Catering Assistant Role Profile



The Union's vision: Everyone loves their time at Southampton.

Your role in contributing to the achievement of this vision is described below.

Main Purpose of Role:

- 1) Provide a fantastic customer experience by delivering our kitchen operations to the expected standards and helping to ensure effective stock control.
- 2) Ensure food is always presented to the agreed standards.
- 3) Ensure compliance, health and safety and food hygiene procedures are delivered

Responsible to: Deputy Venues Manager

Responsible for: N/A

Grade: 1

Main Duties of the Role

Provide a fantastic customer experience by delivering our kitchen operations to the expected standards and helping to ensure effective stock control.

- Ensure all food dishes are produced and served as per SUSU standards and specification.
- Assist in the delivery of food led events as well as day to day service.
- Resolve customer queries and complaints, dealing with customers in a courteous and professional manner, escalating issues where necessary.
- Ensure that wastage is kept to a minimum and that it is recorded correctly.
- Assist in carrying out stock takes.

Ensure food is always prepared and presented to the agreed standards.

- Ensure all dishes are prepared to the standards laid out in the standard operating procedures. If for any reason they can't be, escalate to management.
- Follow the cooking instructions as per the standard operating procedures and check that all food meets safe serving temperatures.
- Feedback to the management team any quality issues that are found with ingredients and any feedback from customers about the dishes.

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Ensure compliance, health and safety and hygiene procedures are delivered

- Ensure that all operations areas are clean and tidy and maintained to a high standard.
- Assist with the monitoring and recording of relevant compliance, health and safety and hygiene areas.
- Ensure that the opening and closing procedures are carried out as required, ensuring that the premises are correctly secured.

Ensure all food is correctly stored, labelled and all official documentation is completed as per SUSU standards

Ensure stock is rotated and used within the 'use by date'

To posses or be willing to undertake food hygiene level 2 certificate.

Ensure all equipment is used following the appropriate procedures, seeking assistance or additional training if necessary. Never use a piece of equipment without first being trained in it's safe use.

Contribute to the overall effectiveness of the Union by

- Ensuring that statutory and legal obligations are met
- Supporting the implementation of SUSU's strategy, promoting our aims and values through the goals of the departments Operational Plan
- Promoting the Union's various policies within your work, in particular Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity and Ethical & Environmental
- Contributing to the positive image of the University of Southampton Students' Union with students, University and the local community
- Working with the team to ensure a full service is provided at all times, providing cover as necessary
- Ensuring personal knowledge and skills are updated to ensure effectiveness in meeting work objectives
- Completing such other duties as may be reasonably prescribed by the Union, appropriate to the grade and responsibilities of the post

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Role Specification

We have described below the range of experience, qualifications, knowledge, skills and attributes we are looking for. We will use this to manage our selection process and also to identify any training and development needs once in post.

KEY/QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE REQUIRED	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Have, or be prepared to obtain, Food Hygiene Level 2	Х	
Understanding of health and safety and food hygiene issues in a catering operation		Х
Understanding and appreciation of excellent customer service skills	X	
Understanding of stock control systems and ability to implement them		Х
Experience within a catering outlet or similar commercial operation, demonstrating ability to multi-task		Х
Good communication skills and the ability to follow written and verbal instructions	Х	
Experience of working within a team	Х	
Commitment to, and knowledge of, equal opportunities – including inclusivity and access issues	Х	
Commitment to, and passion for, the values and purpose of a Students' Union	Х	
Commitment to, and an understanding of, Equality & Diversity, Ethical & Environmental issues and Health and Safety	Х	
Computer literacy – email, EPOS systems and tills		Х

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Our Values

As an organisation, our values underpin our work and guide what we live by in order to achieve our mission:



Stand Strong

We stand up for students and make sure their voice is heard.

We stand strong when facing challenges and are not afraid to be different. We think big and work to achieve great things.



Join Together

We are an inclusive and diverse community of students and staff

We join together with each other, the University, and the local community to make a positive difference.



Take Responsibility

We take action on the issues that matter to students and act with integrity.

We continually work to be more sustainable, challenge discrimination and prejudice. We strive to be a force for good for students and wider society.