

SPORT AND RECREATION STUDIES, MS

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The MS in Sport and Recreation Studies meets the growing need for professionals and academics through concentrations in the areas of Recreation Administration, Sport and Leisure Studies, Sport Management, and Individualized Study in Sport, Recreation, and Tourism.

The Sport Coaching Graduate Certificate or Sport Management Graduate Certificate (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-sport-recreation-tourism-management/sport-management-graduate-certificate/>) may be taken in conjunction with the MS SRST degree or as a standalone option.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Application Requirements

In addition to fulfilling admission requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>), applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate course in statistics.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP .6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 30

MS Core Coursework

Students are required to take a set of four courses that will provide grounding in historical and socio-cultural foundations, research methods and statistics, ethical and legal issues, and leadership perspectives. In addition, all students will complete a seminar, and either a capstone thesis or project/internship specific to their concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
SRST 606	Foundations of Sport and Recreation Studies	3
SPMT 613 or RMGT 613	Strategic Leadership in Sport Organizations Strategic Leadership in Recreation Administration	3
SPMT 614 or RMGT 501	Legal Issues in Sport Introduction to Natural Resources Law	3
SRST 623	Research Design and Statistical Reasoning	3

SRST 796	Seminar in Sport and Recreation Studies	1
Select 5 credits from the following:		5
SRST 798	Master's Project/Internship	
SRST 595 & SRST 799	Thesis Preparation and Master's Thesis	
Total Credits		18

Concentration in Recreation Administration (RADM)

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework		
RMGT 610	Recreation Administration and Planning	3
RMGT 611	Social Psychology of Leisure	3
Select 6 credits from the following: ¹		6
RMGT 531	Natural Resources Recreation Planning	
RMGT 533	Visitor Services	
RMGT 601	History of Leisure and Sport in American Society	
RMGT 612	Philosophy of Leisure and Sport	
SRST 598	Special Topics (must register for 3 credits)	
Total Credits		12

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Additional courses may be selected as electives with advisor approval

Concentration in Sport and Leisure Studies (SPLS)

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework		
RMGT 601	History of Leisure and Sport in American Society	3
RMGT 612	Philosophy of Leisure and Sport	3
Select 6 credits from the following: ¹		6
RMGT 611	Social Psychology of Leisure	
SPMT 551	Sport in the Global Marketplace	
SPMT 651	Sport and International Development	
SRST 598	Special Topics (must register for 3 credits)	
Total Credits		12

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Concentration in Sport Management (SPMT)

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework		
SPMT 611	Sport Marketing and Sales	3
SPMT 612	Economics and Financial Management in the Sport Industry ¹	3
SPMT 616	Sport Operations, Venues, and Event Management	3
Electives		
Select 3 credits from the following: ²		3

SPMT 551	Sport in the Global Marketplace	
SPMT 555	The Australian Model of Sport	
SPMT 556	The Global Soccer Industry	
SPMT 618	Psychology of Coaching	
SPMT 620	Ethical Issues in Global Sport	
SPMT 631	Theoretical Models of Sport Coaching	
SPMT 651	Sport and International Development	
SPMT 652	Governance and Policy in International Sport	
SRST 598	Special Topics (must register for 3 credits)	
Total Credits		12

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SPMT 612 may not be used to satisfy the concentration requirement if taken in SRST core.

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Additional courses may be selected as electives with advisor approval

Concentration in Individualized Study in Sport, Recreation, and Tourism (ISRT)

Code	Title	Credits
With advisor approval, select four 3-credit courses within the university catalog that form an integrated program of study.		12
Total Credits		12

Accelerated Master's

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Sport and Recreation Studies, Accelerated MS

Overview

Qualified Mason undergraduates may be admitted to a bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA or BS in any degree area and a MS in Sport and Recreation Studies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-sport-recreation-tourism-management/sport-recreation-studies-ms/>).

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies. For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/bachelors-accelerated-masters-program/>).

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits, and additional unit-specific criteria.

Students who are accepted into the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits and course-specific pre-requisites.

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MS program, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- 3.0 overall GPA
- Completion of specific undergraduate coursework
- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following which can be taken as Advanced Standing or Reserve Graduate credit (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>) (to be determined by the student and their advisor):

Code	Title	Credits
RMGT 501	Introduction to Natural Resources Law	3
RMGT 613	Strategic Leadership in Recreation Administration	3
SPMT 551	Sport in the Global Marketplace	3
SPMT 611	Sport Marketing and Sales	3
SPMT 612	Economics and Financial Management in the Sport Industry	3
SPMT 613	Strategic Leadership in Sport Organizations	3
SPMT 614	Legal Issues in Sport	3
SPMT 616	Sport Operations, Venues, and Event Management	3
SRST 598	Special Topics	1-6
SRST 606	Foundations of Sport and Recreation Studies	3

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.