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Classrooms Connected to Boardrooms

Located in the heart of Akron, the CBA connects graduate students directly with innovators and decision makers in virtually every business arena. Our alumni, faculty, and advisory board members represent some of Ohio’s leading corporations, providing opportunities such as:

- Regional, national, and international business connections
- Powerful mentorships
- Real world application of knowledge
- Advanced theoretical understanding to future-proof career changes

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Renown Faculty

Interact and learn from graduate faculty that:

- Are recognized internationally
- Have terminal degrees in their areas of expertise
- Have years of practical business experience
- Are regularly quoted by the media
- Are rated by students as highly responsive and caring

Program Structure

- Foundation Courses (6 credits) – may be waived depending upon prior coursework
- MSM SCM Required Concentration Core Courses (21 Credits)
- Electives (3 credits)

For full curriculum descriptions visit GradBusiness.uakron.edu.


Our AACSB accredited MSM program allows students to tailor their educational experience to meet their personal needs and goals. Whether they need to attend part-time, full-time, or in the evening, we have classes to accommodate most schedules.

“Supply chain operations are strategically essential to the success of any business. We hire and develop professionals every year to support this key component. My own training in supply chain operations at The University of Akron gave me a solid foundation which has fueled my career and development.”

- Michael F. Neff
  Vice President, Operations
  Swagelok Company

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Supply Chain Management Concentration

As our economy becomes increasingly interconnected, the need for proficient supply chain managers continues to grow. Building on a holistic management foundation, this 30-credit concentration prepares students with the breadth of interdisciplinary skills and competencies needed to effectively analyze and manage any organization’s flow of resources across the supply chain.

Graduates will be able to:
• Manage the flow of materials, services, information, and cash
• Cultivate relationships among the organizations comprising the supply chain
• Identify optimal sourcing strategies
• Negotiate with external vendors to establish procurement contracts
• Model and execute effective logistics strategies
• Optimize internal operations to enhance efficient manufacturing and service functions

The wide variety of supply chain/operations management careers include:
• Procurement/sourcing
• Contract negotiation
• Inventory control
• Import/export management
• Logistics and transportation
• Supplier relationship management
• Product management
• Sales operations
• Customer relationship management
• Service operations management

"In order to drive cost-effective business in America today, it’s critical to have a successful supply chain that meets the strategic challenges of responsiveness and flexibility. The education, training, and internship potential that students receive at The University of Akron helps them prepare for these challenges."

- Phil Clouse
  VP Global Supply Chain
  MTD Products, Inc.
  MBA, The University of Akron

Admissions

Application Process
• Online Application
• At least 2 Letters of Recommendation
• Resume
• Statement of Purpose
• Official Transcripts
• Standardized test scores: GMAT (550+ preferred)

Student Criteria
• A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
• TOEFL/IELTS (For non-native English language students)
• Visa Information and Proof of Funding (For international students)

For a full list of admissions requirements and deadlines visit GradBusiness.uakron.edu.

Living in Akron

Situated in Northeast Ohio, Akron boasts a rich history of business innovation and high quality of life. The Cleveland-Akron Metropolitan areas consists of over 3.5 million people and, as the largest metropolitan area in Ohio, it is a magnet for jobs and investments.

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