



Club Management Certificate (CLUB)

The undergraduate certificate in Club Management provides a focused curriculum on those managerial competencies deemed important to private club leaders of the 21st Century. These managerial competencies include golf, spa, tennis, aquatics, food and beverage, member services, real estate sales, marketing and communications, human resources, clubhouse operations, senior leadership et al. The private country club industry is one of the highest-paying hospitality niche professions. In Florida, it offers the best of the best. The sheer number of private clubs (over 125 clubs in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade) make the region the “mecca” of the private club industry. The Club Management Certificate is also available to FAU students seeking degrees outside the College of Business, to existing club employees, to community members interested in the private club industry, and to tourism professionals from other sectors. For further information, please reach out to the Hospitality and Tourism Management Program Director, Dr. Peter Ricci at peter.ricci@fau.edu.

The following are the requirements for students in the **Summer 2026 catalog and later**.

Required Courses: 15 credits (Minimum Grade “C”)

Course Title	Prefix & Number	Pre-requisites* (Minimum Grade “C”)
Introduction to Hospitality Management	HFT 3003	30 credits
Club Management	HFT 4277	
Food & Beverage Management	HFT 3263	
Hospitality Human Resources Management	HFT 3221	
Guest Experience Management	HFT 4240	

*Some courses may require students to be declared in a business major or to receive authorization from an advisor if not a business major.

Additional Requirements

The **certificate is open to all students**. College of Business certificates require 100% residency: all courses must be taken at FAU. All students must complete an application for certificate at the end of their second-to-last term at FAU in order for the certificate to be awarded. **Non-degree-seeking students** can [download the application for certificate](#) and e-mail the completed form to COBAdvising@fau.edu. **Degree-seeking students** must complete their application for certificate with an academic advisor during their application for degree preapproval meeting. For degree-seeking students, if all certificate courses were completed with or before the degree, then a certificate cannot be processed once the degree is awarded.

Timely Graduation

Minors and certificates should be considered an optional direction for elective credits. Students may not add a minor or certificate without permission from a COB advisor (and main college advisor if different). Students are generally not permitted to add a minor/cert after earning 90 credit hours or if completing it will result in an Excess Hour Surcharge.

Maximum Course Attempts

FAU counts a “course attempt” as any time a student is enrolled in a course (at any institution) and earns either a grade or a “W”. FAU COB students may not attempt any course more than twice; **third attempts are not permitted**.