FAQ - CODO Students

1. **What types of careers can I get with a Hospitality and Tourism Management degree?**
   Answer: The Hospitality and Tourism Management program’s main focus is “how to manage.” Your degree will open up opportunities in almost any management position. Examples of careers in the hospitality and tourism industry are catering director, corporate travel manager, country club manager, food & beverage director, hotel general manager and restaurant owner/manager – to name a few.

2. **Where are some types of places that I would work?**
   Answer: Airlines, Convention Centers, Cruise Lines, Destination Management facilities, Gaming Entertainment facilities, Sport arenas, Recreation facilities, and Theme Parks.

3. **Does HTM have a Career Center?**
   Answer: HTM has its own Career Center (Room 135, Marriott). Around 65 hospitality and tourism management companies recruit our students each year. Many attend the HTM Career Fair that is held every September. Our students also use the University’s Center for Career Opportunities. This opens up interviewing potentials in a wide variety of companies.

4. **What type of job can I expect after graduate?**
   Answer: Most of our students start out in a training program for six months to two years with a hospitality and tourism management company.

5. **Is there an internship requirement?**
   Answer: Yes, there is an internship requirement and a practicum work experience requirement. Most of our students do the internships during the summer. To fulfill the internship requirement, it must be paid, the student must be exposed to three or four different functions in the company and must work at least 320 hours, fulfill all the written assignments. The practicum must be paid, and you must complete at least 320 hours of work.

6. **Explain the current CODO policy.**
   Answer:
   - The student is strongly encouraged to attend an HTM CODO meeting.
   - The student must have an overall GPA of 2.5* (or higher).
   - *Students who have an overall GPA of 2.0-2.49 will be placed in a pool. Students in the pool will be evaluated according to their academic credentials and will only be afforded the opportunity to CODO on an individual basis when overall enrollment in HTM permits.

7. **What if I attend a CODO meeting and I meet the CODO requirements in the future?**
   Answer: Under the current School of HTM CODO policy, a student who meets all of the CODO criteria (discussed in question #6) will be qualified to CODO into the School of HTM pending space, even if he/she meets these criteria in a subsequent semester to the one he/she attended a CODO meeting. However, the student is responsible for submitting new CODO application papers and for contacting an HTM advisor to find out the date on which their CODO application forms will be processed.

8. **Where do I take my CODO papers?**
   Answer: You will need to have your current College/School sign the CODO out part of the CODO papers; then bring your signed papers to HTM Student Services, Marriott Hall, Room 128. You will need to bring your CODO-In survey to Marriott Hall, Room 128.

9. **If I have questions after the CODO meeting, who should I contact?**
   Answer: Please contact one of the HTM advisors in Marriott Hall, Room 128.
10. **Will the current HTM CODO policy remain the same in following semesters?**
   Answer: Yes.

11. **If I am to CODO, how long will it take me to graduate?**
    Answer: There are two main sequences in HTM. The HTM accounting sequence is three semesters; the food service sequence in three semesters. In order to graduate, you will need to take these courses in the appropriate order, fulfill all the required courses and selective courses, and have at least 120 credit hours.

12. **Once I CODO, who will be my HTM advisor?**
    Answer: You will be assigned an HTM advisor and will be able to see the assignment in myPurdue.

13. **What can I expect regarding communication for HTM students?**
    Answer:
    - A great deal of information for undergraduate students is posted on the HTM website. Check the HTM website under the **Announcement tab**. It can be found on all pages of the HTM website ([http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/htm](http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/htm)).
    - The **Undergraduate bar** with drop-down box, on the HTM Home Website page, is a GREAT resource concerning the HTM School and what it has to offer HTM undergraduate students.
    - Watch for **weekly Tuesday emails** entitled (HTM-check Announcements).
    - Watch for information on the Announcement emails and Announcement page about an **HTM Career Center orientation meeting**. You can learn about summer internships, career fairs, and how to use the HTM Career Center.
    - HTM Registration information will be available at certain times of the semester through email and on the Announcement page of the HTM website. If you CODO into HTM, three required documents will need to be completed prior to your 1-on-1 REQUIRED session with an HTM advisor during registration. You will set up your appointment through an on-line signup system that accesses the HTM advisor’s Outlook calendar.