Restaurant and Food Industry Management

Required Courses

Why Choose Restaurant & Food Industry Management?

With over $790 billion in sales in 2017, the restaurant industry is a fast-paced environment where innovation and customer experience rule. Over 1 million locations within the United States alone provide our graduates with limitless opportunity to pursue a career in an industry focused on food waste reduction and environmental sustainability. As simplicity and locally sourced products continue to gain momentum in the foodservice experience, our program opens doors for a career with the potential to impact your community and our world.

The curriculum at Ferris encompasses all aspects of food production and guest service with particular emphasis on fiscal responsibility, leadership functions, and regulatory compliance. A balance between theory and practice is achieved by hands-on experience and real-life application illustrated through our dynamic industry partnerships. Whether on a site visitation or through a professional development opportunity, students meet and interact with industry professionals to learn cutting-edge concepts and skills necessary for success in the industry. During their academic career, students will earn relevant nationally recognized certifications, including ServSafe, First Aid/CPR, and TIPS.

Students wishing to continue their education may easily ladder into the Bachelor of Science in Business degree in Hospitality Management with a Food & Beverage Management Concentration.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Restaurant and Food Industry Management degree, with its business emphasis, are prepared to pursue careers within the food & beverage industry at the managerial level in a variety of different types of operations. Examples of such positions include:

- Dining Room Manager
- Bar Manager
- Catering Manager
- Food & Beverage Director

Admission Requirements

New Students SAT Scores:

- 2.5 High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two of the Three Criteria:
1. SAT ERW score of 450 or higher
2. SAT Math score of 500 or higher. Placement in MATH 109/110 will be considered (SAT Math score of 480 or higher).
3. SAT Composite of 900 or higher

New Students ACT Scores:

- 2.5 High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two of the Three Criteria:
  1. ACT English score of 16 or higher
  2. ACT Math score of 19 or higher
  3. ACT Reading score of 19 or higher

Transfer Students:

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA requirement.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; or SAT ERW score of 450 or higher; or Accuplacer English score of 6 or higher.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU MATH 114/115 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT MATH score of 19 or higher; SAT MATH of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49.

Exceptions for New and Transfer Students:

Applicants not meeting the above criteria MAY be considered for an approved Associates Degree if:

- High School GPA of 2.35 or higher
- Math ACT score of 16/SAT Math 430 and additional high school algebra
- ACT Reading score of 16 and ACT English score of 14 or a comparable SAT ERW score to be determined.
- SAT Composite score of 860 or ACT composite score of 15.

Any mitigating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the College of Business Dean’s Office/SAA.

More Information:

Additional guidance can be found on the College of Business Webpage under the Admissions tab.

General Education Requirements

All University General Education requirements for an Associate’s degree is here

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives.
Consult the Required Course above or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

- Maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA in all FSU courses.
- Have 15 credits of FSU Classes (FSU Residency requirement).
- Have a minimum 60 total credits to earn an associate degree.
- Must maintain a 2.00 GPA in major courses.

**NOTICE:** Students who return to the university after an interrupted enrollment (not including summer semester) must normally meet the requirements of the curriculum, which are in effect at the time of their return, not the requirements which were in effect when they were originally admitted.

**More Information**

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