



ISM Approved

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



University
of San Diego



THE USD ADVANTAGE

Other supply chain management programs may share certain core curriculum elements, but the University of San Diego's Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (MS-SCM) distinguishes itself in several exceptional ways.

IN OCTOBER 2007, THE MS-SCM BECAME THE FIRST MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM TO RECEIVE APPROVAL BY THE PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE FOR SUPPLY MANAGEMENT (ISM), THE LARGEST SUPPLY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION IN THE WORLD.



This professional stamp of approval was earned in part due to the innovative academic approach USD has developed to prepare students for success in this emerging field.

The University of San Diego has helped to professionalize and shape the industry by providing supply chain management education to students at the undergraduate and graduate levels for more than 25 years. Given the university's overarching commitment to a values-infused education, graduates of USD's supply chain management program also walk away with another key marketplace advantage — a seamless integration of supply chain management knowledge combined with responsible leadership. Our graduates have a keen understanding of the power that supply chain management carries to affect positive change in an increasingly interconnected global economy.

TWO YEARS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Given the significant investment of resources and sacrifices that our students make to earn their master's degrees, we work diligently to ensure that the education they receive is a transformative one. Successful students are those who learn as much about themselves while enrolled in the program as they do about the principles and practices of supply chain management.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAM

With this in mind, the ISM Approved MS-SCM has been designed as a highly personalized, relevant and rigorous learning experience for working professionals. Delivered over two 12-month phases — with a two-month renewal break between — our approach incorporates a cohort-based format that stimulates lively exchange and teamwork among a group of diverse and committed professionals. We place a high emphasis on reflective learning, and all students produce their own personal learning portfolio and journal under the focused guidance of their individual program mentor.

We deliver our program through a mix of online and on-campus learning to accommodate the many competing demands on working professionals' time. Students can adapt their study patterns to suit their work and life commitments, as well as their specific interests and ambitions. Current students and alumni tell us that this “high-tech, high-touch” approach provides far more practical and relevant learning, greater interaction with experienced colleagues and much closer involvement with faculty than is offered in more traditionally structured programs.

RELEVANT CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is rich with practical examples, case studies, facility tours and real-life exercises, which serve to ground the theoretical principles of supply chain management in contemporary reality. To capitalize on their learning, students are provided with the opportunity to lead valuable organizational change in the integrative project courses which are expressly designed to deliver improvements to their organizations' supply chains and achieve significant bottom-line benefits.

EXPERIENCED FACULTY

Our faculty members have extensive experience in their fields of specialization and are dedicated to challenging students while guiding them through the intricacies of modern supply chain knowledge and practice. In addition to providing the skills needed in today's complex supply chains, our dedication to student development through mentoring truly offers two years that will change your life.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The ISM Approved Master of Science in Supply Chain Management is a 36-unit program consisting of two phases. Completion of Phase I leads to the award of the Graduate Certificate in Supply Chain Management (GC-SCM). Students then have the option of matriculating into Phase II to complete the MS-SCM.

SEE THE POSSIBILITIES

Phase I of the program concentrates on developing students' knowledge and capability in the practice of evidence-based supply chain management. This involves understanding how supply chains operate and are managed, examining principles of world-class supply management, engaging in a thorough appreciation of the financial dimensions of supply chain costs and expanding project management skills. Phase I also provides a thorough grounding in the vital art of negotiation.

DRIVE THE CHANGE

In the second phase of the program, students build on the knowledge they gained in Phase I to concentrate on developing capabilities to become effective and responsible leaders of change in supply chain management. This phase engages students in a critical development of their leadership, strategic change and global-influencing skills. Students learn how to meet suppliers where they are and work cooperatively with them to achieve maximum efficiency and profitability.

"I BELIEVE THE BEST PART OF THIS ONLINE PROGRAM IS THE COLLABORATION AMONGST THE VARIOUS STUDENTS WHO COME FROM ALL DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES. I RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM TO THOSE WHO WANT TO BE CHALLENGED AND WHO WANT TO RECEIVE MORE THAN A DEGREE BUT A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE."

CANDICE T. JANUARY '04

"THE FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS REAL-WORLD RESULTS AS PART OF THE PROGRAM CURRICULUM."

**DAVE ATKINS, DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTION,
NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION, PROGRAM SPONSOR**

MARKS OF DISTINCTION

FLEXIBLE AND PERSONALIZED DELIVERY

The MS-SCM employs a “high-tech, high-touch” approach by combining the benefits of online learning with the personalization of face-to-face instruction. Students come to campus three times per year to participate in interactive sessions with their co-learners and the faculty. The MS-SCM encourages students to critically evaluate how they learn and to reflect on both the subject matter and the way in which they interpret it. By doing this, students gain deeper insights.

APPLIED LEARNING

The MS-SCM focuses heavily on applied learning by encouraging students to incorporate course principles and concepts into their organizations to generate greater efficiency and profitability. Faculty members are well-equipped to support this applied learning approach given their extensive experience as global industry leaders and consultants.

EXPANDED PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

The MS-SCM is a cohort-based, lock-step program involving collaborative teamwork and peer support in which students build valuable relationships with their co-learners that last a lifetime. Likewise, the alumni network provides a platform for life-long collaboration, exchange of ideas and resource-sharing opportunities.

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As the largest supply management institute in the world, the mission of ISM is to lead supply management. By executing and extending its mission through education, research, standards of excellence, influence building and information dissemination, ISM continues to extend the global impact of supply management. ISM's membership base includes more than 40,000 supply management professionals in 75 countries. Supply management professionals are responsible for trillions of dollars in the purchases of products and services annually. By obtaining the ISM Approved Master of Science in Supply Chain Management, students have a unique opportunity to become a part of this influential community of leaders.

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JOE SEPULVEDA '04

“THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. IT HELPED ME TO ACHIEVE MANY OF MY PERSONAL GOALS, AS WELL AS FIND A NEW POSITION.”

RUTHY ACEVEDO '08



ELIGIBILITY

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum two years of appropriate work experience

INQUIRIES

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ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Our admissions staff guides prospective students through every step of the admissions process, from questions about the application packet to the admissions interview.

FINANCIAL AID

Flexible payment plans can be established for individuals whether they are self-sponsored or utilizing corporate reimbursement programs.





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