Integrated Supply Management

The integrated supply management (ISM) major is a unique program in undergraduate supply chain management in that it has an engineering component in addition to courses in supply management, information technology strategy and continuous improvement. The ISM major prepares students for a wide range of careers, including purchasing (management of the buying activities for a manufacturing company), manufacturing (supervision of the production and assurance of quality in a manufacturing setting) and logistics (management of logistics functions such as warehouse and distribution operations, forecasting, planning, logistics system and customer service). Not only do students become well versed in these areas, they also develop skills in team management, interpersonal communication and group problem solving.

Do Research

Selecting a major that aligns with your interests, personality, skills and abilities is an important part of your career development. The websites below will help you learn more about ISM.

ISM Websites

WMU ISM Website: www.wmich.edu/supplychain
Jobs In Logistics: www.jobsinlogistics.com
Supply Chain Jobs: www.supplychainjobs.com
Supply Chain Business Portal: www.supplychaintoday.com
Purchasing, Logistics, and Supply Chain Jobs: www.supplychainrecruit.com
SAP Community Network: www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn

General Websites

The Haworth College of Business Career Center: www.wmich.edu/business/career
O-NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles: www.onetonline.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/oco
CareerTV: www.careertv.com

Get Involved

Becoming involved in an organization is an essential part of your career development. The websites below are for WMU registered student organizations and national and international professional organizations related to the ISM major.

APICS, WMU Chapter: http://wmuapics.blogspot.com
APICS: www.apics.org
Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals: www.cscmp.org
Institute of Supply Management: www.ism.ws

Explore Opportunities

Exploring companies that hire ISM majors is a great way to get a sense of the field. The companies below recruit business students and are a great place to start exploring ISM jobs.

- American Axle and Manufacturing
- Bayer Healthcare
- Coyote Logistics
- Exel Supply Chain
- Flowserve
- G.A. Richards
- General Motors
- Honda of America Manufacturing
- John Deere
- Kellogg
- Kohler
- Marathon Petroleum
- Monsanto
- Parker Hannifin
- Pepsi Co.
- Steelcase
- Stryker
- Whirlpool