

Hospitality & Tourism Management (HTM)

FAQ - CODO Students

1. **What types of careers can I get with a Hospitality and Tourism Management degree?**

Answer: The Hospitality and Tourism Management program's main focus is operational management and leadership. Your degree will prepare you for a variety of careers in the hospitality industry and beyond. Examples of positions recent graduates have accepted include; general managers, assistant general managers, recruiters, marketing representatives, event managers, and kitchen designers.

2. **Who hires Hospitality and Tourism Management graduates?**

Answer: Many different companies from traditional hospitality and tourism industries such as; **hotels** (Marriott, White Lodging, and Hyatt), **restaurants** (J. Alexander's, Pappas, and City Barbeque), **resorts** (The Breakers, Lake Lawn Resorts, and French Lick), **commercial food service including sport arenas** (Aramark and Compass), **event planning** (Ritz Charles, PSVA, and Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau), **theme parks** (Disney, Cedar Point, and Six Flags America), **gaming and entertainment** (Penn National, Horseshoe Casino, and D Las Vegas Casino Hotel), **country clubs** (Catawba Island Club and Westmoreland country club), **convention centers** (University Center) and many more. In addition to the traditional companies, the following companies also hire our graduates: Chateau Elan Winery & Resort, Buckingham Companies, Ecolab, Raymond Management, Republic National Distributing Company, Association for Healthcare Foodservice, Commercial Foodservice Consultants and Equipment Providers, Hormel Foods Corporation, Crew Carwash and the list goes on. Please visit https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/htm/undergraduate/career_center/recruiting.html for additional companies in these industries.

3. **Does the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management assist students in finding a job?**

Answer: We assist students in several ways. First, HTM has its own in-house Career Center (Room 128, Marriott). Around 65 hospitality and tourism management companies come to campus each year to interview our students. Additionally, we hold two career fairs annually, a large fair in the fall which attracts 50 to 65 companies annually. There is a second fair in the spring which is attended by approximately 25 of the top companies from the fall fair. We also hold other professional development activities throughout the year. Hospitality management students are also encouraged to utilize the Center for Career Opportunities.

4. **Is an Internship required?**

Answer: Yes, students in the Hospitality and Tourism Management program will complete two experiential learning courses (HTM 202-Work Experience and HTM 302-Internship) internships (or field experiences) prior to graduating. To fulfill the experiential learning courses, internship requirements, students must have six credit hours in HTM course work completed, be in the HTM program at the time of employment, and be registered in either HTM 20200 (work experience) or HTM 30200 (Internship) in the semester they are working. The student must be paid for these experiences and must work at least 320 hours. Students will also fulfill all the written academic internship assignments and attend a small group session/syllabus meeting and complete our 46 question on-line quiz.

5. **Since internships are required, how do you help students find positions?**

Answer: Learning how to secure a position is part of the learning experience. The HTM Career Center assists students in securing a position and offers a variety of resources to assist students including, but not limited to: the HTM Annual Fall & Spring Career fair, other on-campus career fairs in the fall and spring; clubs and organization participation where industry speakers or site visits are key; departmental contacts with program alumni offering positions; professional development activities throughout the year where students and industry professionals are brought together; the use of Purdue's www.cco.purdue.edu career services website & job databases and Career Wiki.

6. Explain the current CODO policy.

Answer: Prospective hospitality and tourism management students are highly encouraged to attend an HTM CODO Advising & Information Session <https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/major-change/>. Register for one that fits into your schedule (meet with an HTM advisor in person). All students will be provided a personal plan of study at the CODO information session (in person session only). To CODO, a student must complete 12 credits at Purdue and be in good academic standing.

7. What if I attend a CODO meeting and I don't meet the criteria now but would still want to pursue the major when I meet the CODO requirements in the future?

Answer: We maintain a database of all students who have attended a CODO information advising session. We will contact all students regularly who qualify. Students who have attended a CODO information session may see an HTM Advisor as needed. We encourage all serious students to meet regularly during registration periods.

8. If I am to CODO, how long will it take me to graduate?

Answer: All students must follow the 4-semester sequence once accepted into HTM. The sequence is as follows: HTM 141 (or MGMT 20000) >> HTM 24100 (or MGMT 20100) >> HTM 34100>> HTM 49200 & HTM 49900. In order to graduate, you will need to take these courses in the appropriate order, fulfill all of the required courses and complete at least 120 credit hours. When you come to a CODO information session, a personalized plan of study will be provided.

9. What can I expect regarding communication for HTM students?

Answer: A lot of vital up to the minute information is posted on the HTM website at www.hhs.purdue.edu/htm (click on "Current Students"). We also send out e-mail announcements about job or internship opportunities, leadership opportunities, and registration reminders. While some info you receive by email from us may not be of interest to you, we will not email you junk mail so we expect you to review all e-mail correspondence from advisors before deleting!