WHAT IS OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT?

- Operations management can refer to all the activities related to producing and managing an organization’s goods and services.
- Operations management takes various inputs (labor, materials, capital, information, time, energy) and transforms those into the wide array of outputs of goods and services that we have today.
- Companies recognize that the operations functions can be a competitive weapon to strengthen their position in today’s market place as they seek to improve productivity while still providing a broad array of high quality products and services.

PREPARATION

- A bachelor’s degree with a specialization in operations management.
- Good background in mathematics and statistics is important for entry into the field.
- Internships in operations management are available and an excellent way to prepare for a career.
- Active participation in extra-curricular activities is valued and can provide an opportunity to develop leadership skills.
- Having supervisory experience is also a plus when entering the field especially for management positions where you will have supervisory responsibilities from the beginning.

CAREERS

Students selecting operations management as an area of specialization obtain a broad foundation for careers in:

- appraisers, corporate real estate managers, property managers
- residential agents, commercial brokers often specializing in property types
- mortgage and construction lending professionals as well as investment analysts

Job titles include: planning and supply chain analyst, project controls engineer, supply chain management, operations supervisor, materials representative, operations analyst, materials acquisition specialist, distribution manager, inventory management.

HIRING COMPANIES (a sampling of companies who have recruited operations management majors)

- Abercrombie & Fitch
- Amazon
- Cardinal Health
- DHL Supply Chain
- General Mills
- Honda of America
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- LBrands
- Owens Corning
- Pepsi Co
- Sherwin Williams
- Target Corp.
- Worthington Industries

SALARY (average salaries for 2018-2019)

Full-time $56,815
Intern $16/Average Hourly Salary
Review the Career Exploration by Academic Specialization PowerPoints.
Each presentation covers career areas, sample job titles, career path, companies that hire this major, salary information, professional organizations and more.
fisher.osu.edu/offices/career-management/undergraduate-students/explore-careers

Check out the “From Orientation To Graduation” blog.
The blog features student interns who post notes about their initial steps into the business world, the challenges they face as interns, and how they are applying their classroom theories and extracurricular activities to practice. “From Orientation To Graduation” is a great place to read about the experiences and contributions being made by a select group of undergraduate students. The blog also offers other students considering internships next year insight and advice on what to expect. As well as career advice and tips throughout the year.
fisher.osu.edu/blogs/ug-career-mgmt

Enroll in Business Administration 2600 (offered spring semester).
This is a speaker series course with a focus on business enrichment for Fisher undergraduate students. While open to all business majors, this class is structured to benefit sophomores who are exploring the many fields of business study. During the course a variety of business and community leaders share their personal and professional life stories with a focus on their own challenges and successes.

Talk to people!
Informational interviewing is a method of career exploration and a way of discovering jobs not publicly advertised. It is not the same as a job interview. Informational interviewing allows you to talk with people already in the industry you have targeted. By obtaining informational interviews, you have gained access to the “inside information” regarding career paths, alternate careers that will use your skills, and people to contact who may be looking for an employee like you.

Peer Career Coaches in the Office of Career Management and Peers Advisors in the Undergraduate Programs and Advising Office are students who are happy to talk with you and answer questions about their experience in selecting a specialization.

Get Involved!
Student organizations are a great way to meet new people (alumni, employers, and peers) and to learn about specializations. There are over 30 student organizations in Fisher.
fisher.osu.campuslabs/engage/

Review job descriptions in Handshake or on company websites.
Job descriptions help you learn what skills and qualifications employers are seeking in candidates and the type of information you will be learning in a specialization.

Utilize the Occupational Outlook Handbook.
For hundreds of different types of jobs the Occupational Outlook Handbook tells you: the training and education needed, earnings, expected job prospects, what workers do on the job, and working conditions. In addition, the handbook gives you job search tips, links to information about the job market in each state, and more.
bls.gov/ocoandsalesforcemangement

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