Sport Management Major

Overview

Sport Management (SM) leads to a Kinesiology Bachelor of Arts degree and provides students with outstanding preparation for entry-level professional positions in business and sport industries. During the first year (Level 1), students must complete a series of required courses and take distribution courses.

Advancement to Level 2 of the program (years two, three and four) is competitive. Highest consideration will be given to those students who have successfully completed all required courses and have demonstrated academic success and professional zeal. Courses taken during years two, three, and four provide students with a strong knowledge base in sport-industry-related areas, such as management, marketing, finance, economics, policy, law, strategy and organizational behavior. In addition, students will have the opportunity to take advanced courses that focus on specialized issues related to the business of sport. Students are required to apply the knowledge they gain in the classroom in internships; six credits of internship experience are required.

Requirements

Level 1 (Year One)

During the first year, students must take the courses listed below. These courses are meant to be completed before or by the end of the term in which you are applying to SM Level 2. Election of these courses does not guarantee or presume advancement to Level 2 of the Sport Management program.

Level 1 Required Courses Outside Kinesiology

- PSYCH 111 (SS) or PSYCH 112 (NS) - Introduction to Psychology (4 cr.)
- FYWR or ENGLISH 125 - Writing and Academic Inquiry – must earn a C or better (4 cr.)
- STATS 250 (NS) or SOC 210 (NS) - Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis (4 cr.)
- ECON 101 (SS) - Principles of Economics I (Micro) (4 cr.) - ECON departmental credit received from AP exams will not fulfill this requirement.

Level 1 Required Courses Within Kinesiology

- SM 100 Freshman Seminar (2 cr.)
- SM 101 (HU) - Public and Small Group Communication (3 cr.)
- SM 111 - Historical and Sociological Issues in Sport & Fitness (3 cr.)
- SM 203 – Introduction to Sport Management (3 cr.)
Note: Students in Level 1 may register for internship credits under SM 290. SM 290 does not fulfill the six credits of required internship, which must be completed in Level 2 as SM 403. SM 290 and SM/UC 280 may count towards a student’s general elective credits.

Level 2 (Years Two, Three and Four)
Level 2 classes (required and elective) cannot be substituted with courses from other U-M units and/or US colleges/universities unless by announcement from the Sport Management faculty. Students with unsatisfactory academic performance in Level 2 courses may be placed on probation or withdrawn from the program.

Level 2 Required Courses
- **SM 217 (HU)** – Business Communications (3 cr.)
- **SM 238 (NS)** Introduction to Accounting and Finance (3 cr.)
- **SM 241** Introduction to Economic and Policy Issues in Sport (3 cr.)
- **SM 246** Principles of Marketing (3 cr.)
- **SM 249 (NS)** - Research Methods for the Sport Industry. *Advisory prerequisite of STATS 250.* (4 cr.)
- **SM 332** - Organizational Behavior of Sport Organizations (3 cr.)
- **SM/HF 333** - Legal & Ethical Issues in Sport (3 cr.)
- **SM 499** Strategy of Sport Organizations (3 cr.)
- **SM 403** - Students are required to complete six credits of internship experience; internships must be preapproved by the internship coordinator, see the SM 403 form for details.

Sport Management Elective Courses
Students must complete 21 credits of electives in Years Three and Four. At the end of Year 2 students will work with their academic advisor to declare a concentration in either Path 1: Sport Marketing and Management or Path 2: Sport Policy and Analytics. Students will choose their electives to complete their concentration as detailed below.

**Path 1: Sport Marketing & Management**
This concentration explores specific themes, including marketing, management, social enterprise, leadership, entrepreneurship, and socio-cultural factors, influencing the business of sport.

To complete a concentration in Sport Marketing & Management a student must take seven electives as follows: three courses listed under Path 1, two courses listed in the “both” column, one course listed under Path 2, and the final course is a free elective of the student’s choosing.

**Path 1 Electives**
- SM 421 Gender & Sport
- SM 431 Sport & the Media
- SM 432 Human Resource Management
- SM 313 Non-Profit Management
- SM 435 Sport & the Consumer
SM 436 Race Relations, Cultural Images, and Sport
SM 437 Psychological Aspects of Sport and Exercise
SM 444 Sales Management for the Sport Industry
SM 446 Brand Strategy & Advertising Campaigns
SM 470 Independent Study (1-3 cr) - Students may not exceed three credits of independent study as part of their 21 required elective credits. Additional credits beyond three may be taken towards a student’s general graduation credits. SM faculty will approve individual independent studies on a case-by-case basis, including which concentration path the credits will fulfill.

