

Ph.D. in Sport Management

The Ph.D. in Sport Management is a program designed around the theoretical frameworks of Sport Management, as well as the applied nature of sport in the global society. Core courses are determined in conjunction with the student's major advisor to include a minimum of 12 credit hours of research, 18 credits within Sport Management, 15 credits of cognate coursework, 8 credit hours in the laboratory of Sport Management, and completion of a dissertation (15 credits).

The interdisciplinary nature of these areas affords students a considerable amount of flexibility in terms of areas of specialization (cognate). Students have chosen to specialize in such disciplines as Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Educational Leadership, Marketing, Management, and Finance. Cognate areas require a minimum of three courses (15 hours).

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1. Course Requirements

- Minimum number of required semester hours of coursework = 53 credits (45 credits for course work and 8 for Lab Practicum)

A. Research Methods and Statistics (minimum 12 credits beyond the master's degree)

- EPSY 5607 Quantitative Methods in Research II
- EPSY 5613 Multivariate Analysis in Educational Research
- EPSY 6601 Methods and Techniques of Educational Research
- EPSY 5601 Principles & Methods in Educational Research
- EPSY 5610 Applied Regression Analysis for the Education Sciences
- EPSY 5613 Multivariate Analysis in Education
- EPSY 5621 Construction of Evaluative Instruments
- EDCI 6000 Qualitative Methods of Educational Research
- EDCI 6005 Advanced Methods of Qualitative Research
- EDCI 5824 Educational Ethnography

B. Major Courses (minimum 18 credits)

- Three PhD seminar courses (each Spring semester) (9 credits)
EKIN 6300
EKIN 6310
EKIN 6315

- Three courses within the Major (9 credits):
 - EKin 5300 Management of Sport Services
 - EKin 5310 Sport Marketing
 - EKin 5325 Legal Aspects of Sport
 - EKin 5315 Sport in Society
 - EKin 5340 Sport Facility and Event Management
 - EKin 5518 Service Learning in Sport and Physical Activity
 - EKin 6505 Teaching Strategies to Enhance Learning for Health Fitness and Sport Professionals

2. Lab Research (8 credits)

- Students sign up for 1-2 credits of lab research each semester with a sport management faculty member.
- Students will be assigned work on specific research projects as designated by the faculty member.

3. Cognate Area(s) (15 credits)

(Courses to be taken from outside the Dept. of Kinesiology)

Courses may be taken, with the consent of the major advisor and the student's advisory committee from management, marketing, sociology, psychology, anthropology, educational leadership, management and finance, among others.

4. Comprehensive Examination*

To be completed after all coursework requirements are met and prior to dissertation proposal.

Five comprehensive exam questions (1 from each sport management faculty / 1 from faculty within cognate area and 1 from faculty within research methods course)

*These exams will be finalized in consultation with student's major advisor.

5. Dissertation Proposal

(see Dissertation Proposal Review Policy document)

6. Dissertation (minimum 15 of credits as required by the Graduate School)

See Graduate School Guidelines for more specific information

<http://grad.uconn.edu/dissert.html>

- GRAD 6950 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1 – 9 credits per semester)

PhD Student Expectations

Teaching

1. Each doctoral student will assist in three classes during his/her program. Students must assist at least two different professors and assist in at least one undergraduate course and one graduate course.
2. Students will participate in at least one teaching workshop, seminar/talk, dissertation defense outside EKIN per semester.
3. Students will be asked to advise undergraduate and graduate students on a drop-in basis with class projects and assignments during their regularly scheduled lab hours.

Research

1. Students will be expected to give two external presentations of their research during their program. Local, national, and international conferences are considered external. Some UCONN conferences will also be considered if they attract an audience beyond EKIN and Neag.
2. All students will participate in at least one external grant application process.
3. All students in their dissertation year will submit their research to the NASSM Student Research Award Competition.
4. Students will submit one manuscript per year each year of their program and will have at least one manuscript in press by the time they graduate.

Service

1. Students will attend one Neag Graduate Student Association meeting per semester. Students are also encouraged to participate in other forms of graduate student government through the Graduate Student Senate, Cultural Centers, etc.
2. All students have a standing invitation to participate in activities involving Paw Pals and Husky Sport. These might include traveling to Tolland or Hartford for a before or after school session or assisting with a program on campus.
3. All lab members will be assigned duties involving the upkeep and advancement of the lab including website maintenance, database development, etc.