Our mission—indeed, our passion—is the continuing advancement of the quality and relevance of our teaching and research, and of our relations with constituents. We seek to fulfill these aspirations through discovering new knowledge, creating meaningful learning experiences, preparing our students for successful professional careers, developing mutually beneficial partnerships, and Building Distinction by enhancing the reputation of the College.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY
Louisiana Tech is a public, selective-admissions university located in the rolling, piney hills of north-central Louisiana. The University is divided into five colleges and the Graduate School. The city of Ruston has been the home of Louisiana Tech since 1894 and provides excellent support to Tech’s nearly 11,000 students.
Supply management is defined as the identification, acquisition, access, positioning and management of resources that an organization needs or potentially needs in the attainment of its strategic objectives. The responsibility of the supply chain professional is to manage the flow of goods and services vital for the company to create value for the ultimate customer. The flow begins at the source of raw materials and is systematically managed through the value-added chain until it reaches the point of the ultimate consumer. In industry, this process is referred to as “cradle-to-grave.” In the global economy the “cradle-to-grave” supply chain system has increased in length and complexity, as the degree to which companies are utilizing an outsourcing strategy to control their cost and increase flexibility. This has created a demand for professionals who have a broad understanding of the supply chain system and, who can make decisions based on the inherent trade-offs in this system.

The role of the Sustainable Supply Chain in creating a sustainable competitive advantage involves creating a permeable and flexible, yet resilient and indestructible supply network which strengthens the system performance of the organization and allows it to thrive in the 21st Century global marketplace. Sustainable Chain Management decisions involve a consideration of economic and financial, environmental and social responsibility.

When you choose a career in supply management, you have an opportunity to work in a variety of organizations and businesses. Every industry—whether manufacturing, service, government, education, or retail—employs supply management professionals. Under the umbrella of Supply Chain Management reside the occupation in the functional arenas of operations management, procurement and strategic sourcing, and logistics management.

FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR SSCM GRADS
Today’s entry-level sustainable supply chain management professional faces an environment that is more exciting than ever before. Here are a few of the skills you will learn as you study this curriculum:

- Cost Analysis
- Distribution/Logistics
- Enterprise Resource Planning (SAP)
- Ethics/Leadership
- Forecasting
- Inventory control
- Leadership
- Negotiations
- Operations scheduling
- Performance measurement
- Project Management
- Quality control
- Relationship management
- Sourcing strategies
- Statistics
- Strategic planning
- Strategic Sourcing
- Strategic alliances
- Supplier evaluation
- Sustainability
- Systems and network design

EDUCATIONAL PAYOFF
Businesses are finding it more difficult than ever to find qualified Sustainable Supply Chain Management professionals, making this field one of the best for job seekers—despite the economy.

- Buyer/Planner
- Commodity Manager
- Contract Analyst
- Distribution Manager
- Inventory Analyst
- Inventory Control Manager
- Logistics Manager
- Materials Analyst
- Materials Manager
- Procurement Manager
- Production Scheduler
- Purchasing Director
- Quality Control Manager
- Strategic Sourcing Manager
- Supply Chain Manager

COMPENSATION
According to ISM’s 2013 Salary Survey, average starting salaries for entry-level Supply Chain Management /Sourcing positions is $51,578.

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