** ***cmhtadvising@unt.edu***

**Prerequisites**

* Ultimately, it is a student’s responsibility to ensure they have met all prerequisites before enrolling in a class.
* A prerequisite is a course or other preparation that must be successfully completed (a grade of C or better) before enrollment in another course.  All prerequisites are included in the catalog course descriptions.
* Students that lack prerequisites for a course are not allowed to remain on the course.

**Transfer Courses**

Any transfer course(s) from another institution must receive *prior approval* from your CMHT Academic Advisor to ensure that the course(s) will be applicable to your degree plan at UNT.

**Dropped for Non-payment**

* Students will be dropped for nonpayment for enrolled courses, parking fees, schedule change fees, etc. Please check your account daily through the 12th class day to ensure you have not been dropped for non-payment of any amount. It is the student’s responsibility to make all payments on time.
* ***Students cannot be reinstated for any reason after the 12th class day regardless of the situation***.

**Dropping a Course**

* **A decision to drop a course may affect your current and future financial aid eligibility**. Talk to your academic advisor or Student Financial Aid if you are thinking about dropping a course.
* Speak with the course instructor to discuss any possible options to be successful in the course before dropping.
* Meeting deadlines for dropping a course is the student’s responsibility.
* **There are different procedures for dropping a class depending on the time of semester.**  Please see the instructions for dropping a class here: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/dropping-class>

**Graduate Advising**

* Graduate students should work on their degree plan and discuss their progress with their assigned academic advisor. If you do not know who your academic advisor is, contact your graduate program coordinator

**Financial Aid Requirements**

* A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue receiving financial aid by maintaining a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and successfully completing the required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per semester.  Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan.  If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose financial aid eligibility. Visit <https://financialaid.unt.edu/sap> for more information about financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.

**What if You Are In Distress?**

The University has a number of resources that can be useful if you find yourself in need of help. Faculty and advisors can help direct you to resources; please note that any reports of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking must be reported to the UNT Dean of Students, per Texas law. Some resources you might consult are:

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| UNT Police | 940-565-3000 |
| Dean of Students | 940-565-2648 or 940-565-2039 |
| Counseling and Testing | 940-565-2741 |
| Student Health and Wellness Center | 940-565-2333 |
| Office of Disability Access | 940-565-2333 |
| Housing and Residence Life | 940-565-2610 |
| Substance Use and Resource Education Center | 940-565-3177 |
| Veterans Center | 940-369-8021 |
| Denton County Friends of the Family | 940-387-5131 |
| National Suicide Hotline | 1-800-273-TALK |

**Grade and Class Concerns**

**Do you know who to contact for a course-related issue?**

Understanding the academic organizational structure is important when resolving class-related or advising issues. When you need problems resolved, please follow the steps outlined below:

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| Individual Faculty Member Department Chair(Dr. Pookulangara if it is a class in MDR, Dr. Hawley if it is a class in HETM.)Associate Dean (Dr. Kim, College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism)Dean (Dr. Hawley, College of Merchandising, Hospitality &Tourism) |

**Do you require special accommodations?**

The University of North Texas and the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism make reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student.  For additional information see the Office of Disability Access website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

**Are you aware of safety regulations?**

Students are urged to use proper safety procedures and guidelines. In lab sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use property safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the University of North Texas is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider obtaining Student Health Insurance for this insurance program. Brochures for this insurance are available in the UNT Health and Wellness Center on campus. Students who are injured during class activities may seek medical attention at the UNT Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If you have an insurance plan other than Student Health Insurance at UNT, please be sure that your plan covers treatment at this facility. If you choose not to go to the UNT Health and Wellness Center, you may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. You are responsible for expenses incurred there.

**Do you know the Academic Integrity Policy?**

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences, UNT Policy 06.003.

Academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or exams; dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor, the acquisition of tests or other material belonging to a faculty member, dual submission of a paper or project, resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructors, or any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. Plagiarism includes the paraphrase or direct quotation of published or unpublished works *without* full and clear acknowledgment of the author/source. Academic dishonesty will bring about disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the university. This is explained in the UNT Student Handbook. Your teacher should have a syllabus policy describing penalties for academic dishonesty.

Your instructor may decide to record lectures and/or class content for students enrolled in this class section to refer to throughout the semester. Class recordings are the intellectual property of the university or instructor and are reserved for use only by students in this class and only for educational purposes. Students may not post or otherwise share the recordings outside the class, or outside the Canvas Learning Management System, in any form. Failing to follow this restriction is a violation of the UNT Code of Student Conduct and could lead to disciplinary action.

**Do you meet ALL expectations for being enrolled in a course?**

* CMHT students are expected to meet all prerequisites for the courses in which they are registered.
* Students are expected to be respectful of other students, guests, and faculty. Behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT.
* Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and may be referred to the Dean of Students for possible violation of the Code of Student Conduct.
* UNTs expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/dean-of-students>.

The College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism requires that students respect and maintain all university property. Students are accountable through disciplinary action for any intentional damage they cause in classrooms. (e.g., writing on tables). Disruptive behavior is not tolerated (e.g., arriving late, leaving early, sleeping, talking on the phone, texting or game playing, making inappropriate comments, ringing cellular phones/beepers, dressing inappropriately).

**Career Resources**

**CMHT Career Coach**

For one-on-one help with your resume, cover letter, LinkedIn profile, interview tips/practice or other internship and job-search skills, Mrs. Dee Wilson (Dee.Wilson@unt.edu) is our Career Center Coach. Contact her for an appointment through navigate.unt.edu or drop by her office in Chilton 333.