Path 2: Sport Policy & Analytics
This concentration focuses on data analytics, specifically in relation to finance (e.g., venues, real estate, etc.), economics (e.g., the economic impact of sport venues, competitions, etc.), and policy issues relevant to business development in sport.

To complete a concentration in Sport Policy & Analytics students must take seven electives as follows: three courses listed under Path 2, two courses listed in the “both” column, one course listed under Path 1, and the final course is a free elective of the student’s choosing.

Path 2 Electives
SM313 Economics of College Sport
SM 433 Sport & Public Policy
SM 438 Sport Economic Policy
SM 441 Sport Real Estate: Facility Financing and Development
SM 313 Monetizing Sport
SM 451 Sport Analytics: Team Performance
SM 313 Geographic Information Systems for Marketing
SM 313 Business Development in Sport
SM 470 Independent Study (1-3 cr) - Students may not exceed three credits of independent study as part of their twenty-one required elective credits. Additional credits beyond three may be taken towards students' general graduation credits. SM faculty will approve individual independent studies on a case-by-case basis, including which concentration path the credits will fulfill.

Electives that Fulfill Both Concentrations
Students in both concentration paths must choose two of their electives from the following courses.
SM 439 Sponsorship-Linked Marketing
SM 440 Sport, Economic Development and Urban Revitalization
SM 445 Sport Tourism
SM 454 Sport Marketing Analytics
SM 313 Geographic Information Systems for Marketing
SM 313 Business Development in Sport
Note: As new classes are offered, faculty will announce which concentration path they will fulfill.

Free Electives
Students in both concentrations complete three credits of free electives, meaning an elective of their
choosing from any path/column. SM 317 Career Planning (2 cr) and SM 402 Course Assistant (1 or 2 cr) may be taken to fulfill the free elective credits or a student may take any elective course to fulfill these credits. Each SM 402 experience may count for one or two credits, to be determined by the faculty member with whom the student will work. A student may repeat SM 402 once, not to exceed four credits total, with the two or three additional credits counting towards general graduation credits.

**Study Abroad Courses**
Credit from Kinesiology-sponsored and non-Kinesiology-sponsored study abroad programs can be used as general credit toward graduation and to fulfill distribution requirements. With prior approval by the sport management program director, students can potentially use study abroad credit from Kinesiology-sponsored programs to fulfill SM elective credits and internship experience from Kinesiology-sponsored and non-Kinesiology sponsored programs to fulfill SM 403 credits. See general policies and procedures for study abroad below.

**University Distribution Courses**
Students must complete the distribution requirements of a minimum of 12 credits in Humanities, 11 credits in Natural Science/Quantitative Reasoning and 12 credits in Social Science. Completion is not required prior to applying to SM Level 2. To see which required courses count toward distribution in addition to satisfying program requirements, students should refer to the Sport Management Record Sheet, found on the Policies and Procedures page of the Kinesiology website (http://www.kines.umich.edu/student-life/policies-procedures). For further general distribution information, visit the Appendix of this Bulletin.

**Elective Courses Beyond those Required for Level 2**
In addition to the Sport Management required courses, Sport Management electives, distribution courses, and prerequisite courses, students should select other elective courses to reach the total 120 credit hours needed to graduate. Students can consider taking courses that interest them or that will contribute to their professional development and growth. These courses could be taken within the School of Kinesiology or in other U-M schools/colleges.

**Advancement to Level 2 in Sport Management**
Advancement to Level 2 of Sport Management is limited to assure a high quality educational experience for accepted students. The application is open to students who will have sophomore standing by Fall term of their second year and who have completed all prerequisite courses. Students should achieve at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in their first year to be a competitive applicant. Students must complete and submit the Level 2 application by the deadline included on the application in order to have their application reviewed.

The SM Level 2 Application and SM Level 2 Application Guidelines are available through the School of Kinesiology’s Office of Undergraduate Student Affairs, or on the Policies and Procedures page of the
Kinesiology website (http://www.kines.umich.edu/student-life/policies-procedures). Applications are accepted for Fall or Winter semesters only. Please note that admission for Winter term is limited and based upon available spaces. The deadlines are October 1st for the following Winter term start and February 1st for the upcoming Fall term start. Should these dates fall on the weekend, applications should be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Friday leading up to the date. Applications must be completed and submitted online. The application link may be found on the Sport Management section of the School of Kinesiology website. Review of applications will be completed by the Admissions Committee and decisions will be communicated to students on or near the following dates: November 15 for applications submitted by the October 1st deadline and March 15 for applications submitted by the February 1st deadline.

