PATHWAYS: Hospitality Management

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

COURSE SELECTION

- Take HOSP 1010: Introduction to Hotel and Restaurant Management. This course serves to introduce you to the various roles and areas of the hospitality industry.

- Take HOSP 2910: Hospitality Practicum to gain hands-on experience at Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center.

- Declare your required business minor with the Raymond J. Harbert College of Business.

- Continue with major course work.

- Begin to take professional electives to increase your knowledge in the area of hospitality you are interested in pursuing.

- Internship- HOSP 4920

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Meet regularly with your academic advisor and consult them when you have concerns about admission to particular classes or need more information about class requirements.

- Academic Support provides several free resources to improve performance including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. (auburn.edu/academicsupport)

- Meet with the University Career Center (UCC) to explore career and job opportunities to gain experiences in the field.

- Work with your faculty advisor to discuss internship options in an area of interest.

- Ask UCC for help in preparing your resume and cover letter.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Begin tracking your hospitality experience. 600 hours of approved hospitality work experience are required as a prerequisite to your required internship. Contact the department for approval before beginning this experience.

- Look to attend the Study Abroad Fair.

- Attend HOSP Career Fair.

- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.

- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.

- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.

- Apply for industry scholarships through organizations, such as the Alabama Restaurant Association and the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

- Explore study abroad opportunities.

- Apply for unique opportunities such as the Epicurean Wine Tour of Napa Valley.

- Attend career events like the AU Career Fair.

- Attend HOSP Career Fair.

GET INVOLVED

- Join National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) and Club Managers Association of America (CMAA).

- Spring: Apply for CHS Student Ambassadors program.

- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.

- If event management is an interest register for the Gala class (HOSP 5460/5461).

- Eta Sigma Delta (ESD) is an honor organization for the hospitality industry. Become familiar with criteria to join if invited.

- Kappa Omicron Nu (KON) is a national honor society for the human sciences. If invited, join.

- Take on a leadership role within ESD, KON, or other student organizations.

- Run for leadership positions in a student organization.

Career Planning

University Career Center

303 Mary Martin Hall | career.auburn.edu

The program equips you to successfully operate within a variety of roles within the hospitality and service sector. A successful candidate entering into the workforce will have completed a variety of experiential opportunities to supplement their academics.

Food and Beverage Manager

Minimum Education: B.S.

Entry Level Salary Range: $39.0K - $58.3K

Hotel Manager

Minimum Education: B.S.

Entry Level Salary Range: $31.6K - $50.4K

Event Manager

Minimum Education: B.S.

Entry Level Salary Range: $23.5K - $41.8K

These are just three options out of many that Hotel & Restaurant Management majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.