

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORTS ADMINISTRATION



Program Description

The Master of Science in Sports Administration (MSSA) is a 39-credit program for individuals interested in developing competence and pursuing careers in the management of sports personnel and facilities. Graduates of this program may assume supervisory and administrative positions in a variety of settings, including public recreation systems, voluntary agencies, facility and event management, community-based athletic programs, college athletic administration, and professional sports organizations. The program is jointly administered through the Department of Physical Education and the Graduate School.

The program emphasizes competency in seven core areas:

- Leadership, management, and organization of recreation and sport
- Research methods
- Legal aspects of sports
- Marketing of programs and facilities
- Ethics in sports management
- Sports in a social context
- Financial aspects of sport

In addition, students in the program are encouraged to select coursework in the areas of Financial Accounting and Financial Management.

In this interdisciplinary program, students take graduate coursework through the Department of Physical Education and other programs in the Graduate School, including Education, Psychology, Communication, and Liberal Studies.

Curriculum Students in the program complete 6 credits of University requirements intended to distinguish the degree as uniquely Valpo. In addition, students fulfill a number of distribution requirements and complete 3 credits of electives.

General Requirements		6 cr
<i>Choose one from the following:</i>		
LS 555	Ethics in Business	3 cr
LS 655	Professional Ethics	3 cr
LS 625	Sports Ethics	3 cr

<i>Choose one from the following:</i>		
LS 620	Seminar in Social Science	3 cr
LS 650	Seminar in Religion, Culture, & Value	3 cr
Concentration		30 cr
PE 615	Research Methods in Sport & Physical Education	3 cr
PE 621	Global Leadership & Team Development	3 cr
PE 633	Management & Development of Facilities	3 cr
PE 643	Sports Marketing, Promotions & Fundraising	3 cr
PE 653	Financial Aspects of Sport	3 cr
PE 670	Sports & the Law	3 cr
<i>Choose two from the following:</i>		
PE 610	Psychology of Sport	3 cr
PE 620	Women & Sports	3 cr
PE 630	Sports & Society	3 cr
<i>Choose one from the following:</i>		
PE 686	Internship in Sports Administration	6 cr
PE 92/795	Research Project Thesis and Master's Thesis	6 cr
Electives		3 cr
COMM501	Graduate Sports Media	3 cr
COMM 512	Leadership Communication	3 cr
COMM 512	Desktop Publishing	3 cr
PE 671	Law & Legal Principles	2 cr
	LS or PE Graduate Elective (Economics of Sports, History of Sports, etc)	3-6 cr
PE 689	Professional & Career Development	0-1cr
<i>Maximum of 6 credits from:</i>		

MBA 501	Foundations in Economics	2 cr
MBA 504	Business Law	2 cr
MBA 510	Financial Accounting	2 cr
MBA 520	Financial Management	2 cr
MBA 530	Marketing Management	2 cr

Criteria for Admission Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School, which include:

- Undergraduate degree, preferably with the equivalent of 12 credits in PE, a PE-related area (e.g., Recreation and Leisure) or Business, from an accredited University;
- (For International Applicants) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 550 (paper version), 230 (computer-based), or Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT) score of at least 80; minimum IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6; CET score of 6, or an INTERLINK Language Center Level 5, or the equivalent for non-native English speakers;
- An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least a 3.0;
- Two letters of reference;
- Essay detailing purpose for undertaking graduate study in Sports Administration;
- Other requirements as stipulated by the Graduate School.

As part of the application process, students must provide:

- [Valparaiso University Graduate Application](#);
- Official transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework. If you have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from Valparaiso University, you are not required to submit an official transcript from Valparaiso University;
- Certified transcripts of bachelor's degree
- Two letters of reference;
- A reflective essay detailing your reasons for pursuing graduate study in Sports Administration;
- Application Fee: \$30 for U.S. citizens, \$50 for International Students.

The MS in Sports Administration program features a continuous admission process, so application materials may be submitted at any time. Once received, the admission decision normally takes 2-3 weeks. Financial Considerations Students are strongly encouraged to begin their study during either the summer or fall semesters. Students may be surprised to discover the affordable tuition rate at Valparaiso University. Tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$530 per credit hour, extremely competitive for a private institution of recognized national quality. Full-time graduate students pay a \$146 general fee each fall and spring semester. Part-time graduate students pay a \$95 general fee each fall and spring semester. [Financial aid](#) is available through direct and indirect student loans for students taking 6 credits or more during fall and spring semesters. Students may transfer up to 6 credits of approved graduate coursework into the program. For

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Interested students should [request an information packet](#) from The Graduate
School through our website or by e-mailing Graduate.School@valpo.edu.
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