Management

What can I do with this major?

MANAGEMENT

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Areas and Job titles will	Business and industry including:	Be prepared to start in entry-level
vary by industry	Banks and financial institutions,	management trainee positions.
	Retail stores, Restaurants, Hotels,	Demonstrate initiative and
	Service providers, Healthcare	leadership to get promoted.
	organizations,	
	Local, state, and federal	Gain experience through internships
	government	or summer and part-time jobs.
	Nonprofit organizations	Work at a retail store or restaurant;
		advance into an
		assistant manager position.
	Self-employed	Get involved in student
		organizations and assume
		leadership roles.
		Demonstrate an entrepreneurial
		spirit, a strong work ethic, integrity,
		and a sense of independence.
		Take courses in a secondary
		specialty such as marketing or
		information systems to increase job
		opportunities.
		Learn to work well on a team and
		develop strong communication
		skills.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Recruiting/Staffing	Large corporate entities	Take courses in the social
		sciences such as psychology and
		sociology.
Compensation	Service industry	Gain relevant experience
		through internships.
Benefits	Hospital and healthcare	Develop strong verbal and
	organization	written communication skills.

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Training	Universities	Learn to solve problems
		creatively, and gain experience
		with conflict resolution.
Safety	Temporary or staffing agencies	Build a solid background in
		technology because many
		human resource systems are
		automated.
Employee Relations	Executive search firms	Join the Society of Human
		Resource Management and
		other related professional
		associations.
Industrial Relations	Local, state, and federal	Be prepared for continuous
	government	learning once in the profession.
Organizational Development	Labor unions	Seek endorsements such as the
		Professional Human Resource
		Certification (PHR).
Equal Employment Opportunity		Earn a master's degree for
		career advancement or a law
		degree for employment law
Employment Law		
Consulting		

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Operations Research Analysis	Manufacturers	Develop strong analytical skills
		and a logical approach to
		problem solving.
Business strategy	Industrial organizations	Take additional courses in
		statistics and computer
		systems. This is a more
		technical side of business.
Facilities Layout	Service organizations	Develop skills in budgeting and
		cost management. Take
		additional accounting and
		finance courses.
Inventory control		Learn to manage multiple
		situations and problems.
Personnel scheduling		Be able to communicate
		effectively with different types
		of people in various functional
		areas.
Production Management:		Earn an MBA to reach the
		highest levels of operations
		management.

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Production Management:		
Line supervision		
Manufacturing management		
Production planning		
Quality assurance		
Material Management:		
Purchasing/buying		
Traffic management		
Inventory management		

SALES

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Industrial Sales	For-Profit and	Develop skills in budgeting and cost
	non-profit	management. Take additional accounting and
	organizations	finance courses.
Consumer Product	Product and	Seek leadership positions in campus
	service	organizations.
	organizations	
Financial Services Sales	Manufacturers	Work for the campus newspaper, directory, or
		radio station selling advertisements.
E-Commerce	Financial	Become highly motivated and well-organized.
	companies	
Customer Service	Insurance	Develop a strong commitment to customer
	companies	satisfaction.
Sales Management:	Print and electric	To deliver effective customer service, develop
	media outlets	problem solving skills, self-confidence,
		assertiveness, and empathy.
District, Regional, and Higher	Software and	Learn to work well under pressure and to be
	technology	comfortable in a competitive environment.
	companies	
	Internet	Be prepared to work independently and to be
	companies	self-motivated. Plan to work irregular and/or long
		hours.
		Learn to communicate effectively with a wide
		range of people. Take additional courses in
		interpersonal communication and public
		speaking.
		Develop strong persuasion skills and learn how to
		build relationships.
		Some positions in sales, such as pharmaceuticals,
		require at least one to two years of a proven
		record in outside sales. Be prepared to start in a
		different industry before getting a job in
		pharmaceuticals.

INSURANCE

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Claims	Insurance firms	Complete an internship with an insurance agency. Talk to professionals in the industry to learn more about claims, underwriting, and risk management. Many entry-level positions exist in these areas.
Underwriting	Banks	Initiative and sales ability are necessary to be a successful agent or broker.
Risk Management		Develop strong communication skills as many positions require interaction with others and the ability to explain information clearly and concisely.
Sales		
Loss Control		

REAL ESTATE

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Residential Brokerage	Real estate brokers	Obtain sales experience through part-time,
		summer, or internship positions.
Commercial Sales	Banks	Research the process of becoming a real estate
		broker through the National Association of
		Realtors.
Appraisals	Appraisal firms	Develop an entrepreneurial spirit
Property Management	Apartment and	Research apprenticeships in appraisal.
	condominium	
	complexes	
	Developers	
	Large corporations:	
	real estate	
	departments	

BANKING

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Commercial Banking	Banks	Develop a solid background in business
		including marketing and accounting.
Retail/Consumer Banking	Credit unions	Get experience through part-time, summer, or
		internship positions in a bank.
Credit Analysis	Savings and loan	Develop strong interpersonal and
	associations	communication skills in order to work well with
		a diverse clientele

Areas	Employers	Information/Strategies
Lending	Financial services	
	institutions	
Trust Services	Federal Reserve	
	banks	
Mortgage Loans		
Branch Management		
Operations		

GENERAL INFORMATION

- General business is a broad area that can lead to many career opportunities. Students should clearly define their goals and seek experiences and skills necessary to reach those goals.
- Gaining relevant experience through part-time and summer jobs or internships is critical.
- Learn about various fields of business through research on internet sites and books, informational interviews of professionals, and exposure to work environments through shadowing, volunteering, or interning.
- Develop interpersonal and organizational skills through participation in and leadership of student organizations. Strong communication skills, including public speaking, are also important to achieving success in this field.
- Learn to work effectively with a wide variety of people and to work well in a team environment.
- Get involved in student professional associations in field of interest.
- Develop and utilize a personal network of contacts. Once in a position, find an experienced mentor.
- Consider earning an MBA or other related graduate degree after gaining work experience to reach the highest levels of business management