

Our Vision

The Hospitality Management Department at Kansas State University will be an internationally recognized program for preparing the next generation of leaders in their respective professions.



Our Mission

The mission of the Event Management track at Kansas State University is to prepare students for their professional careers by providing a combination of theory-based instruction and immersive practical experience. Students will gain valuable involvement in the industry to prepare them with necessary tools and knowledge for future success.



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Convention, Meeting & Event Management

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

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competence



Affiliations & Opportunities

Professional Events Management Society

PEMS is a student organization that specializes in exploring the various areas of event planning. PEMS members network with professionals through national student memberships in **Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA)** and/or **Meeting Professionals International (MPI)**. PEMS participation enhances classroom learning, and increases the visibility of event management and its career opportunities. It also stimulates the flow of information between members and alumni, faculty, and professionals.

Conferences

Every year **PEMS** members attend various conferences in order to build connections with industry professionals and learn about current trends in events. Club members have attended annual events through **MPI**, **PCMA**, and **IMEX**. Through these conferences and others, students are given the opportunity to establish important networking connections, develop peer relationships, and learn more about the business.

Faculty-Led Trips

The Department of Hospitality Management provides international study opportunities for students to increase learning through immersive experiences in another culture. Faculty has led study trips to Korea, France, Costa Rica, and Ireland. To encourage students to participate in these international experiences, the department provides scholarships to help offset the cost. Scholarships are also available from the College of Human Ecology.

Internships

Each student has the opportunity to increase their real-world experience in the industry through immersive professional internships throughout the world. Here are some examples of internships that students have completed:

Events and Production Intern

AMC Theatre Support Center - Leawood, KS

Event Coordination/Logistics Intern

Shiny Projects - London, UK

Convention Coordinator Intern

Planet Comicon - Overland Park, KS

Banquet and Wedding Event Planner

Lotte Hotel - Seoul, Korea

Sales/Catering/Conference Intern

The Broadmoor - Colorado Springs, CO

Assistant Event Intern

Jackson Family Wines – Santa Rosa, CA

What Students Are Saying

With the encouragement of my advisors and instructors, I was able to take advantage of the opportunity to complete an events internship in London. It was there that I was able to further develop the communication and professional skills that will enable me to be successful in my future career.

-Ashley T.



My experience at KSU while studying Event Management has been filled with engaging professors and courses that have enriched my knowledge and passion for this exciting industry.

-Tess T.

