

Introduction

The Master of Science in Management (MSM) program prepares professionals to be effective leaders in supply chain, innovation, and information systems management. Graduates will have the advanced technical, entrepreneurial, and leadership skills necessary to succeed as mid- or upper-level managers in manufacturing, service, and consulting organizations. The MSM program also prepares qualified students for further doctoral study in the fields of supply chain and operations management in addition to information systems management. MSM students benefit immensely from the focused curriculum, from close coordination of courses with the MBA program, and from the small class sizes. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Program of Study

The program requires a business undergraduate or graduate degree. Students with non-business backgrounds are recommended to pursue an MBA from Clemson University in which they can complement a general business education with a specialization in Supply Chain & Information Management or Innovation & Entrepreneurial Leadership.

The MSM curriculum requires thirty credit hours consisting of 7 core courses organized in three modules (General Business, Supply Chain & Information Management, and Innovation & Entrepreneurial Leadership) and 3 elective courses.

The program requires advanced general business courses in Organization Behavior & Human Resources Management as well as Project Management. Students who have completed one of these business courses in prior study may elect, with approval, to replace it with an alternate core or elective course.

Topics covered in core and elective courses in Supply Chain & Information Management, and Innovation & Entrepreneurial Leadership include:

- Global Supply Chain & Technology Management
- Enterprise Resource Planning and Control Systems
- Service Strategy and Design for Customer Experience
- Sourcing, Purchasing and Logistics Management
- Lean Manufacturing and Process Improvement
- Emerging Technologies
- System Analysis & Design
- Sustainable Operations
- Technology & Innovation Management
- Enterprise Development
- Creativity & Innovation in Business
- Managerial Decision Modeling
- Business Statistical Analysis

The student's Advisory Committee will approve the final program for each student based on their background, interests, and availability of courses.

Students can enter the MSM program only in the Fall semester (starting mid-August) and can complete the program in 10 months (mid-August to mid-June). There are no graduate courses offered by the Department of Management during summer sessions; however, students may elect to take an independent study or directed readings course within their area of interest.

Dual Degree Program

Dual master's degree opportunities are available to interested and qualified students. To earn a dual degree (pursuing the MSM and MBA degrees simultaneously), you must be admitted into both programs. Up to one-sixth of the total number of credit hours taken can be double counted for both degrees. If a student takes classes full-time, typically both degrees can be earned in approximately two and a half years.

Research Facilities

All MSM students have high-speed access to the Internet and campus-wide networks containing the latest business applications. The Department of Management has a dedicated Enterprise Management Laboratory that provides access to industrial manufacturing resource planning software. The mission of the laboratory is to promote operations management by attracting talented students to the field and uniquely preparing them for career challenges in the profession. This is accomplished through active learning involving modern principles of manufacturing management, leading-edge enterprise resource planning software, teamwork, and leadership.

Financial Aid

A limited number of departmental graduate assistantships may be available for MSM students. These are awarded on an extremely competitive basis and involve activities that assist faculty with research and teaching tasks. Graduate assistants pay significantly reduced academic tuition fees and earn a modest stipend. Prospective students interested in assistantships should notify the Department of Management. Other financial assistance programs may also be available through Clemson University's Office of Student Financial Aid.

Cost of Study

Tuition and fees for graduate assistants can be found on the web at <http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Financial.php>. All graduate fellows pay South Carolina resident fees.

Faculty

The Department of Management consists of an internationally recognized faculty with diverse research, teaching, and consulting experiences. Faculty members hold doctoral degrees from premier institutions and include Fulbright scholars with international experience, award-winning instructors, fellows and officers of major professional societies, internationally-known researchers, and professionals with significant industrial experience. The department has developed an outstanding reputation for its broad-based, interdisciplinary programs in management.

Management faculty members provide a variety of services to the business and professional communities. Faculty members also serve as Senior Editors of top journals in Supply Chain and Operations Management, Information Systems, and Entrepreneurship and are active in consulting for many of the largest companies throughout the U.S. and the world. They are frequently invited as distinguished speakers at universities, conferences, and companies. Moreover, they are regularly quoted in local and national newspapers and periodicals.

Applying

Applicants may apply on the web at <http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Admission.php>. Applications with a nonrefundable fee received no later than January 15th will receive priority, with applications considered on a rolling basis through May. Every required item in support of the application must be on file by that date. Students interested in competing for university-wide recruiting fellowships (which are in addition to departmental graduate assistantships) must submit their complete packages as early as December 1.

In addition to materials required by the Graduate School, the Department of Management requires a short (no more than two pages long) essay in English, giving the reasons for seeking the MSM degree from Clemson University. Applications may not be processed until the essay is received.

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