

# MS in Sport Management, In-Residence

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How long does it take to complete the MS Sport Management program?**

The course of study for the program is a 36 hour curriculum completed over 1½ to 2 years, beginning in the Fall semester and ending in either December of the following year or in May of the next year.

### **Does the MS Sport Management program emphasize any particular aspect of Sport?**

No it does not. Students will be prepared for employment in a variety of areas to include working as an athletic administrator in amateur sports, high school or college sports, professional settings, and recreational sports, and use skills such as sales, marketing, personnel management, event planning, and facility management.

### **Will obtaining an MS degree in Sport Management certify me to teach or coach, or be certified as a fitness trainer?**

No. There are other degree programs in the Department of Health and Kinesiology that prepare students for those type positions.

### **When are the MS Sport Management classes offered?**

The program is for full-time, resident students. Classes are offered during the day, Monday – Friday. No evening or weekend classes are available.

### **Is it possible to attend as a part-time student?**

No.

### **What is the estimate for tuition and fees for the MS In-Residence Program?**

Tuition and fee information is located on the Student Business Services website located at <http://sbs.tamu.edu/accounts-billing/tuition-fees/>

## ADMISSIONS

### **What is the MS Sport Management program looking for in an applicant?**

We will admit students who we believe have the ability to complete master's level coursework in Sport Management, contribute positively to fellow classmates, professors, and staff, and have a successful career in the sport industry.

**What are the undergraduate requirements for applying to the Master's degree program?**

Students must have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

**What is the profile of students admitted to MS Sport Management program?**

The most recent cohort of admitted students had an average undergraduate GPA between 3.4 & 3.5. The application review process focuses on the student's grades, types of courses completed with an emphasis on business-type courses, perceived quality of the undergraduate program/school, relevant experience, letters of recommendation (three, at least two of which must come from someone who can attest to the student's academic potential), goals statement (how completing this program is going to help the student achieve his/her goals), the needs of our program/faculty, and the completeness and quality of the student's application.

**When does the application process open and what is the application deadline?**

Our application opens in early Fall and closes on February 1 of the following year.

**Do you accept applications for spring or summer entry into the program?**

No. The program accepts applications for entry into the Fall semester only.

**Is prior work experience required for admission to the program?**

Although work experience is not a requirement for the program, it is expected that qualified and competitive applicants will have participated in at least one substantial internship, volunteer, or work experience.

**How do I apply to the Program?**

This information is contained on the application website which is located at <http://www.applytexas.org>. Additional application requirements pertinent to the Sport Management Masters In-Residence program is found at <http://hlknweb.tamu.edu/degrees-and-programs/graduate-degree-programs/sport-management-masters>

**How can I check on the status of my application?**

To check on the status of your application, go to the following link: <https://applicant.tamu.edu/>

**Is the TOEFL required for International students?**

In order to be considered for admission, international students must submit a TOEFL exam score of 100 or higher with a minimum score of 25 in each of the 4 exam areas. International students who hold an undergraduate degree from a U.S. institution are exempt from the TOEFL requirement.

**Can the TOEFL requirement be waived for International students?**

No.

### **Are there additional requirements for International Students?**

There is very important information on the International Student Services (ISS) web site. International applicants are urged to review the ISS site for Immigration Regulations and visa requirements located at [iss.tamu.edu](http://iss.tamu.edu)

### **What supplemental materials are required and where should I send them?**

Supplemental materials for the program are required **ONLY** if a student is admitted to the program. Admitted students will be asked to provide Official Transcripts showing the degree earned, and will not be allowed to register for classes until all requested materials have been received in the graduate office.

### **If admitted to the program, can a student request deferment until the next year?**

No.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Does the program require a thesis?**

Students may choose a thesis or non-thesis option. Those who intend to pursue a doctorate degree are strongly encouraged to select the thesis option. Completing a Master's thesis research paper will be a valuable (and perhaps necessary) experience prior to attempting to complete a doctoral dissertation

### **Is it possible to graduate in less than the typical length of the program?**

It is possible, but not recommended. Students will be limited to taking 9 hours the first semester, and no more than 12 in any subsequent semester.

### **Can I work while attending the program?**

Every graduate program is challenging, time consuming and most easily conquered with single-mindedness of purpose. The Sport Management program is a full-time program. Students may choose to work part-time, but should not plan on working more than 20 hours per week. This is a lifestyle question which needs to be addressed before the student begins classes.

### **May I switch from the online program to the resident program or vice versa?**

No, we do not allow students to switch from one program to another.

### **Are there available research or graduate assistantships as a source of income during graduate school?**

We offer a limited number of graduate assistantships. All admitted students have the option of applying for assistantships in our department. Unfortunately, not every admitted student will receive an assistantship.

**Are there scholarships available?**

For more information about general financial aid available to all graduate students at Texas A&M University, please visit the Scholarships and Financial Aid Website located at <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Graduate>

**May students transfer credits from another program or otherwise waive required coursework?**

Students may transfer up to 9 hours of coursework subject to the approval of the student's committee. All transfer courses must be graduate courses and no transfers for core classes will be allowed.