The Food Business Management program at OSU prepares graduates for managerial positions. Food business managers maintain the largest and most efficient food production system in history. It is the nation’s largest industry, with great need for graduates with knowledge of both food science and business practices. Opportunities abound, and vary from small startup companies to global corporations.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

- **Management and Industry**
  - Product Development Manager
  - Plant Manager
  - Quality Control Supervisor
  - Senior Executive
  - Food Broker
  - Ingredient Sales Manager
  - Director of Food Safety
  - Restaurant Manager
  - Food Consultant
  - Chain Analyst
  - Caterer
  - **Communication and Media**
    - Marketing Director
    - Publisher
    - Consumer Affairs Specialist
    - Communications Director
  - **Health Professions**
    - Dietician
    - Nutritionist
  - **Science and Technology**
    - Product Development Scientist
  - **Food Process Engineer**
  - **Education**
    - Professor
    - Education Coordinator
    - Market Researcher
  - **Government/Politics**
    - FDA/USDA Inspector
    - Lawyer

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*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Artistic Design
- Basic Computer Skills
- Business Fundamentals
- Biology Focus
- Chemistry Focus
- Economics and Accounting
- Law and Policy Awareness
- Mathematic Skills
- Listening Skills
- Negotiating
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Speaking Effectively
- Written Communication
- Cultural Understanding
- Social Perceptiveness
- Teamwork
- Defining Needs
- Developing Evaluation
- Strategies
- Forecasting/Predicting
- Identifying Problems
- Research Skills
- Setting Goals
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Attention to Detail
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Administrative Skills
- Prioritizing Tasks
- Creating Innovative Solutions
- Data Analysis
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- *Internship Required*

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)*

**Professional Links:**

- OSU Food Science Club: [http://student.fst.ohio-state.edu/fscclub/index.htm](http://student.fst.ohio-state.edu/fscclub/index.htm)
- International Food and Agribusiness Management Association: [https://www.ifama.org/default.aspx](https://www.ifama.org/default.aspx)

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