



TRAVEL AND TOURISM



College of DuPage

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The Travel and Tourism program at College of DuPage is designed for individuals who plan to enter the travel industry or professionals who desire to update their skills. Career opportunities are available in an exciting variety of areas including airline, ship, travel agencies, tour operators, destination management companies, tourism bureaus and convention industries. The Travel and Tourism degree requires a minimum of 65 credits in program requirements, program electives and general education. The Travel and Tourism Professional certificate requires 36 credits specifically in the Travel program.



WHY COLLEGE OF DUPAGE IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Whether you are preparing for a career in Travel and Tourism or planning to transfer to a four-year baccalaureate-granting institution, College of DuPage has the right program for you.

We offer:

- Dedicated instructors with years of practical industry and teaching experience.
- Instruction using top-notch facilities, equipment and resources.
- Affordable programs to help students achieve success without creating overwhelming debt.
- Small class sizes that ensure students receive personalized instruction and attention from instructors.
- An articulated transfer program.
- Member of the American Society of Travel Agents

SOME OF OUR CLASSES:

Introduction to Travel and Tourism*
Principles of the Travel Industry*
Introduction to World Destinations*
Principles of the Tourism Industry*

Travel Geography and Culture
Cruise Industry Sales
Revenues, Fairs and E-Ticketing
Global Distribution Systems
Tour Escorting, Planning and Operations
State and National Parks

**The Travel and Tourism Foundations certificate prepares a student for entry into the Travel and Tourism industry. The certificate requires only four classes. This certificate can also be taken entirely online.*

Amy Kolesar always thought air travel was exciting, and the desire to travel all over the world first interested her in the industry.

“When I began attending classes at COD, my goal was to become a travel agent. After attending some of the travel-specific courses, I soon discovered working for an airline was a better fit for me. I was lucky enough to tour United Airline’s Reservation Center while attending COD. I have been working for United Airlines for the past 17 years. Whenever anyone asks, I am always so proud to tell people where I work. I feel COD’s Travel program is excellent. Anyone considering a career in the travel industry should seriously consider attending COD.”



TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

If you plan to continue your education beyond College of DuPage, earning an Associate in Arts to prepare for transfer to a four-year school might be perfect for you. Our expert faculty can advise you on choosing a particular area of interest as you go through the program.

3+1 Bachelor of Science with Roosevelt University

College of DuPage partners with Roosevelt University to offer a convenient, affordable and streamlined approach to students who are earning an A.A.S. degree in the following degree areas:

- AAS Degree in Baking and Pastry to BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- AAS Degree in Culinary Arts to BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- AAS Degree in Hospitality/Tourism Management to BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- AAS Degree in Meeting/Event Planning to BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- AAS Degree in Restaurant Management to BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- AAS Degree in Travel and Tourism to BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are another funding source for students at College of DuPage. Eligibility varies, as does the amount of each scholarship. Scholarships can be based on academic achievement, financial need, field of study and population. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for scholarships through College of DuPage or outside resources. Remember, the more scholarships and grants you receive, the less loan money you may need to borrow. Go to cod.edu/scholarships for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The Travel and Tourism program lives under the Hospitality umbrella at College of DuPage. Under this umbrella is a number of interdisciplinary areas that overlap in industry such as airlines, restaurants, cruise industry, tour operators, concierge, lodging, tourism bureau and so much more.

By 2024, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that wage and salary jobs in the hospitality industry will grow by eight percent. In the United States, travel and tourism are among the nation’s largest services export industries, and one of America’s largest employers. According to the American Hotel and Lodging Association, hospitality ranks among the top-10 largest industries in 48 states in addition to the District of Columbia. According to CNN Business the travel and transportation industry brings in \$236 billion annually.



COMMON CAREERS IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel Advisor
Adventure Travel Guide
Tour Escort
Flight Attendant
Hotel Concierge
Travel Blogger
Corporate Sales
Tourism Marketing
Tour Operator
Travel Writer
Cruise Consultant
Cruise or Rail Employee

Joel Johnson, COD Graduate

“I wanted to work in a field that dealt with the knowledge of travel. Anything from different destinations and languages to cultures and people interested me a lot. COD helped me start my path, opened my eyes up to many opportunities and made me realize what I wanted to do in life. There are many wonderful faculty who helped me get a scholarship to affordably live abroad for a year. I have made so many wonderful and unforgettable experiences and connections ... and I credit COD for helping me make this possible.”



GETTING STARTED

If you are considering this program as an area of study:

- Visit our website at cod.edu/travel
- Consult with the following:
 - Laura Lerdal, Culinary Market and Lab Coordinator
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 - Anna Gay, Program Support Specialist,
Berg Instructional Center (BIC), Room 1441
(630) 942-2502, gayanna@cod.edu
 - Jim Mulyk, Chair and Faculty
Culinary & Hospitality Center (CHC), Room 2021B
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Contact the Arts, Communication, and Hospitality division office:
McAninch Arts Center (MAC), Room 219, (630) 942-2048

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