SPORT AND RECREATION STUDIES, MS

Banner Code: E1-MS-SRST

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This masters, consisting of four concentrations, meets the growing need for professionals and academics in the areas of recreation administration, sport and leisure studies, sport management, and individualized study in sport, recreation, and tourism. This degree prepares students as professionals who will more adequately serve the industry and their communities, and students who wish to pursue advanced study through doctoral programs in these disciplinary areas, leading to employment (and contributions) in academe. This program offers the traditional research masters’ thesis option and the option of an applied research project linked to a professional setting or internship.

Graduate certificates in Sport Coaching and International Sport Management may be taken in conjunction with the MS SRST degree or as stand alone options.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions
Application Requirements
In addition to fulfilling admission requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions, applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate course in statistics.

Policies
For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP .6 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.

SRST 606 Foundations of Sport and Recreation Studies 3
SPMT 613 Strategic Leadership in Sport Organizations 3
or PRLS 613 Strategic Leadership in Recreation Administration
SPMT 614 Legal Issues in Sport 3
or PRLS 501 Introduction to Natural Resources Law
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 Thesis Preparation & SRST 799 and Master’s Thesis

Total Credits 18

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

Total Credits 12
1 Additional courses may be selected as electives with advisor approval

Concentration in Sport and Leisure Studies (SPLS)
Coursework
PRLS 601 History of Leisure and Sport in American Society 3
PRLS 612 Philosophy of Leisure and Sport 3
Select 6 credits from the following: 6
PRLS 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
1 Additional courses may be selected as electives with advisor approval

Concentration in Sport Management (SPMT)
Coursework
SPMT 611 Sport Marketing and Sales 3
SPMT 612 Economics and Financial Management in the Sport Industry 1
SPMT 616 Sport Operations, Venues, and Event Management 3
Electives
Select 3 credits from the following: 2
SPMT 551 Sport in the Global Marketplace
SPMT 555 The Australian Model of Sport
SPMT 556 The Global Soccer Industry

2 Additional courses may be selected as electives with advisor approval
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

1 SPMT 612 Economics and Financial Management in the Sport Industry may not be used to satisfy the concentration requirement if taken in SRST core.

2 Additional courses may be selected as electives with advisor approval

Concentration in Individualized Study in Sport, Recreation, and Tourism (ISRT)
With advisor approval, select four 3-credit courses within the university catalog that form an integrated program of study.

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 Sport and Recreation Studies, MS. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master’s Degree for policies related to this option.

Application 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. Additionally, applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 3.00. See the Accelerated Master's Admissions (https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/accelerated-masters) webpage to apply.

Accelerated Option Requirements
During their senior year, students complete three to six graduate credits in consultation with the academic program coordinator that apply to both the bachelor's and master's degrees. These courses are considered advanced standing for the master's. A minimum grade of B must be earned to be eligible to count as advanced standing. While still in undergraduate status, students may take up to six graduate credits that are reserve graduate credit and therefore, are applicable to the master's but do not count toward the undergraduate degree. Early in their final undergraduate semester, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to the CEHD Admissions Office and specify which courses are to be designated as advanced standing and reserve graduate credit.