





# Course Introduction Peter Belobaba, Alex Heiter, Ali Hajiyev & Mike Wittman

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### **Introductions**

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### **Introductions**

### ITU Student Introductions:

- Your Name
- Your position in your company
- What do you hope to learn from this course?







DAY/TIME	LECTURE TOPICS	
MONDAY 28 MARCH		
1000-1115	<ol> <li>Course Introduction and Airline Industry Overview (Boeing)</li> <li>Course syllabus and requirements; Review of airline terminology and measures; Global airline statistics; Airline business models</li> </ol>	
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 1 (1-13)	
1115-1145	Morning Break	
1145-1300	2. Airline Current Business Environment (Boeing) Analysis of key developments in the current airline business environment, including economic drivers, passenger airline capacity & demand, air cargo and current airline financial performance.	
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400-1515	3. World/Europe/Middle East Capacity Analysis (Boeing) A comprehensive overview of the latest capacity situation worldwide and in regional markets involving Turkey. Focus will be placed on growth profiles of major carriers and city-pair markets.	
1515-1530	Short Break	
1530-1645	4. Turkish Airlines Revenue Planning Guest Presentation Our guest speaker from Turkish Airlines (THY) will share a presentation regarding Network/Revenue Planning at the airline, providing a view of how Turkish Airlines rose into a global carrier in the past decade.	
1645-1700	Short Break	
1700-1800	5. Airline Network Strategies (Boeing) Recent global airline network strategies; Emphasis on hubs and international growth; Consolidation, alliances & joint ventures, growth plans of emerging global carriers	

#### **TUESDAY 29 MARCH**

1000-1115	6. Overview of Airline Planning Process (Boeing)  Basic airline profit equation; Introduction to airline planning processes – fleet planning, route evaluation, schedules, distribution, operations
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 3 (47-51)
1115-1145	Morning Break
1145-1300	7. Introduction to Fleet Planning (Boeing) Commercial aircraft categories by size and range; Overview of current aircraft types; Global aircraft orders; Turkish Airlines fleet outlook
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 7 (159-166)
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1515	8. Evaluation of Alternative Aircraft Types (Boeing) Fleet planning evaluation process; Top-down vs. bottom-up approaches; Aircraft selection criteria; Review of NPV analysis.
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 6 (166-170)
1515-1530	Short Break
1530-1645	9. Fleet Evaluation and Financial Analysis (Boeing) An overview of how airlines undertake the fleet evaluation decision in terms of comparative airplane assessment and economic & financial analysis of alternative scenarios
1645-1700	Short Break
1700-1800	ASSIGNMENT 1 – FLEET PLANNING (Wittman) Introduction to problem scenario and use of spreadsheet (provided). Begin team work on assignment.

#### WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH

1000	ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE
1000-11	10, Fundamentals of Airline Markets and Demand (Belobaba) Origin-destination market demand; Dichotomy of demand vs. supply; Price and time elasticity; Implications for pricing and scheduling
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 3 (51-67)
1115-11	Morning Break
1145-13	11, Estimation of Demand and Market Share (Belobaba)  Demand models and forecasting techniques; Market share vs. frequency share S-curve; QSI and logit modeling approaches
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 3 (67-71)
1300-14	Lunch
1400-15	ASSIGNMENT 1 REVIEW and DISCUSSION (Wittman) Discussion of team responses and explanation of solutions to problem scenario.
1515-15	Short Break
1515-16	12. Airline Operating Costs (Belobaba)  Drivers and components of airline costs; Flight operating costs; Total vs. unit operating costs; Unit cost components and trends
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 6 (127-140, 145-153)
1645-17	Short Break
1645-18	13, Airline Network Structures (Belobaba)  Economics of hub operations vs. point-to-point services; Operational and marketing advantages and disadvantages; Route planning implications
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 7 (170-175)

#### THURSDAY 31 MARCH

1000-1115	14, Route Planning and Profit Evaluation (Belobaba) Route profitability evaluation in airline hub networks; Cost allocation and network revenue contribution models
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 7 (175-180) ARTICLE: Baldanza, B., Measuring Airline Profitability
1115-1145	Morning Break
1145-1300	15, Modeling Passenger Choice of Flight Options (Belobaba)  Decision Window schedule coverage model (DWM); Passenger Origin  Destination Simulator (PODS); Disutility costs of path/fare options
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1515	16. Overview of Boeing Planning Tools (Boeing) Boeing will provide a look at the suite of tools and data it uses to perform Network & Fleet Planning studies for our customer airlines, including flight schedule creation, passenger choice model and fleet optimization.
1515-1530	Short Break
1530-1645	17. Route Forecasting Process (Boeing) A step-by-step example of a "real-life" longhaul route traffic and profitability forecast will be provided, utilizing the data and modeling approaches discussed earlier in the course.
1645-1700	Short Break
1700-1800	ASSIGNMENT 2 - ROUTE PROFIT EVALUATION (Wittman) Introduction to problem scenario and use of spreadsheet (provided). Begin team work on assignment.

#### FRIDAY 1 APRIL

1000	ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE
1000-1115	18, Airline Schedule Development (Belobaba)  Network supply definitions; Steps in schedule development process – frequency, timetable, schedule maps and aircraft rotations
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 7 (180-187)
1115-1145	Morning Break
1145-1300	19, Demand, Load and Spill Analysis (Belobaba)  Demand variability and spill relative to aircraft capacity; Flight leg spill model; Boeing Spill Tables; Recapture and RM impacts on spill
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1500	ASSIGNMENT 2 REVIEW and DISCUSSION (Wittman) Discussion of team responses and explanation of solutions to problem scenario.
1515-1530	Short Break
1515-1630	20. Fleet Assignment (Belobaba) Optimization of aircraft size on a flight leg; Principal trade-offs and constraints; Network fleet assignment optimization models
	TEXTBOOK: Chapter 8 (189-195) ARTICLE: Coldstart: Fleet Assignment at Delta Air Lines
1645-1700	Short Break
1645-1800	ASSIGNMENT 3 – FLEET ASSIGNMENT/SCHEDULING (Wittman) Introduction to problem scenario and use of spreadsheet (provided). Begin team work on assignment.

#### SATURDAY 2 APRIL

1000 ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE

1000-1115 21, From Planning to Operations (Belobaba)

Planned vs. actual operations; Irregular operations and variability; Overview of airline operations control and schedule recovery

TEXTBOOK: Chapter 10 (264-279)

1115-1145 Morning Break

1145-1300 22, Evolution of Airline Revenue Management (Belobaba)

Overview of RM models and systems; revenue impacts and tactical/strategic benefits of RM; Leg-based seat optimization and

overbooking models.

TEXTBOOK: Chapter 5 (99-111)

1300-1400 Lunch.

1400-1500 ASSIGNMENT 3 REVIEW and DISCUSSION (Wittman)

Discussion of team responses and explanation of solutions to problem

scenario.

1515-1530 Short Break

1515-1630 23.Network Revenue Management: O&D Control (Belobaba)

Need for O-D control; Overview of network optimization models; simulated revenue gains of O-D controls; impacts on airline business

processes.

TEXTBOOK: Chapter 5 (112-121)

1645-1700 Short Break

1645-1800 24.New Developments in RM Forecasting and Optimization

(Belobaba)

Impacts on RM of fare simplification; New forecasting and optimization models for changing fare structures; Alliance RM and customer valuation

challenges.

TEXTBOOK: Chapter 5 (121-125)

#### COURSE GRADING