Walker College of Business

As one of the largest business schools in North Carolina, the primary goal of the Walker College is to offer high quality educational experiences preparing our students to be responsible, effective leaders and professionals in a rapidly changing, global environment. The college’s focus is on academic excellence, technological competencies and practical application of business principles. The Walker College of Business is consistently included in the Princeton Review’s “Best Business Schools.”

Appalachian State University

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Supply Chain Management

The Supply Chain Management Program is designed to provide students with skills and knowledge in areas such as logistics, operations, six sigma and supply chain technologies in a global environment. These contemporary skills will enable students to compete in the global marketplace. As companies increasingly focus on supply chain management as a way to not only reduce costs and improve profits but also expand into inter-national markets, they are realizing that supply chain management is an integral part of overall strategy. This emphasis on supply chain management is increasing the demand for qualified professionals, and our curriculum is designed to thoroughly prepare students for careers in supply chain management.

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Careers Associated with Supply Chain Management

A variety of positions and career opportunities are available for graduates with a background in supply chain management.

- Supply Chain Manager
- Inventory Manager
- Supplier Quality Product Manager
- Strategic Sourcing Manager
- Logistics Planner
- New Product Procurement Planner
- Supplier Management Analyst
- Inventory Planner
- Procurement Manager of Specialist
- Logistics Analyst
- Supply Chain Consultant
- Wholesale and Retail Buyer
- Industrial Production Manager

Clubs and Organizations

Appalachian Supply Chain Club - ASCC

The Appalachian Supply Chain Club, or ASCC, is Appalachian State University’s student-led supply chain management club. Their objective is to promote supply chain management by offering student members the chance to interact with industry professionals, while promoting career and professional development with networking and community involvement. The club is sponsored by American Production & Inventory Control Society (APICS - The Association for Operations Management). All of the student club members are also members of APICS. For more information, please visit ASCC.appstate.edu.

Internships

The program recognizes the value of real-world supply chain management experience. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in an internship experience. Internships may count as an elective for the minor.

Scholarships

A scholarship office within the College of Business is devoted to maintaining scholarship awards. Scholarships are based primarily on academic achievement and/or financial need. A student’s GPA is given significant consideration in the selection process. Additional consideration is given to career goals and involvement, and leadership in extracurricular activities.

Appalachian State University is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students or employees on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disabling condition or sexual orientation. Appalachian also actively promotes diversity among students and employees.

Minor in Supply Chain Management

The Supply Chain Management minor is available to all business majors. The minor provides a multi-disciplinary curriculum in supply chain management to complement functional business majors within the Walker College of Business. The main goal of supply chain management is to improve an organization’s profitability while delivering a quality product/service to the customer at the lowest possible cost. The curriculum is intended to give business students contemporary skills to enhance their marketability.

Required Courses

- Principles of Supply Chain Management
- Six Sigma and Quality Management
- Supply Chain Technologies in a Global Environment

Electives

- Global Supply Chain and Logistics
- Project Management
- International Human Resource Management
- Managing Distribution Channels
- Business-to-Business Marketing
- Principles of Risk Management and Insurance
- Internship