**Career Center**

The Career Center is currently located in Sage Hall. They provide \*free\* business cards, professional portraits, etc. They also host several recruiters throughout the year in various events/information sessions and career fairs. Learn more about their services here: <https://careercenter.unt.edu/>.

**Online Job Board and Social Media Sites**

* CMHT Careers Group page on LinkedIn.

[https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14137002/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.linkedin.com%2Fgroups%2F14137002%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJiYoung.Kim%40unt.edu%7Cd800731c63894f27425a08dd2f40cdb6%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C638718677582648543%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZOnqPSZq%2F8kNoGiRC9E6BU3tWi8ozpg5xENKXAJe8gQ%3D&reserved=0).  This is a private group that current CMHT students and alumni can request to join.

* Facebook CMHT Careers Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CMHTCareers/>
* Twitter - @UNTCMHT
* Facebook Social Sites - @UNTCMHT and @UNTHTM
* Instagram - [@untcmht](https://www.instagram.com/untcmht/)

**CMHT Career Expo**

The next CMHT Career Expo will be Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 10am-1pm in Union 314. You can find all information here:

[https://app.joinhandshake.com/career\_fairs/0453e14d-9c45-48da-8a62-89ab1ccaec24/student\_preview](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapp.joinhandshake.com%2Fcareer_fairs%2F0453e14d-9c45-48da-8a62-89ab1ccaec24%2Fstudent_preview&data=05%7C02%7CJiYoung.Kim%40unt.edu%7C860441cd77e0425b9ac108ddd9073ec1%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C638905347334675976%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=go5jzfd1dDN%2BNqpBOB%2BnH0I9ZITUdVQhX3ZAH3fzSQM%3D&reserved=0).

If you need to borrow professional clothing to wear, please go to the Diamond Eagle Clothing Closet on the first floor of Crumley Hall.  The closet is available by appointment at [https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/desresources/programs/clothing-closet.html](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudentaffairs.unt.edu%2Fdesresources%2Fprograms%2Fclothing-closet.html&data=05%7C02%7CJiYoung.Kim%40unt.edu%7C37351717b8f94d8aeab108dcbbcee0b2%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C638591744417107596%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NBrGSaZDEHuXWFh%2BSO%2FL0D3zXpUkeP6%2FgL%2FQxY1w32Y%3D&reserved=0) under the “Using the Closet” tab.  For any questions, please contact the Diamond Eagle Student Resource Center at DESresources@unt.edu.

**Tentative Weekly Course Schedule**

**HMGT 4300.001 & 5200.001**

**Fall 2025**

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| **Week** | **Date** | **TOPIC** | **READING** | **Quizzes** |
| **1** | August 18 | Introduction to HMGT 4300  |  |  |
| **1** | August 20 | Introduction to Wine | Chapter 1 | Quiz 1 |
| **2** | August 25 | Factors Affecting Wine Style & Quality | Chapter 3,4 |  |
| **2** | August 27 | Wine Grape Varietals – Food & Wine Pairings | Chapter 5 | Quiz 2 |
| **3** | September 1 | ***Labor Day – No Classes – Campus is Closed*** |  |  |
| **3** | September 3 | Alcoholism – Systematic Approach to Tasting | Chapter 7 & 8 | Quiz 3 |
| **4** | September 8 | Wines of France | Chapter 9 |  |
| **4** | September 10 | Wines of France Tastings | Chapter 9 | Quiz 4 |
| **5** | September 15 | Wines of Italy | Chapter 10 |  |
| **5** | September 17 | Wines of Italy Tastings  | Chapter 10 | Quiz 5 |
| **6** | September 22 | **Exam I Review** |  |  |
| **6** | September 24 | **Exam I – 11:00am – 12:20 In-Person – Chilton 345** |  |  |
| **7** | September 29 | Wines of Germany & Spain | Chapters 12 & 13 | Quiz 6 |
| **7** | October 1 | Wines of Germany & Spain Tastings |  |  |
| **8** | October 6 | Wines of the United States | Chapter 16 | Quiz 7 |
| **8** | October 8 | Wines of the United States Tastings |  |  |
| **9** | October 13 | Sparkling, Fortified & Sweet Wines | Chapters 10, 12 & 14 | Quiz 8 |
| **9** | October 15 | Sparkling, Fortified & Sweet Wines Tastings |  |  |
| **10** | October 20 | Beer & The Brewing Process with Tastings | Chapter 23 | Quiz 9 |
| **10** | October 22 | Ale, Lagers, and Beer Styles with Tastings | Chapter 24 |  |
| **11** | October 27 | **Exam II Review** |  |  |
| **11** | October 29 | **Exam II**  (**2:00pm – 3:20pm) In-Person - Chilton 345** |  |  |
| **12** | November 3 | The Distillation Process | Chapter 26 |  |
| **12** | November 5 | Scotch & Whiskies with Tastings | Chapter 27 | Quiz 10 |
| **13** | November 10 | Vodka & Gin with Tastings | Chapter 27 |  |
| **13** | November 12 | Rum & Tequila with Tastings | Chapter 27 | Quiz 11 |
| **14** | November 17 | Cordials & Cocktails | PowerPoint |  |
| **14** | November 19 | Brandies & Liqueurs with Tastings PowerPoint Quiz 12 |
| **15** | November 24/28 | ***Thanksgiving Break – No Classes*** |  |  |
| **16** | December 1 | ***Final Exam -Exam III Review*** |  |  |
| **16** | **December 3** | ***Pre-Finals Day*** |  |  |
|  | **December 8** | ***Final Exam - Exam III – HMGT 4300.001 On-Line*** |  |  |

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