

# SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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<b>Program Code</b>	SCM
<b>Campus(es)</b>	World Campus (M.P.S.)
<b>Degrees Conferred</b>	Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.)
<b>The Graduate Faculty</b>	View ( <a href="https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/index.cfm?searchType=fac&amp;prog=SCM">https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/index.cfm?searchType=fac&amp;prog=SCM</a> )

The Master of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Management (MPS/SCM) is awarded to students who demonstrate mastery of the knowledge, problem-solving competencies, and leadership skills that are critical to leading business transformation through integrated supply chain planning and execution. The program emphasizes problem-based learning coupled with integrative, collaborative learning experiences to develop the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for effective supply chain management. Instruction is delivered online and in a short residency course at an on- or off-campus location, so that working professionals can complete the degree as part-time students working largely or entirely, off campus.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies>).

Students applying to the professional MPS/SCM degree program must be admitted by both the MPS/SCM program and the Graduate School at The Pennsylvania State University.

Admission to the graduate program in Supply Chain Management requires:

- A completed Graduate School application (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply>) for graduate study, including nonrefundable application fee
- A current resume, along with a statement of professional experience and goals. This statement of approximately two pages must describe the applicant's professional goals, experience, and responsibilities. The statement must also indicate why the applicant is applying to the professional MPS/SCM program at Penn State
- One letter of recommendation relevant to the applicant's professional capabilities, preferably from the employee's immediate supervisor, which should address the applicant's readiness for graduate study
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission>)
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or grade average of "B" or better in graduate courses completed since the first bachelor's degree, with at least 6 credits of graduate courses completed to qualify under this option. Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 may be admitted in limited circumstances at the discretion of the program, where the applicant demonstrates an exceptional record of professional achievement. In such circumstances, the program may require, as a condition of

admission, completion of course work to make up deficiencies or fill in gaps in prior education.

- Official Graduate Management Admission Test scores reported directly from the testing center to Penn State

A committee of SC&IS Department faculty meet periodically to review applications and identify applicants qualified for admission. Admissions decisions are based on a review of a complete admission portfolio, including:

- the application,
- the statement of professional experience and goals,
- the current resume,
- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended,
- the letter of recommendation, and
- the GMAT scores.

## Degree Requirements

### Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies>).

Students earn the professional MPS/SCM degree by successfully completing a minimum of 30 credits including 26 credits of required courses and 4 credits of approved electives.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SCM 530	Supply Chain Analysis	3
SCM 800	Supply Chain Management	4
SCM 801	Supply Chain Performance Metrics and Financial Analysis	1
SCM 812	Demand Fulfillment	2
SCM 822	Supply Management	2
SCM 842	Manufacturing and Service Operations Planning	2
SCM 850	Supply Chain Design and Strategy	4
SCM 860	Supply Chain Transformation and Innovation	4
BA 803	BUSINESS ETHICS	1
<b>Electives</b>		
Elective credits will be chosen from a list of approved courses maintained by the program office.		4
<b>Culminating Experience</b>		
SCM 594	Research Topics (Capstone Project) <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Credits		30

<sup>1</sup> Students must complete a high-quality research project as the culminating experience for the degree, while enrolled in SCM 594. The research project demonstrates the student's ability to apply advanced supply chain management knowledge to a supply chain-related problem or situation in a way that makes a substantial contribution to the student's professional development.

The program requires a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 and no course grade below a C. All requirements for the professional MPS/SCM degree, including acceptance of the research project must be met within eight years of admission to degree status. Students are expected to make continuous progress toward the degree. Leaves of

absence, however, may be granted under exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the program.

Credits earned at other institutions but not used to earn a degree may be applied toward the requirements for a graduate degree, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/transfer-credit>).

## Student Aid

World Campus students in graduate degree programs may be eligible for financial aid. Refer to the Tuition and Financial Aid section (<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid>) of the World Campus website for more information.

## Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Supply Chain Management (SCM) Course List (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/scm>)

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