

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT



BBA in Insurance and Risk Management

Regardless of the state of the global economy, there will always be a vital need for risk management and insurance in both the private and public sectors. Earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) offers career stability for graduates of the UHD program.

Developed by industry professionals, the IRM degree program curriculum focuses on the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are sought in today's insurance industry. Throughout the program, students work closely with these professionals to secure paid internships and/or full-time employment. Because of the dire need for talent in the insurance and risk management industry, job placement rate is extremely high.

About the Program

This IRM program, which is offered fully online, is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-International, and ranks No. 2 on the list of best online insurance degrees for 2020*. Courses are taught by faculty who are industry experts and offer high-impact learning and networking experience, such as industry meetings, conferences, seminars, tradeshow, and more.

In addition to earning credits toward a bachelor's degree, each of the 10 courses in the program prepares students for required national industry examinations, including the following professional designations:

- Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU)
- Certified Risk Manager (CRM)
- Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC)
- Certified Life Underwriter (CLU)

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Getting Started

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Median Salary

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the average salary in Texas of an Underwriter is **\$67,290**; Claims Adjuster is **\$69,560**; and an Actuary is **\$104,180**. According to National Underwriter, the median salary for a Risk Manager is **\$100,000**.

Earn Your Degree

General and business core requirements must be met before entering upper level courses in the fully online IRM degree program.

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Scholarships

Each new IRM major enrolled in an IRM course is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship offered by the UHD **Insurance and Risk Management Center**. All other IRM majors will be eligible for an IRM scholarship in the fall and spring semesters if they meet certain criteria.

Insurance Council of Texas Scholarship is awarded to students who are interested in pursuing a career with a property and casualty company in Texas.

Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter President's Scholarship is awarded to students who are committed to earning the CPCU professional designation.

PRIMA Student Scholarship Program offers an annual scholarship award to cover the annual conference fees to a full-time student who is interested in pursuing a career in the field of public risk management.

URMIA Educational Scholarship Program offers an annual scholarship award of \$2,500 to students who are majoring in risk management or a related field, to develop the next generation of higher education risk managers.



Affiliated Student Organizations

Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS) fraternity encourages and supports students interested in pursuing careers in insurance, risk management, and actuarial science. It's also intended to improve the members' leadership, public speaking, and business planning skills. GIS builds relationships with industry professionals, encourages networking among peers as well as community engagement.

Career Options

Insurance and risk management are interrelated fields that are in high demand for new talent. As a result of attrition and an aging workforce, this industry is expected to have approximately 400,000 job openings in 2020. Therefore, the industry is actively seeking highly educated, skilled and qualified insurance and risk management professionals to fill the talent gap. This program prepares students for endless employment opportunities, which include, but are not limited to:

