

Top3
school
QS World
University Ranking

N.2 worldwide

> for Employer Reputation

17.5K alumni

Globe

+30
years
of excellence in
Hospitality Education

About SHMS

Swiss Hotel Management School (SHMS) is one of the world's leading hospitality schools, where genuine care meets Swiss excellence. Students live and learn in iconic palace hotels for an authentic and immersive learning experience. SHMS fosters a culture of belonging, integrity, and mastery—shaping hospitality professionals who are not only skilled, but truly driven to make a difference, exemplifying the honest care of true hoteliers.





Caux Campus

Study surrounded by stunning views and timeless Swiss grandeur at our Caux Palace campus overlooking Lake Geneva.

Leysin Campus

At our Leysin campus in the Swiss Alps, live and learn in two historic palace hotels, The Belvedere and Mont-Blanc Palace, connected by a private Skytrain.

Why SHMS?

- Global leader in hospitality education since 1992
- Multi-campus, hands-on education in iconic former palace hotels
- Perfect balance between practical and academic learning for career-ready graduates
- Worldwide internship opportunities
- Two degrees: one from SHMS, one from the University of Derby, UK
- Swiss Advanced Federal Diploma





Why study in Switzerland?

- Birthplace of hospitality excellence
- One of the safest countries in the world
- N°1 country in the world to achieve career goals
- Most innovative country in the world
- · Renowned for luxury, finance, and hospitality
- Swiss Rivera lifestyle

English Foundation Program

Location Leysin Campus Duration 10 weeks

Boost your English and academic skills before starting your degree. This program builds language confidence for success at university and in your hospitality career.

- Improve English to meet IELTS/DELT admission requirements
- Strengthen study skills for university-level learning
- Explore cultural and academic expectations in hospitality

Immersion Foundation Program

Location Leysin Campus Duration 4 weeks

Settle into life in Switzerland and gain a head start on your studies. This program builds confidence through hands-on learning and academic preparation.

- Build hospitality communication skills for class and internships
- Strengthen study techniques for university success
- Understand Swiss culture and academic expectations



Access Foundation Program

Location Leysin Campus Duration 18 weeks

Unlock higher education access, whether you have previous industry experience or are looking for a fresh start to achieve your academic goals. This program equips you with both academic and practical skills essential to access the Bachelor's Program.

Program details

- Accelerate your start into the first year of undergraduate studies
- Full-time classes from Monday to Friday
- Certification awarded by SHMS
- Have the possibility to take an optional GED Exam

Tailored curriculum

Courses are customized to every student, and may include:

- Mathematics
- Travel & Tourism
- Business Studies
- English Language
- Practical Hospitality Studies

Entry requirements

- English language proficiency of IELTS 4.5 or equivalent
- Applicants must be at least 16 years old at the start of classes
- A personal statement and CV, plus admissions interview
- Hospitality work experience is a plus

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Hospitality Management

Specializations in hospitality, events, or design

Multicampus, multicultural experience

Two internships for a head start in your career

Year 1 Caux

Semester 1 ◆ Food & Beverage Management

- Beverage Studies
- Art of Employability I
- Introduction to Service & Kitchen Theory
- Service & Kitchen Practice
- Business & Academic Communications I
- Hospitality Design I
- Accounting I

- Introduction to Hospitality & Events
- Food & Beverage Cost Control
- Language (French, German, or Hospitality English)

Semester 2 ◆ Rooms Division & Management

- Yield & Revenue Optimization
- Marketing
- Housekeeping Management
- Hospitality Design II
- Business & Academic Communications II
- Rooms Division Management
- Event Concept Design

- Accounting II
- Art of Employability II
- Language (French or German)

Year 2 Leysin

Global Internship ◆ Paid internship, 6 months

Semester 3 ◆ Focus on Specialization

- Data-Driven Decision-Making
- Accounting III
- Research & Reporting
- Human Resources & Leadership
- Marketing & Branding Management
- Specialization courses

Project Management
 (Traveil de diplême)

(Travail de diplôme)

Upon successful completion, earn the Swiss Advanced Federal Diploma of Higher Education in Hospitality Management.

 $Year 3 \mid$ Leysir

Global Internship • Paid internship, 6 months

Semester 4 ◆ Leadership Skills

- Contemporary Trends
- Strategic Management
- Digital Marketing

• International Resort & Spa Management

Specializations \blacklozenge

• Specialization courses

- Final Project
 - Capstone Project
 - Reflective Individual Portfolio

Hospitality Management

- Al & Digital Innovation
- MICE & Logistics
- Hospitality Economics
- Ethics, Sustainability,
 & Business Culture
- Food & Beverage Development
- People & Intercultural Strategies

Event Management

- MICE & Logistics
- Hospitality Economics
- Event Experience Creation
- Event Experience ManagementSustainable Event Management
- Entrepreneurship in Hospitality & Events

Design Management

- Digital Design & Visual Technology
- Hospitality Design III
- Food & Beverage Outlet Design
- AutoCAD
- Innovation in Design & Technology
- Retail Management of Luxury Brands

