

Beverage Scholar Certificate

The Beverage Scholar Certificate program provides an industry-relevant certificate of completion that demonstrates student completion of a broad range of appreciation, production, and service of beverage courses in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, including, but not limited to, coffee, tea, beer, wine, spirits, kombucha, water, soju, sake, vermouths, bitters, and more. Students engage in their awareness of beverage styles and service through the process of sensory analysis, evaluation of beverage taste components, and measures of quality. The common industries that value beverage certifications include bars, restaurants, liquor stores, markets, tasting rooms, beverage producers, distributors, and education programs. The Beverage Scholar Certificate provides a strong foundation of beverage styles and service. It is the prerequisite program to the Bar, Tap, and Tasting Room Manager Certificate program, where students broaden their managerial skillset in the beverage industry.

The School of Hospitality has existing partnerships with beverage organizations that provide credentials available to students, including, The Society of Wine Educators, National Restaurant Association, Cicerone, Master Brewers Association, and more. The world-class facilities at MSU Denver, and the School of Hospitality include the Degree Restaurant and Bar, Tivoli Brewery and Tap House, Beverage Analytics Laboratory, Powered by Siebel, the Springhill Suites Downtown, Sensory Analysis Lab, Culinary Demonstration Theater, Food Laboratories, Wine Cellar Laboratory, Pilot Brewery, Fermentation Laboratory, and state of the art multi-media classrooms.

Required Courses

- BVG 3010 Beers of the World Credits: 3
- BVG 3613 Wine Fundamentals Credits: 3
- BVG 3685 Spirits and Mixology Credits: 3
- BVG 4010 Beer Styles and Service Credits: 3
- BVG 4613 Wines of the Old World Credits: 3
- BVG 4623 Wines of the New World Credits: 3

Total: 18 credits

A minimum passing grade of "C" is required for all courses within the certificate. All courses in the Beverage Scholar Certificate are required, with no additional electives.