

Supply Chain Management Program 330 Wohlers Hall 1206 South Sixth Street Champaign, IL 61820

## Sent On Behalf of the Supply Chain Management Program at the Gies College of Business:

We are excited to announce that we are now taking applications for a limited number of seats to the Supply Chain Management Program in the Gies College of Business. **Applications will be accepted between now and Saturday, September 28th, 2019 at 11 pm**. Applications should be submitted on-line at <a href="https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/139938">https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/139938</a>.

# Why Supply Chain Management?

Supply chain management (SCM) is one of the most important functions in all enterprises. An inefficient supply chain can cripple an entire company, while a strong supply chain can ensure the company's survival and success. In fact, Deloitte finds that almost 80% of firms with superior supply chain capabilities realize revenue growth that is significantly above average. SCM is internal and external to the business and includes processes such as strategic sourcing and procurement, transportation and logistics, demand management, supplier and customer relationship management, order fulfillment, production, inventory management, returns management and reverse logistics. For most manufacturing, distribution and retail companies, supply chains constitute a significant amount of their annual spend; large corporations may have billions of dollars tied up in supply chain related costs. Today, companies are in need of individuals with the knowledge and skills required to make decisions that will enable their supply chains for scalability, sustainability, corporate responsibility and economic profitability.

# Why Should You Consider the Supply Chain Major?

The Supply Chain Management Program at Gies is currently ranked #16 in the country by U.S. World and News. The program incorporates a curriculum that promises to deliver a challenge and prepares you to make a valuable impact. It also gives rewarding opportunities to interface with companies along various parts of your academic journey; our new SCM Corporate Affiliates program is in place for this very reason. In addition, our program has been very successful in training and placing our undergraduate students. The excellent curricular and practical training offered by the SCM program makes our students highly desirable to a variety of industries, corporations, business consultancies and government:

- SCM majors are hired by large business consulting firms, major manufacturers, non-industrial organizations and government agencies.
- SCM majors have an excellent internship and job placement record (100% placement for both internships and full-time jobs)
- SCM majors are, on average, some of the highest paid students at Gies. (avg salary of \$64,605).
- All SCM majors complete a real-world and implementable project given by a company, which could potentially lead to job offers.

## Who Should Apply?

- ✓ Students who like to blend creative and analytical thinking for solving large-scale real-world problems.
- ✓ Students who have a grade point average of 3.25 GPA or higher
- ✓ Students who are willing to participate in all program activities (site visits, case competitions, corporate affiliate events, etc).
- ✓ Students who are thinking of pursuing a dual degree or double major! Many of our students combine the SCM major with degrees in Marketing, ISIT, Accounting, Finance, Operations Management or International Business
- ✓ You must be a sophomore with an expected graduation date of Fall 2021 or May 2022 to apply to the program. Juniors may apply as well but timely graduation is not guaranteed. If you are currently a freshman, please think about making supply chain your major next academic year!



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### **More Information:**

After completing the application, you will receive information concerning the next steps, which is the interview process. If you are applying this Fall and were deferred for admission, you do not need to re-apply or do anything further. We will update your GPA internally based on the Fall semester's grades. Students who were denied admission in Fall may reapply during the Spring application period.

For a student perspective about the SCM program, you may contact one of our SCM Student Advisors at <u>advisors.scm@gmail.com</u>

You may also send your questions to the Director of the Supply Chain Management Program - Professor Nehemiah Scott (<u>nehemiah@illinois.edu</u>)