

**Sport Management
Department of Educational Leadership
Neag School of Education
Master's Guidelines / Policies**

The M.S. degree in Sport Management prepares students in the theoretical, research and applied dimensions of this field of study. Students select a thesis, internship, or a research project option. The thesis option consists of 24 credit hours (8 courses) of coursework and 9 credit hours of thesis research. The research project and internship options consist of 27 credit hours (9 courses) and a 6-credit internship or capstone project following the comprehensive exams.

M.S. in Sport Management

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- Minimum number of required semester hours = 33 credits
- Option A (non-thesis): 27 credits of coursework and 6 credits for internship or research/special project; comprehensive examination
- Option B (thesis): 24 credits of coursework, 9 credits for thesis and a thesis defense

1. Research and Statistics (3 credits non-thesis option, 6-9 credits thesis option)

- EPSY 5601 Principles and Methods in Educational Research I
[required of all students]

Also recommended for students selecting the thesis option:

- EPSY 5605 Quantitative Methods in Educational Research I
- EPSY 5607 Quantitative Methods in Educational Research II
- EDCI 6000 Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I

2. Sport Management Major Courses (15 credits)

- EDLR 5300 Management of Sport Services [Fall only]
- EDLR 5315 Sport in Society [Fall only]
- EDLR 5325 Legal Aspects of Sport [Fall only]
- EDLR 5380 Sport Marketing [Spring only]
- EDLR 5385 Sport Venue and Event Management [Spring only]

3. Electives (6-9 credits)

Non-thesis students: Three 5000 level courses to be taken from outside the Sport Management Major Courses. Discuss with major advisor.

Thesis students: Two 5000 level research or content courses to be taken from outside the Sport Management Major Courses. Discuss with major advisor.

Additional electives available in EDLR:

- EDLR 5365 Managing Diversity in Sport Organizations
- EDLR 5518 Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development

4. Capstone Course

Option A (non-thesis option):

- EDLR 5085 Capstone Project (6 credits)

OR

- EDLR 5091 Internship (6 credits)

Students who opt for the capstone or internship option must submit a proposed plan of study by the end of their second semester.

Capstone or internship course is to be taken after the satisfactory completion of all Sport Management core coursework, EPSY 5601, and successful completion of the comprehensive examination.

A Graduate Assistantship (GA) is not an internship and a GA cannot be “double dipped” to replace the academic program requirement of completing either an internship or capstone.

Option B (thesis option):

Students who opt to complete a thesis must submit a proposed plan of study to their major advisor by the end of their first semester.

Students selecting to write a thesis are not required to complete comprehensive exams.

- GRAD 5950 Thesis Research (9 credits)

Policies / Procedures for the Master of Science in Sport Management

Attendance Policy

Students will be allocated TWO excused absence per semester. If a medical or family emergency would arise over the course of the semester, with documentation by the student, the instructor has the discretion to grant an additional excused absence or absences. All other absences will result in deduction of a one half a letter grade per missed class.

See related UConn Policies:

<https://policy.uconn.edu/2018/08/01/religious-accommodation-policy/>

<https://studentparents.uconn.edu/frequently-asked-questions/>

Plan of Study

All students are required to complete a plan of study. You must meet with your major advisor according to the timeline associated with Option A (capstone or internship) or Option B (thesis) to discuss this plan. You are responsible for completing the form and submitting it to your major advisor for signatures. The plan of study form is available on the Graduate School website and must be completed before Comprehensive Exams or enrolling in GRAD 5950.

<http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/>

Option A Comprehensive Exam Procedures

Following completion of core Sport Management coursework, EPSY 5601, and prior to registration and completion of EDLR 5091 or EDLR 5085, students will take comprehensive exams.

The exam will cover material in from EDLR 5300 and EPSY 5601. Students will have the option of selecting two additional courses from the required EDLR courses [EDLR 5315 Sport in Society / EDLR 5325 Legal Aspects of Sport / EDLR 5380 Sport Marketing / EDLR 5385 Sport Venue and Event Management]. If a student has taken any EDLR course as electives (e.g., EDLR 5365, EDLR 5518), they can also request to take a comprehensive exam based on that course.

The exams will be completed remotely and scheduled across two days during Final Exam week of Fall or Spring Semester or following Summer Sessions. Students will share their preferences for dates during the week with the program coordinator and they will do their best to accommodate student preferences. Dates will be determined one month prior to the exams.

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On Day 1, students will take EDLR 5300 and EPSY 5601. The first exam question will be delivered via email at 9am and students will have until 12 noon to complete their response. Students can use all materials they have access to including course notes, textbooks, and slides. Students will email their exam response to the program coordinator when they finish.

The second exam question will be delivered via email at 1pm and students will have until 4pm to complete their response. They will follow the same protocol and email their response to the program coordinator when they finish.

The process will repeat itself on Day 2 with the two exams the students have selected from the remaining EDLR core courses.

All exams will be reviewed by the faculty member associated with each course and feedback will be provided to the students within 2 weeks of the exams.

[Comprehensive Exam Rubric](#)

Comprehensive exams are graded on a pass/re-take basis. If a student does not pass an exam(s), they will be required to retake the exam(s). The format will be identical to the original exam and the date will be determined in concert with the faculty member evaluating the exam. If a student fails the retake of an exam(s), they will be required to retake that course(s) prior to receiving their degree.

Option B Thesis

See advisor for guidelines for thesis requirements.

Applying for Graduation

After completing all degree requirements – follow the guidelines from the Graduate School to apply for graduation.

<http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/apply-for-graduation/>