What to do with a degree in
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Supply chain management (SCM) involves the management of materials and information across the entire supply chain. This includes raw material suppliers, component producers, final assembly and distribution, and may include after-sales service and returns or recycling. Supply chain management has gained importance in recent years as organizations recognize the tremendous advantages that can be realized through collaborative management of the whole logistics and transportation network (chain).

In a sparsely populated but geographically large country like Canada, efficient management of transportation and logistics is vital to the country’s economic growth. With the emergence of global markets, the need for logistics management has become even more critical. In addition, Calgary is an increasingly important transportation hub. For these reasons, many of our graduates are likely to be directly or indirectly involved in SCM.

Students choosing this concentration will be required to take three core courses: Materials and Supply Chain Management, Transportation Systems and Analysis, and a Senior Project course. They have the opportunity to be exposed to diverse topics such as service operations management, negotiation, regulatory economics, transportation planning, services marketing, and project management. The curriculum will often include industry-based projects.

Key Skills & Knowledge

Verbal and written communication - Ability to summarize, condense and organize ideas and information; Ability to articulate, explain, and teach technical information to others; Ability to question and probe to improve business processes; Communicating Business process Improvement (BPI) Methodology and Tools; LEAN principles

Problem-solving - Defining and solving problems; Approaching topics and problems from various perspectives; Analyzing multiple dimensions of a problem; Decision making skills; Advanced quantitative abilities; Trouble shooting

Organization and attention to detail - Independent worker, ability to meet deadlines; demonstrate precision and accuracy in data collection and observation; data, time and resource management;

Interpersonal - Working in a team; oversee, supervise and contribute to a project

Research - Analyze and evaluate information; interpretation of trends from results; gather and access data

Sample Job Titles

Operations Manager
Purchasing Agent
Buyer
Industrial Buyer
Logistics Manager

Supply Chain Management Professional
Traffic Manager
Fleet Manager
Logistics Consultant
Supply Chain Analyst

Transportation Manager
Procurement Manager
Inventory Analyst

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
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Potential Fields

Consulting Firms
Manufacturers
Transportation Companies
Distribution organizations
Logistic Service Providers
Service Institutions
Raw Materials Suppliers
Oil & Gas Extraction
Chain Stores
Federal, provincial and municipal governments
Construction and manufacturing companies
School boards
Regional health authorities
Post-secondary institutions
Large business firms

Associations & Professional Development

- Supply Chain Management Association Alberta (SCMA Alberta): http://www.scmaab.ca
- Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation: http://www.citt.ca/
- The Van Horne Institute: http://www.vanhorne.info/
- APICS - The Association for Operations Management: http://www.apics.org
- Alberta Institute Purchasing Management Association of Canada (AIPMAC): http://www.aipmac.ab.ca/scmp-designation

Student Clubs

- Association for the Management of Information and Operations (AIMO)—http://amiocalgary.ca/
- Commerce Undergraduate Society (CUS) cuscalgary.ca
- Enactus Calgary—http://www.enactuscalgary.com/

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