**Hospitality Degree Programs in Louisiana**

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in becoming part of a colorful and multicultural atmosphere, consider the various academic programs leading to hospitality degrees in Louisiana. In a state so rich in culture and tourism, a career in the hospitality industry could be both financially and personally rewarding. Tourism plays a major part in the state’s economy, with visitors drawn particularly to the urban areas of New Orleans and Baton Rouge and the more rural deltas, which house one of the most diverse selections of plant and animal life in the country.

**Delgado Community College**

**Business and Technology Division**

With eight locations, Delgado Community College serves more than 30,000 students through campus-based and online courses, making it the second largest college in the state and the oldest and largest community college in Louisiana. With seven divisions offering 35 Associate degree programs, 73 certificate and technical competency programs, and 100 non-credit courses, students are prepared for both immediate entry into the workforce field of their choice or for transfer and more advance studies at a four-year university. The various programs that fall under the service and hospitality industry umbrella are housed in the Business and Technology division.

**Hospitality Management, A.A.S.**

The Associate of Applied Science degree in hospitality management is designed to prepare students for entry-level and mid-management positions within the hospitality industry. The program requires completion of 60-62 credit hours, which include general education requirements, program required courses, related required courses, and coursework in concentration of the student’s choice. All students within this program take coursework in the areas of hospitality operations and management, travel and tourism, revenue management and law, food and beverage management, and convention management. Related coursework covers subjects such as interpersonal communication, cultural diversity, management principles, and macroeconomics. Finally, students take courses in their chosen area of concentration, choosing from Hotel & Lodging Management, Tourism, or Food & Beverage Management. Coursework is combined with practical learning experiences throughout the program. Upon completion of this program, students may also choose to continue studying with the School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Administration at the University of New Orleans.

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**Grambling State University**

**College of Arts & Sciences**

Grambling State University is a small college with the academic strength of a major university. With 68 degree programs offered within five colleges, most students can earn both undergraduate and graduate degrees in their field of choice here. The College of Arts & Sciences, in addition to housing divisions for the various liberal arts majors, also provides for the hospitality degree described below within its Family & Consumer Sciences department. The College strives to induce a climate of intellectual growth and stimulation throughout all of its programs and departments, in keeping with the goals of the university.

**Bachelor of Science with a major in Hotel/Restaurant Management**

This degree is designed to provide students with a broad base in hotel and restaurant managerial skills needed within the hospitality industry, along with a concentration of the student’s choice in a specific area of the industry. The degree requires completion of 124 credit hours consisting of general education requirements, major core requirements and electives, and concentration coursework. Because this is a Bachelor of Science degree, the general education requirements include a heavy dose of mathematics and science courses rather than numerous liberal arts courses. Students interested in working within a particular area of the hospitality industry, such as sales and marketing, food service only, or hotel and lodging only, can choose a concentration in meeting and conventions, food and beverage, or hospitality lodging, respectively. Otherwise, the student can stick with the general concentration in hotel/restaurant management. Upon graduation, students can seek employment in clubs, spas, catering, and conventions, as well as hotels and restaurants.

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**Northwestern State University**

**College of Science, Technology & Business**

Northwestern State University in Louisiana is a four-year public university and is one of the nine public universities that make up the University of Louisiana System. Courses within The College of Science, Technology & Business affect every student of the university in some way, in that courses within this college are found in every major area of study and provide a foundation for almost every curriculum. Within its wide variety of departments are included several of the sciences and mathematics, as well as business and technology, computers, and veterinary technology. The degree detailed below falls under the jurisdiction of the department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management and Tourism**

The hospitality management and tourism Bachelor of Science degree is one of three offered within the Family and Consumer Sciences department. For this degree, a total of 120 semester hours are required, of which 59 hours must be within the hospitality and tourism major, 24 hours must be within a hospitality management and tourism concentration, and 21 hours of electives must be applied toward completion of an approved minor. Concentrations to choose from are Culinary Arts and Travel and Tourism, each with specific requisite courses that make up the required number of semester hours. Students seeking this degree will have prerequisite coursework prescribed from their first semester at the University, with subjects that include health education, nutrition, and family and consumer science, as well as those directly related to hospitality management and tourism. These are courses taken regardless of which concentration area is chosen as part of the major.

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**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

**BI Moody III College of Business Administration**

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is the second largest university in the state, but strives to make every student and member of staff feel like family. It emphasizes interdisciplinary study across its varied colleges and departments, and maintains that it is all about inclusion. The College of Business Administration seeks to create graduates who are ethical and technologically capable professionals in their chosen fields and who will serve and give back to the community, both locally and globally. The hospitality management degree described below is a fairly recent acquisition that was previously part of the College of Applied Life Sciences.

**Hospitality Management (Baccalaureate)**

Hospitality management is one of the fastest growing industries in the world, and students involved in this undergraduate program at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette will take coursework which focuses on the management and promotion of all areas of the hospitality industry. The curriculum covers areas of the travel and tourism industry that include lodging, food service operations, entertainment, attractions, conventions, transportation, and other tourism services. Students will have a solid foundation in the tenets of managing and running the business side of all of these areas within the hospitality industry. Students also gain practical experience through hands-on labs, job shadowing, part-time jobs, and internships. In the student’s last semester, a management level internship is required and can be completed with one of several business partners that regularly work with the university and College of Business Administration. Upon graduation, students are prepared to enter lower level management but often advance rapidly.

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**University of New Orleans**

**College of Business Administration**

The University of New Orleans is a selective admission, comprehensive urban research university providing undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of arts, sciences, humanities, and professional programs. The College of Business Administration offers degrees and houses departments covering all areas of business, including marketing, finance, accounting, and management, as well as the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism offering the Bachelor of Science degree detailed below. The College emphasizes community involvement, leadership, and service, as well as excellence in education and research.

**Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism**

This degree is first and foremost a business degree that emphasizes the business aspects of the hotel, restaurant, and tourism industry. Students will take coursework in finance and marketing as well as the core courses in hotel, restaurant, and tourism administration. At total of 120 credit hours are needed to complete this degree, with 34 specifically focused on the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism requirements. These 34 consist of 22 credit hours in core courses and 12 electives. The electives can be taken as a concentration in one area of the hospitality industry, including areas of Hotel and Lodging, Convention and Event Management, Food and Beverage Management, and Tourism. Students who do not choose an area of concentration may choose electives from any of these. In addition to classroom learning, students are required to complete 600 hours of work experience in the industry, providing practical experience and acquisition of real-world skills.

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Regardless of which area of the hospitality industry you choose, this state has much to offer in jobs and careers in this ever-growing field. Seeking hospitality degrees in Louisiana is a great way to get you started on an interesting and satisfying career with plenty of room for growth.