



Global Supply Chain Management

Detroit – The Epicenter of automotive supply chain

Located in Detroit, the Mike Ilitch School of Business at Wayne State University enjoys close proximity and professional ties to Ford, Fiat-Chrysler and GM, providing a strategic supply chain hub for automotive production and the perfect learning environment for students of Global Supply Chain Management (GSCM). International students enrolled in either our undergraduate or graduate degree programs are eligible to interview for internships, while those graduating from either program are eligible to interview for optional professional training positions with automotive manufacturers and Tier one suppliers. Tier one suppliers are companies who are direct suppliers to automotive manufacturers.

Supporting the Big Three are numerous Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Tier 1 suppliers, also headquartered in metro Detroit, providing for the largest network of supply chain professionals anywhere in the world for one industry. A rich environment for current professionals as well as students, Detroit is the epicenter of the global automotive supply chain.

GSCM at the Mike Ilitch School of Business

As a GSCM major at the Mike Ilitch School of Business, you'll prepare for a successful global career by developing expertise in all aspects of supply chain through 13, three-credit hour courses comprising our core and major curriculum. Accounting, finance, information systems management, management and marketing will be covered in our core program, while the following areas are studied within the GSCM itself:

Global Supply Chain Management Program

- Supply Chain and Distribution Strategy
- GSCM Management
- Strategic Procurement
- Principles of Quality Management
- Analysis and Planning

Topics covered include:

- Purchasing
- Risk Management
- Logistics
- Production control
- Quality assurance
- Managing raw materials, inventory, product plans and finished product

- Developing transportation and logistics strategies
- Merging transportation policies with production, schedules and marketing plans

U.S. Internship and Optional Professional Training (OPT) Opportunities

Because of our curriculum and our on-going relationships with each of the OEMs and many OEM suppliers, we are aware of their growing need to develop global talent. We currently are developing opportunities for full time (12 credit hours) students enrolled at Wayne State University, to intern in the U.S. at automotive and supplier headquarters. Hired students will learn the company's operations, processes and culture, returning to their home country with valuable real-world corporate experience.

However, it should be clearly understood that internships and OPT positions are offered at the sole discretion of the interviewing employer and are not guaranteed by Wayne State University (WSU).

Internships

Open to both undergraduate and graduate business students, internships are non-paid opportunities for international students to work in a position for a U.S. employer related to their degree objective. Internships are jointly supervised by both the employer and faculty member. Once an employer has been secured, the student will register for the three-credit hour internship in order to begin the semester long experience, with the work schedule agreed upon by both the employer and student.

Optional Professional Training (OPT)

Highly coveted career opportunities, the business school provides eligible graduates the opportunity to work in their field of study in a paid optional professional training (OPT) program for up to one-year following graduation. Employers include automotive manufacturers and Tier one suppliers.