SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, M.S.

Through Saint Louis University’s Master of Science in Supply Chain Management, students learn the key business processes that drive profitable business growth, positioning them to hold a sustainable competitive advantage in the business world.

Consistently ranked among the top 20 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, SLU’s supply chain management program teaches students how to use quantitative and computer models to provide and distribute the right quantities of the right goods or services to the right location at the right time.

Students will also gain additional exposure to the design, implementation and management of efficient ways to integrate the flow of materials and information among suppliers, manufacturers, warehouses and stores. The curriculum focuses on the theoretical as well as the applied supply chain and logistics skills that are essential in today’s competitive global supply chain environment. Students learn operations management, logistics, information technologies, finance, Lean/Six Sigma, ERP, project management and simulation to deliver the analytical skills employed in the public and private sectors.

Curriculum Overview

The supply chain management (MS-SCM) profession addresses the critical link between demand creation and the fulfillment of demand. Supply chain management professionals participate in fundamental decisions associated with current and future business success, addressing product design, sourcing, transportation, storage, e-commerce and delivery of the final goods to the customers. Information technology plays an important role in making transactions efficient (cost saving) and effective (meeting customer’s needs). The global nature of supply chain makes this discipline exciting and rewarding.

SLU’s supply chain management curriculum focuses on theoretical and applied supply chain and logistics skills. Courses explore operations management, logistics, information technologies, finance and Lean/Six Sigma. Students will also learn about project management and participate in simulations to develop the analytical skills needed in public and private sectors.

Merit-based scholarships are available for qualified applicants and are assessed at the time of admission.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Saint Louis University’s central location within the greater St. Louis metropolitan area provides a distinct competitive business advantage and allows us to enhance internship opportunities.

Graduate students have access to the Valerie A. Davison Career Resources Center, conveniently located within the School of Business, which serves as the catalyst for creating meaningful connections and developing outstanding internships and employment opportunities and providing other valuable career management services.

Careers

A Master of Science in Supply Chain Management prepares students to play an important role in the current and future success of businesses. Supply chain professionals make “go/no-go” decisions regarding which goods or services to provide, which suppliers to work with, and how to access and excite prospective customers.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are reviewed for past undergraduate work, internship experience, and GMAT or GRE scores. While there is no minimum GMAT score required, the average GMAT score is 590. Average GRE scores are 150-153 on each section, quantitative and verbal. Successful applicants demonstrate a 3.0 grade point average in past academic programs.

Application Requirements

- Application form
- Transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official GMAT or GRE score
- Résumé
- Personal goal statement of fewer than 500 words

Requirements for International Students

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents will also need to submit:

- Addendum form outlining certification of financial support for one year of study (if a student visa is required) submitted with necessary documentation.
- For non-native speakers of English, an official TOEFL or IELTS score report is also required and must be sent directly from ETS or the British Council (The school code is 6629 for ETS). TOEFL and IELTS scores should be no more than two years old. This program requires a TOEFL score of 88 and an IELTS broadband of at least a 6.5.
- The Pearson Test of English scores can be accepted as well.
- A GPA on a 4.0 scale is required and should be reflected on official transcripts or documentation. All international transcripts must be calculated by the World Education Services (WES) or the Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) and include a course-by-course evaluation, including GPA and course levels.
- The graduate business programs office prefers WES but will accept ECE.
- INTO SLU offers the Pathway Program for international students who are interested in this program but do not meet the direct entry requirements. Visit http://intostudy.com/slu/programs for more information.

Application Deadline

Students are admitted in fall, spring and summer. Applications are considered on a rolling basis with a preferred deadline of July 15 for Fall, Dec. 1 for Spring and April 15 for Summer.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis once all application materials are received. Application files are reviewed holistically (undergraduate work, internship experience, test scores and personal goal statement). The average time for admissions decisions is two weeks.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.
Accreditation
The Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business is accredited by AACSB, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the world’s largest business education alliance and accrediting body of business schools, ensuring continuous quality improvement in terms of curriculum, instructional resources, student selection, career placement and intellectual contributions and qualifications of the faculty. Less than 10% of business schools worldwide have achieved AACSB accreditation.

Learning Outcomes
1. Graduates will be able to apply an integrated enterprise approach of flow of goods, services and information from suppliers to customers.
2. Graduates will be able to use quantitative techniques and computer models for analyzing and controlling manufacturing, inventory and operations management systems.
3. Graduates will be able to analyze supply chains using a business process approach.
4. Graduates will be able to apply analytical and computer models to facilitate logistics decisions.
5. Graduates will be able to use purchasing and strategic sourcing concepts to optimize supply chain operations.
6. Graduates will be able to apply the lean sigma approach to impose the quality of supply chain processes.
7. Graduates will be able to understand the current technological issues needed to manage the flow of information in supply chains.
8. Graduates will be able to collect, interpret, evaluate and analyze data relevant to supply chains.
9. Graduates will be able to apply quantitative and computer models needed to make effective supply chain management decisions.

Requirements

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Total Credits 30

1 Students may choose to complete a total of six (6) elective credits from OPM 6520 Transportation and Warehousing Management (3 cr), ITM 6000 Managing Information Technology (3 cr), ITM 6050 Project Management (3 cr), ITM 6300 Database Management Systems (3 cr) and IB 6000 Global Business Environment (3 cr).

Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap
Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap. This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.