

# OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT MAJOR

## Is Operations Management For Me?

Find out by answering the following questions. If you answer yes to most of them, read on to learn more. If not, try one of the other **Major Profiles**.

	No	Yes
Are you enterprising, realistic, or social?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you assertive, persuasive, or extroverted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you like to initiate projects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you like to take charge of situations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you make important decisions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you good at leading a group?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## What is Operations Management?

The major in operations management provides a strong managerial and technical education to students interested in the field of operations management (e.g., manufacturing planning and control, supply-chain management, project management, process management and quality management).

### What Course Will I Take?

- Business Core Classes
- Operations Management
- Achieve III- Operations Management
- Operations Planning and Control
- Operations Strategy
- Process Management
- Project Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Electronic Commerce

### What Are Some Related Majors?

- General Management
- Human Resources Management
- Management Information Systems

## What Skills Will I Develop?

The program will provide students with the fundamental knowledge they need to work effectively in operations functions, as well as advanced knowledge about best practices, current technologies, tools and their application, and leadership skills necessary to operate in a globally diverse and competitive marketplace.

## Where Could I Work?

Industrial production managers split their time between the production area and a nearby office. When they are working in the production area, they may have to wear protective equipment such as a helmet or safety goggles. The manufacturing industries employing the most industrial production managers in 2010 are as follows:

Fabricated metal product manufacturing	10%
Transportation equipment manufacturing	9
Chemical manufacturing	8
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	7

(Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13)

## Related Careers

International Business Manager	Advertising Manager	Health Engineer
Safety Engineer	Construction Manager	Industrial Engineer

## Employment Outlook

Employment of industrial production managers is projected to grow 9 percent from 2010 to 2020, slower than the average for all occupations. Most of these managers are employed in various manufacturing industries, which are expected to decline as manufacturing continues to experience foreign competition. In addition, the manufacturing process is becoming more automated, which is expected to cause job declines in the field. However, because managers coordinate the work of workers and machines, their employment is not expected to decline as fast as overall manufacturing employment (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13).

## Salary Expectations

The median annual wage of industrial production managers was \$87,160 in May 2010 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13).

## Where Can I Get More Information?

School of Business Administration	<a href="http://www.oakland.edu/undergrad">www.oakland.edu/undergrad</a>
Academic Advising at OU	<a href="http://www.oakland.edu/advising/">www.oakland.edu/advising/</a>
Major Exploration at OU	<a href="http://www.oakland.edu/firstyearadvising">www.oakland.edu/firstyearadvising</a>
Alpha Kappa Psi- Business Fraternity	<a href="http://www.akpsiou.com">www.akpsiou.com</a>
Association for Operations Management	<a href="http://www.apics.org">www.apics.org</a>