**Sport Management and Ross School of Business Dual Degree Option**

Students in Kinesiology or the Ross School of Business have the option of applying for admission to both Level 2 of Sport Management and the BBA program, and completing dual degree requirements. Those who elect the dual-degree option with Sport Management and the BBA must be admitted to Level 2 of Sport Management as well as admitted to the BBA program. Students admitted to the dual degree will complete all of the Ross BBA requirements, as well as the Sport Management Program requirements as detailed below.

**Level 1 Required Courses for Dual Sport Management/BBA Students**
- PSYCH 111 (SS) or PSYCH 112 (NS) - Introduction to Psychology (4 cr.)
- FYWR or ENGLISH 125 - Writing and Academic Inquiry—must earn a C or better (4 cr.) - also required for BBA program
- ECON 101 (SS) - Principles of Economics - also required for BBA program
- SM 100 - Freshman Seminar (1 cr.)
- SM 111 - Historical and Sociological Bases of Human Movement (3 cr.)
- SM 203 - Introduction to Sport Management (3 cr.)

**Level 2 Required Courses for Dual Sport Management/BBA Students**
- SM 238 (NS) Introduction to Accounting and Finance (3 cr.)
- SM 241 Introduction to Economic & Policy Issues in Sport (3 cr)
- SM 249 (NS) - Research Methods for the Sport Industry (4 cr.)
- SM 332 - Organizational Behavior of Sport Organizations (3 cr.)
- SM/HF 333 - Legal & Ethical Issues in Sport & Fitness (3 cr.)
- SM 499 - Strategy of Sport Organizations (3 cr.)
- SM 403 - Internship Experience (6 credits are required, see the SM 403 form for details)

**Level 2 Elective Courses for Dual Sport Management/BBA Students**

See the previous section on Sport Management Level 2 elective courses. Students are required to declare a concentration path at the end of Year 2 and complete 21 credits of electives following the requirements detailed in the previous section.
Degree Progress
Once students have gained admittance to both the BBA program and Level 2 of Sport Management, they must complete the **Multiple Dependent Degree Program (MDDP)** form either through the Ross School of Business or the School of Kinesiology to be jointly enrolled in both schools. This form can be accessed on the Policies and Procedures page of the Kinesiology website ([http://www.kines.umich.edu/student-life/policies-procedures](http://www.kines.umich.edu/student-life/policies-procedures)). The MDDP Form will be completed with whichever of the two schools the student selects to be his or her “home school.” For more information about this process or about choosing a home school, students should consult with a Kinesiology advisor and/or an advisor in the Ross School of Business.

Dual Degrees
Students with interest in more than one program offered by the School of Kinesiology may do so concurrently if they plan the course elections carefully and confer with their academic advisors regularly.

**Multiple Dependent Degree Program (MDDP)**
Students may choose to pursue a Kinesiology undergraduate degree and a second undergraduate degree from another U-M college/school such as the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, the Ross School of Business (**Sport Management majors only**), School of Music, Theatre & Dance or the School of Art and Design. Students must meet the degree requirements of both schools, must earn a minimum of 150 (as opposed to 120 credits), and must be admitted to both units and programs.

Students should identify dual degree interest as early as possible. Although the basic requirements are summarized below, students should consult academic advisors associated with the various programs. For programs that require a second level application (Sport Management and Athletic Training), dual degrees will only be approved once the student is admitted to the second level of the program.

Dual degree requests are formally submitted in writing and require the approval (signatures) of each program/concentration advisor and the Associate Dean (or designated representative) for each school/college. Students should provide a copy of their Academic Records (unofficial transcript) and discuss the rationale for pursuing two degrees when meeting with their advisors. Return a completed Multiple Dependent Degree Program (MDDP) form to the Office of Undergraduate Student Affairs located at 555 S. Forest Ave. The form can be found on the Policies and Procedures page ([http://www.kines.umich.edu/student-life/policies-procedures](http://www.kines.umich.edu/student-life/policies-procedures)).

For students intending to pursue the dual degree between Sport Management and the Ross School of Business, please refer to the Sport Management section of this Bulletin for more information.

A student may also be interested in a joint degree program with the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. A minimum of 30 credits must have been completed on the Ann Arbor campus before a student may apply for an individualized joint degree program with the College of LS&A, and the