

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, B.S. (HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

This major helps provide preparation for management positions in hotels, restaurants, institutions, and other hospitality organizations. The program is designed to give the student a broad general education and a strong management and problem-solving orientation balanced with the requisite technical skills, all of them essential for career progression to upper-management positions in the hospitality professions. The program also helps prepare students for graduate study.

Hospitality Management Option

Available at the following campuses: University Park

This option helps prepare students for management positions in any segment of the hospitality industry, including hotels, restaurants, institutional or non-commercial operations, clubs, resorts, and casinos. The management focus helps provide students with the analytical, interpersonal, and organizational skills necessary to effectively function as hospitality professionals.

Hospitality Entrepreneurship Option

Available at the following campuses: Berks

(Offered only at Penn State Berks) This option helps prepare students for careers as owners or managers of small independently-owned hospitality operations or as entrepreneurs within large hospitality corporations or management companies in hospitality segments such as a restaurants, hotels, and non-commercial operations. The entrepreneurship focus helps provide students with creative problem solving, opportunity recognition, and leadership skills necessary to effectively manage small or individual unit's hospitality operations.

What is Hospitality Management?

Hospitality refers to the relationship that exists between a host and a guest. The Hospitality discipline prepares students to create value in this relationship, both from the host and the guest's perspectives. This involves the creation and management of products and services by the hosts for the guests, based on the preferences and behaviors of the guests. Hospitality major is therefore an interdisciplinary field of study that prepares students for a global and diverse, world of management and entrepreneurship opportunities. Hospitality graduates are trained to own and manage hotels, restaurants, resorts, corporate dining, stadiums and arena catering, theme parks, country clubs, cruise ships, casinos, event management, and the vast array of manufacturing and service businesses that support the hospitality industry. From exotic locales to familiar destinations, from international postings to entrepreneurial prospects, from planning events to corporate finance, and from school food service to senior living, the possibilities are endless. This major prepares students for the multi-faceted hospitality industry and for

the many career opportunities available to hospitality management graduates.

You Might Like This Program If...

If you enjoy working with people and helping others, have strong interpersonal skills, creativity, and a strong work ethic. Also, if you are looking for a non-traditional, fast-paced career, in a diverse and high-energy environment, that provides you opportunities to work in a variety of locations, within the US and internationally. The program will prepare you to apply a balance of interpersonal and people-management skills, with operations and business analysis abilities in a variety of professional settings.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT (<https://hhd.psu.edu/shm/>)