

**Automotive Management
Bachelor of Science
2025-2026**

General Areas of Service:

A major in automotive management develops the requisite skills for management positions in automotive and related fields. Specifically, the program will provide advanced training in personnel management and motivation, and customer and community relations. Training in business-related topics such as accounting and occupational safety is also provided. Students will learn to enhance their ability to manage personnel, maintain successful and mutually rewarding relationships with customers, and successfully manage the business and financial aspects of the enterprise. This program provides the skills necessary for advancement into higher-level management positions.

Professional Training:

Educational requirements for these managers vary widely, ranging from a high school diploma to a master's degree, depending on the size and complexity of the organization. However, with management positions, training authorities strongly recommend that persons seeking an automotive mechanic's job complete a formal training program after graduating from high school. In both managerial and automotive technician positions, experience is essential for advancement.

Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "employment of administrative services and facilities managers is projected to grow 6 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than the average for all occupations." (See www.bls.gov).

Earnings:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "the median annual pay for administrative services managers was \$108,390 in May 2024." (See www.bls.gov).

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[Automotive Service Councils of
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Suggested Degree Path

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 192 cr. GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS: 65 cr. [See the Undergraduate Bulletin for Details](#)

The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor's degree in Art.

Automotive Management students also earn an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration.

Cognates are listed in *italics*. + Offered even years only - Offered odd years only

Freshman Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Internal Combustion Engine Theo.(AUTO 134)	2
Lab for AUTO 134 (AUTO 135)	2
Intro to Analytical Writing (ENGL 121)	3
General Studies/Electives	5
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
<i>Conceptual Physics I & Lab</i> (PHYS 201 , 204)	4
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Manual Drive Trains & Axles (AUTO 145)	2
Lab for AUTO 145 (AUTO 146)	2
<i>Fundamentals of Speech Comm.</i> (SPCH 101)	4
Intro to Research Writing (ENGL 122)	3
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
General Studies	5
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Electrical Systems (AUTO 156)	2
Lab for AUTO 156 (AUTO 157)	2
Bus. Analytical with Excel (CIS 140)	4
Business Communication (GBUS 270)	4
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
<i>Conceptual Physics II & Lab</i> (PHYS 202 , 205)	4
Total	16

Sophomore Year

Fall Courses	Hours
<i>Math Cognate</i>	4
Engine Performance & Lab (AUTO 214 , 215)	4
Principles of Financial Accounting (ACCT 201)	4
Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 210)	4
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Research Writing (ENGL 223)	3
+ Brake Systems & Traction Control & Lab (AUTO 337 , 338)	4
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 211)	4
Principle of Financial Accounting (ACCT202)	3
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
General Studies/Electives	2
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
+ Automatic Transmissions & Transaxles & Lab (AUTO 357 , 358)	4
Principles of Managerial Accounting (ACCT 203)	3
Personal Finance (FINA 101)	4
Practicum (AUTO 280)	1
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
Major Elective	4
Total	16

Junior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Practicum (AUTO 280)	1
Managerial Finance (FINA 351)	4
Prin. of Marketing (MKTG 381)	4
General Studies/Electives	7
Colloquium (AUTO 495)	0
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
- Suspension & Steering Systems (AUTO 335)	2
- Lab for AUTO 335 (AUTO 336)	2
+ Diesel Engines (AUTO 365)	3
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
General Studies/Electives	9
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
- Climate Control Systems (AUTO 355)	2
- Lab for AUTO 355 (AUTO 356)	2
+ Hybrid Vehicles and Alternative Fuels (AUTO 473)	3
Technology & Society (TECH 321)	4
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
General Studies/Electives	5
Total	16

Senior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
- Body Elect, Cptr Systems (AUTO 466)	3
Business Law I (GBUS 361)	4
Principles of Management (MGMT 371)	4
Adv. Practicum in Auto (AUTO 480)	1
Colloquium (AUTO 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	4
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Adv. Practicum in Automotive (AUTO 480)	1
- Advanced Engine Performance (AUTO 414)	3
Operations Management (MGMT 366)	4
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
General Studies/Electives	8
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Senior Project (TECH 499)	1
+ High Perform. Engine Tuning (AUTO 434)	3
Colloquium (GBUS495)	0
General Studies/Electives	12
Total	16

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Colloquium is only required for 6 quarters

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