Graduate with:

Bachelor in International Hospitality Management and chosen specialization awarded by SHMS Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Hospitality Management and chosen specialization awarded by the University of Derby, UK

Master of Science in International Hospitality Management

Focus on management and leadership skills

Intensive 1-vear program

Accredited degree from the University of Derby, UK

Semester 1 ◆ Leysin | Advanced Management Strategies in Business & Hospitality

Core Modules

- Developing Skills for Business Leadership
- Evidence-Based Learning
- Strategic Experience **Design & Operations**
- Strategic Directions
- Managing Risk & Uncertainty
- Innovative Technology-Driven Value Creation

Elective Modules (choose 2 of 4)

- Content & Social Media Strategies
- Data-Driven Analytics & **Decision-Making Strategies**
- Strategic Revenue Management
- Strategic Hospitality Design & Entrepreneurship

Semester 2 ◆ Off Campus | Business Project or Dissertation, 5 months -

Global Internship (Optional) • Paid internship, 4-6 months

Graduate with:

Master in International Hospitality Management awarded by SHMS

Master of Science in International Hospitality Management awarded by the University of Derby, UK

Master of Arts in International Hospitality Business Management

Transition to your dream career in hospitality

1-year program 3 specializations to choose from

Semester 1 ◆ Caux | Advanced Hospitality Operations & Business Management -

Shared courses

- Hotel Operations Management
- Food & Beverage Management
- Developing Business Leadership Skills
- Evidence-Based Learning
- Wine & Beverage Management
- Marketing Management

Specialization courses

Hotel Management

- Event Management
- Current Trends in Hospitality
- Strategic Revenue & Financial Management

Luxury Brand Management

- The Craft of Excellence
- The Modern Luxury Consumer
- Strategic Luxury Brand Management

Event Management

- Event Management
- International MICE Management
- Festival & Digital Event Innovation

Semester 2 ◆ Off Campus | Business Project, 5 months

Global Internship (Optional) • Paid internship, 4-6 months

Graduate with:

Master in International Hospitality Business Management awarded by SHMS

Master of Arts in International Hospitality Business Management awarded by the University of Derby, UK

Postgraduate Diploma in International Hotel, Resort, and Spa Management

Fast-track program for experienced professionals Practical, hands-on learning

Bridge to our master's programs

Semester 1 ◆ Leysin | Essential Skills in Hospitality & Business

- Food & Beverage Management Principles
- Front Office Management Principles
- Finance & Yield Management Principles
- Event Planning & Organization
- Human Resource Management
- Business Market Research
- Digital Sales and Marketing
- Language (French or German) & Academic English Skills

Concept Lab:

- The Art of Service
- Fundamentals of International Cuisine
- Spa & Guest Services

Global Internship ◆ Paid internship, 4-6 months

Graduate with:

Postgraduate Diploma in International Hotel, Resort, and Spa Management awarded by SHMS

This program gives direct access to the Master of Arts or the Master of Science programs

Master of Arts in Executive Hospitality Management (Online)

6 modules. each 10 weeks

Flexible duration from 1.5 to 2+ years

Networking opportunities

Online Delivery ◆ Off campus

Study at Your Own Pace

- Al Technology & Data Analysis Forecasting & Financial **Decision-Making**
- Digital Sales & Marketing Strategy
- Strategies for Leadership & Corporate Culture
- Quality Operations & Project Management
- Experience Mapping & Design for Sustainability

Business Project or Dissertation ◆ Home study, 5 months –

Residency Week (Optional) • Leysin -

- Company and industry visits
- Cultural and culinary experiences
- Graduation and Gala Dinner event

Graduate with:

Master in Executive Hospitality Management awarded by SHMS Master of Arts in Executive Hospitality Management awarded by the University of Derby, UK

Paid Global Internships

Internships provide real-world experience and industry connections that give you an advantage when you start your career—our career counselors will help you find your perfect fit.

Examples of internships

- Mandarin Oriental Group Food & Beverage
- Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Spa & Wellness
- Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts Front Office
- Intercontinental Group Banquet Service

Renowned Industry Partners

Learn from the best—in school and on the job. Our partnerships with industry leaders offer master classes and internships, and connect you with some of the world's top players.

























Exclusive International Recruitment Forum

The IRF connects you with recruiters from over 100 top global companies—opening doors to internships and future careers.



Exclusive events per year



3,600+
International job opportunities



1,500+
Interviews conducted



100+ Recruiters from 30+ countries

Powerful Alumni Network



Orlando SerranoTraining Coordinator
at Waldorf Astoria Panama



Zujingxin Cherry Shang
Director of Sales
at InterContinental Sanlitun Beijing



Gurtej Singh Cluster Guest Experience & Rooms Division at Center Hotels Reykjavik



Anesu Pawandiwa
Assistant Outlet Manager
at Jumeirah Marsa Al Arab

90% Receive more than one job offer before graduation 89% Hold management positions 71% Work in the hospitality industry 29% Work in other 45K Alumni in the SEG network













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