



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Hotel & Restaurant Management

Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising & Hospitality, College of Education & Human Services

Program of Study

The Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, and Hospitality offers three programs: Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, and Hotel/Restaurant Management. Students completing the program earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. The degree reflects the department's efforts to remain aware of the ever-changing needs of society. The vision of the department is for graduates to be innovative, competent, and critical thinking professionals who provide leadership and service within the workplace and in a diverse environment. The mission of the department is to prepare students with the technical, human, and conceptual skills for careers in consumer services.

The Hotel/Restaurant Management or Hospitality program focuses on contemporary issues relating to strategic management in the hotel and restaurant industry. The program allows students to pursue career internships in specific fields of study to enhance their future occupational choices. This program prepares students for entry-level employment in management trainee and supervisory positions in hotels, restaurants, public institutions, and private clubs for a wide variety of management, marketing, catering, and retail hospitality positions.

Faculty

Each faculty member has specialized education and industry or research experience in his or her area of instruction. Faculty hold membership in state and national organizations. They have earned master's and doctoral degrees in their fields of expertise and have additional certifications as well.

Scholarships

The department offers more than \$10,000 in scholarships every year for eligible students in the major, based on grade point average, participation in extracurricular activities, and leadership. Students should contact the academic advisor to find out about scholarship eligibility.

Additional information about scholarships is found on the departmental website (wiu.edu/dfmh), through the University Scholarship Office (309-298-2001), or on the WIU homepage at [wiu.edu.Scholarship](http://wiu.edu/Scholarship).

Student Activities

Students have many choices in their selection of departmental organizations. Any student may be selected to join DFMH Ambassadors, a group of students representing the department at University functions, or Kappa Omicron Nu (KONu) honorary society, which is open to any student with a minimum of 45 overall semester hours (SH) and a 3.0 GPA at WIU. A chapter of the Hospitality Administration Association (HAA) is designed to introduce the student members to different career opportunities in the hospitality industry. The Food and Culture Club is a University group organized by the DFMH faculty with the support of other areas on campus to recognize and celebrate cultural customs and food.

Special Opportunities

Students in this program complete an internship of 240 actual work hours at the end of their coursework. The experiences are supervised and assist students in applying theory and skills in a work setting. Internship sites in the past have been AmeriSuites, Applebee's, Best Western, Courtyard Marriott, Hyatt O'Hare,

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Lone Star Steakhouse, Ruby Tuesday's, Sodexo, Tan-Tar-A Resort (Marriott), Holiday Inn, Joe's Crab Shack, Stoney Creek Inn, Lettuce Entertain You, Inc., Weaver Ridge, Wyndham Hotels, and McDonald's Hamburger University.

Students apply their knowledge of food theory in the Corporate Kitchen, a professional food service kitchen laboratory with an adjacent dining facility. Lunches are served twice weekly to the WIU and Macomb community, for which students are responsible for various roles, including front of the house manager, production manager, and production staff for the meal.

Study Abroad programs also enhance the curriculum. Students have visited Australia and countries such as Spain, Ireland, and England earning college credits toward their major or minor.

A Hospitality Management minor is also available in this area.

Honors College Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15% of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10% of their high school graduation class. Transfer students with at least 12 SH and up to 59 SH of undergraduate courses are admitted with a GPA of at least 3.3 or 3.4 for 60 SH or more. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.

After College

Students are prepared to assume a variety of careers in the hospitality industry in both hotels and restaurants as well as in corporations and country clubs. Graduates may also choose to further their education through business school or graduate school in hospitality management.

For More Information

Hotel and Restaurant Management is a Gradtrac program. Additional materials about the hospitality field of study may be found in the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* found online at www.bls.gov and on the Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (CHRIE) website (www.chrie.org).

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, room, and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, and veteran status.



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