a) General				
School	School ENGINEERING			
Academic unit	init MECHANICAL ENGINEERING			
Level of studies	Undergraduate			
Course code	MM006Y02	Semester	3	
Course title	<b>Operations resear</b>	ch		
Independent teaching	activities	Weekly teaching hours	ECTS	
Lectures		3	4.0	
Laboratory exercises			4.0	
Course type		Special background		
Course category		Compulsory		
Prerequisite courses		-		
Language of instruction and examinations		Greek /English		
Is the course offered to Erasmus students		Yes		
Course website (url)		https://ops.mech.uniwa.gr/		
b) Learning outcomes and general competences				
b1. Learning outcomes				
<ul> <li>Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:</li> <li>Familiarise with operational research (OR) methods and tools</li> <li>Understand the characteristics of different types of decision-making environments and select the appropriate OR methods and tools to be used in each type</li> <li>Design new simple mathematical models</li> <li>Build and solve linear and integer programming problems via the use of appropriate software (i.e. EXCEL, LINDO)</li> <li>b2. General competences</li> <li>Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information with the use of the necessary technology</li> <li>Adapting to new situations</li> <li>Decision-making</li> <li>Working independently</li> <li>Team work</li> <li>Working in an interdisciplinary environment</li> <li>Production of new research ideas</li> <li>Production of free, creative and inductive thinking</li> </ul>				
The aim of the course is to provide the state of the art of operational research (OR) methods and tools in the optimal design and implementation of a wide range of synchronous problems. The usefulness of OR applies on the modelling of many managerial and/or technological decisions requiring an optimal decision (max or min). For this purpose, the fundamental decision-making tools (LP, MILP, IP) are analysed, employed and solved with appropriate software applications (i.e. office EXCEL SOLVER, LINDO etc). Specific operations in business research i.e. network analysis, shortest route problem, maximum flow, minimum cost flow, minimum cover tree, transportation problems, transshipment and allocation problems are also in detail studied. Various case studies and applications conclude the course curriculum.				
a) reaching and learning methods - Evaluation				

Delivery	Face-to-face, Distance learning		
Use of information and communications technology	<ul><li>Commercial/free/open source software</li><li>MS Teams/Moodle</li></ul>		
	Activity	Semester workload	
	Lectures	26	
	Tutorials		
Teaching methods	Laboratory exercises	13	
	Computational exercises	13	
	Individual work	13	
	Course total	104	
Student performance evaluation	Written examinations, assignments (based also on software applications)		
e) Suggested bibliography			

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