

**When will the Dedman School of Hospitality start to operate as its own program?**  
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**Why is this change being made?**

For several years, the College of Business and the Dedman School of Hospitality have had many conversations about organizational structure. Some of these discussions have looked at the possibility of making the Dedman School an independent, industry-specific school. In light of the severe budget cuts, this change has now come to fruition. This change is imperative in order for the Dedman School to double its enrollment, thereby generating sufficient tuition revenues to become self-sustaining.

**Under what academic unit will the Dedman School of Hospitality operate?**

The Dedman School will continue to be administered by the College of Business and will report to the dean of the College of Business. However, it will be considered an independent school and will operate with its own funding, admission criteria and graduation requirements.

**What does being an independent, industry-specific program mean?**

It simply means that the Dedman School operates independently of the College of Business, both financially and in terms of curriculum.

**Who is in charge of the Dedman School?**

The Dedman School will continue to have its own director. The director still will report to the dean of the College of Business.

**Why is this a good change?**

Simply put, this change allows more students to earn a hospitality degree from one of the best programs in the country. As part of the College of Business, the Dedman School could not increase its enrollment due to accreditation regulations regarding the ratio of students to full-time faculty. As soon as the Dedman School is operating independently, it can grow its enrollment to better supply Florida's No.1 industry with a steady stream of highly qualified graduates.

**Will the Professional Golf Management program remain part of the Dedman School of Hospitality?**

Yes, the Professional Golf Management program remains part of the Dedman School of Hospitality, and all rules regarding the Dedman School of Hospitality apply to this major.

**What degree will graduates of the Dedman School of Hospitality receive?**

They will receive a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management.

**Are current hospitality management students affected by these changes?**

Students who are accepted into the College of Business and the hospitality management major for Fall 2009 and earlier will not be affected by these changes. Students admitted to the hospitality management program for Spring 2010 and later will follow the new curriculum requirements.

**Will the curriculum at the Dedman School be the same as before?**

The curriculum will be redesigned, with greater emphasis placed on the tourism and

hospitality industry. Students will be able to earn a highly versatile hospitality management degree through a rigorous and relevant curriculum.

**What kind of faculty will the Dedman School of Hospitality have?**

Hospitality classes will continue to be taught by the same innovative, world-class faculty as before, but now additional industry professionals with tourism and corporate experience also will be able to teach courses.

**Will it be easier to get into the Dedman School?**

In order to be accepted into the Dedman School, prospective students must meet Florida State University and Dedman School admission requirements. The Dedman School will establish admission requirements different from those of the College of Business.

**Did the “Save Dedman” campaign affect this decision?**

Although this decision has been in the works for several years, the current budget situation was the real catalyst for implementing this change. The College of Business’ goal, throughout the budget crisis, has been to maintain the high quality of our programs and continue to provide the international acclaim and individual attention that the faculty, staff and students expect. Ensuring that we would still be able to offer the same paths of study was immensely important. This change allows for the continuation of the bachelor’s degree in hospitality management.

**Why was the Dedman School initially selected for closure due to budget cuts?**

For several years, there have been discussions within the Dedman School that focused on the possibility of making it an independent, industry-specific school. Increasing the student population is the No. 1 priority for the Dedman School, a goal that was hindered by the accreditation regulations of the College of Business that monitor the ratio of full-time faculty to students. The Dedman School will receive interim financial support while it grows its student enrollment and incorporates industry professionals who will foster the unique real-world experiences that the school offers. After this three-year period and through an extensive fundraising campaign, the Dedman School will be financially independent.

**Why should students still choose the Dedman School for their hospitality degrees?**

The Dedman School of Hospitality is the same nationally recognized program it has been since it was founded in 1947. The school boasts a nearly 100-percent placement rate, a world-renowned faculty, nationally ranked facilities housed in the University Center, and a plethora of industry partners based in the nation’s No. 1 spot for tourism and hospitality, Florida. To learn more about the Dedman School of Hospitality, visit [www.cob.fsu.edu/dsh](http://www.cob.fsu.edu/dsh).