

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

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Mission Statement: “Learning by Doing”

The Management Department’s Mission Statement, ‘Learning by Doing,’ is espoused by our diverse group of faculty whose interests and responsibilities include general management, strategic management, entrepreneurship, human resource management, organizational theory and behavior, production and operations management, global business, supply chain, and the legal environment of business.

Our courses, concentrations, minors, and certificates emphasize experiential learning. We expose students to the latest technological developments, global perspectives, ethics, and legal and business environment changes. Our programs produce graduates who have a strong foundation in management principles with the necessary analytical skills to assume leadership roles in business and society. Our students learn to think critically and communicate effectively, working with real business leaders across their time with us. Graduates of our program are well-prepared to pursue careers in various fields, including banking, construction, insurance, manufacturing, transportation, public administration, retailing, and entrepreneurship.

Degrees

- Management, Bachelor of Science (723) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/management-bs/>)

Minors

- Business Administration, Minor (332) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/business-administration-minor/>)
- Entrepreneurship, Minor (355) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/entrepreneurship-minor/>)
- Global Business, Minor (333) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/international-business-minor/>)

Certificates

- Creativity and Innovation Management, Certificate (1773) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/creativity-and-innovation-management-certificate/>)
- Executive Influence in Organizations, Certificate (1774) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/executive-influence-in-organizations-certificate/>)
- Managing Inclusive Organizations, Certificate (1775) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/management/managing-inclusive-organizations-certificate/>)

- Brewing and Distilling Arts & Sciences, Certificate (1733) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-programs/brewing-distilling-arts-sciences-certificate/>)

Faculty Professor

Paula W. Burt PhD (Business Administration), University of Kentucky, 1997
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