

Hospitality Management

The Kent State University Hospitality Management (HM) program is the only four-year program in Ohio accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA). Kent's HM program is one of few in the country to host three active student chapters of national professional organizations. Over the years, students have been treated to speeches from Vice Presidents, CEOs, and master chefs through the Schwebel Guest Lecture Series. Students have the opportunity to complete their required internship at KSU's Florence, Italy campus. The HM program holds an annual major specific career fair, where students can apply for internships or professional positions.

Evidence of Student Learning & Success

Kent State University Hospitality Management 2014 Alumni Survey N=67 alumni from 2009-2013

Rated their quality of preparation in professional conduct at a 5, 6, or 7

Rated their quality of preparation in oral and written communication at a 5, 6, or 7

Rated their quality of preparation in food safety and sanitation at a 5, 6, or 7

Rated their quality of preparation in leadership at a 5, 6, or 7

96% Rated their quality of preparation in problem solving/decision making at a 5, 6, or 7

Note: These statistics represent the percentage of alumni that rated their quality of preparation at a 5, 6, or 7 using a scale from 1 (not prepared) to 7 (excellent)

Fall '16 Enrollment



Undergraduate Enrollment

Hospitality Management

Graduate Enrollment

Hospitality/Tourism Management

Data from KSU's Institutional Research Office

Faculty Accomplishments

Ning-Kuang Chuang, Ph.D.

Co-authored "Series on Western Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences" Monumental Book Project by ACPSS 2014

Anthony Hamilton

Hospitality career spanning 20 years serving as an Executive Chef, Corporate Chef, and Director of Operations in some of Northeast Ohio's most well-renowned restaurants

Aviad Israeli, Ph.D.

Ranked among the 100 most prolific researchers in hospitality and tourism research by the "Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research"

Seon Jeong Lee, Ph.D.

Received EHHS Pre-Tenure Research Development Award; received the 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Competition Excellence Award from the KSMS conference

Kiwon Lee, Ph.D.

Published 14 research articles in leading academic journals since 2013

Swathi Ravichandran, Ph.D.

Awarded the Distinguished Educator of the Year from the Professional Convention Management Association

Barbara Scheule, Ph.D.

Author of "Introductory Foods" (14th ed.), published in 2015

Student Leadership



Club Managers Association of America

Professional Convention Management Association





Eta Sigma Delta, Honor Society

Campus Kitchen Project at Kent State University



Student Satisfaction

Fall 2014-Summer 2015: Bachelor's Degree Survey Participants, Hospitality Management, N=19



Overall, my instructors were knowledgeable about the academic content of my program



My program was academically challenging





My program helped me to effectively translate theory into practice

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