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Supply chain management is a high-growth industry. At the national level, the logistics sector is projected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to increase 10.3 percent through 2026, adding nearly 13 million jobs with a median annual wage of \$74,590. In Florida, the development of the supply chain management talent pool is highlighted as a core need for workforce development*. This new graduate program is a direct response to employers' requests for advanced training opportunities.

The MS in Supply Chain Management is a 32-credit-hour graduate degree designed for working professionals who need this advanced training. Students kick off their coursework with one week on campus at the beginning of each semester where they meet with professors and fellow classmates. The remainder of coursework is completed online.

*Florida Trade & Logistics Study 2.0 (Florida Chamber, 2013)

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Courses focus on hands-on learning of the fundamentals of 21st century supply chain management including network design, sustainable supply chain management, and lean six sigma. Beyond the fundamentals, the curriculum equips students to manage supply chain challenges of Industry 4.0 with tools in supply chain analytics, technology innovation, and risk management.

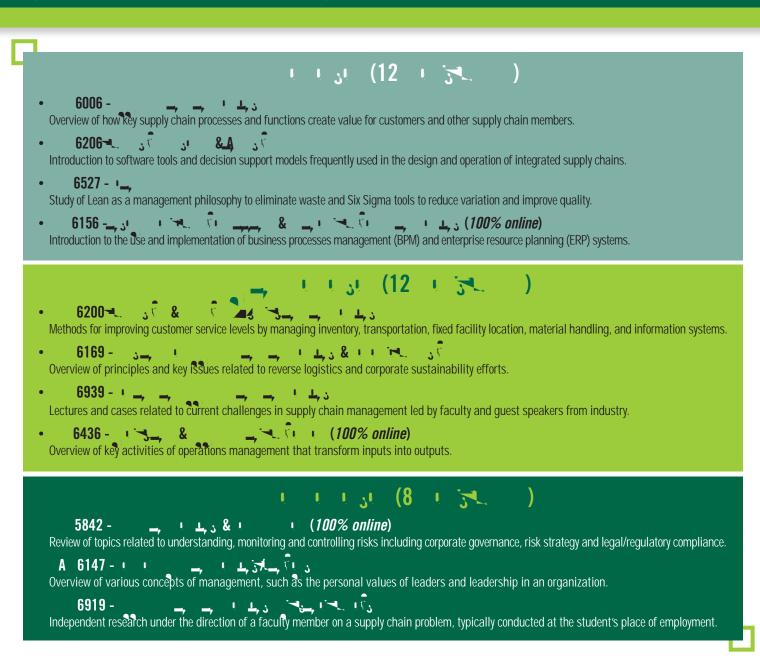
Our aim is to equip future supply chain leaders with up-to-date tools, leadership skills, and an expanded network of business colleagues.

The seminar course, tailored to each cohort, takes a deep dive into leading-edge supply chain topics such as blockchain, robotics, IoT, or smart manufacturing. Courses wrap up with a capstone project that tackles a supply chain problem from the student's workplace.

Monica Wooden, cofounder and former CEO of MercuryGate International, donated \$5 million to support USF's goal of providing a world-class program in supply chain education, research and business outreach. Her generous gift boosts the center's (sincenamed the Monica Wooden Center for Supply Chain Management & Sustainability) ability to provide the talent needed to achieve Florida's aim of becoming a hub for global commerce.



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^{*}Dates provided are for example purposes only. Exact dates vary by semester.