Sport Management
Breakout Session
Mandatory Advising

• New students must attend a **mandatory** advising session with their advisor. You will receive an email with more information at the beginning of the Fall semester.

• Please come to this meeting prepared!

• **Topics to Discuss:**
  • Accepting AP/IB Credit
  • Academic Progress
  • Transition to Texas A&M
  • Advisor Expectations
  • Student Involvement/Social Integration
  • Useful Campus Resources
  • Anything else applicable

• **Failure to schedule & attend this meeting will result in being BLOCKED from registration for the Spring semester.**
New Student Agreement

- Complete Name, UIN
- TAMU e-mail address – username@email.tamu.edu
- Phone Number
- Sign & Date (do not separate!)
Sport Management
Sport Management

• Sport management has to do with any and every business aspect of sports and recreation. The field is vast. Sport managers can be found working for:
  • Professional teams or their parent programs (such as the NFL, NBA, MLB or NHL)
  • Minor league teams
  • Colleges and universities
  • Recreational departments
  • Parks & Recreation departments
  • Youth Camps

• Sport Management is not meant to focus specifically on aspects such as coaching, athletic training or areas reserved more for Kinesiology and Sport Conditioning.
Sport Management

• Our Sport Management curriculum will expose you to various disciplines within the sport industry including, but not limited to:
  • Psychology
  • Sociology
  • Marketing
  • Law
  • Finance
  • International sport business
  • Diversity
  • Risk management
  • Communication
  • Leadership
  • Facilities Management
  • Event Planning & Management
Sport Management

• Careers in Sport Management may include:
  • Event management
  • Facility management
  • Sports economics
  • Sport analytics
  • Finance
  • Promotion/Marketing
  • Sales
  • Accounting
  • Public Relations
  • Sport Agents
  • Many others
Degree Options
Important Stuff

• Regardless of Track...
  • Sport Management students should graduate with a minimum of 2 industry experiences on their resume (i.e. part time work, internship, etc.)

• In addition, students should plan to have anywhere from 5 to 10 different volunteer opportunities on their resume
  • Well situated geographically to provide various opportunities
Interdisciplinary Option

• Ideal for students looking for more flexibility in their degree plan
• Ability to choose minor
• Increased elective hours to build in a second minor or additional coursework from various disciplines that apply to the Sport Management field
• Ability to explore various areas within the discipline
• Great for students looking to focus on:
  • Communication/journalism
  • Facilitates management
  • Statistics
  • Economics
  • Law
Applied Sport Mgmt Option

• Ideal for students who want a strong business emphasis (requires a Business Minor)

• Good option for students who know the specific area within Sport Management they want to work in

• Fewer Elective Hours

• Requires a field based internship experience in the final semester as part of the degree requirements
  • 12 credit hour course (roughly 10% of the degree requirements)
  • Must complete all other coursework on degree prior to enrolling in your final internship

• Competitive enrollment; requires faculty approval
Choosing Your Option

- Students will choose which option they want to apply for when they apply for Professional Phase
- Your advisor will help you talk through which option will better fit your needs based on your career goals and what you want to achieve with your degree
- Students interested in the Applied Option will need to begin working on the Business Minor early in their degree
- If you apply for the Applied Option and are not selected the first time, you will have the option to either switch to the Interdisciplinary Option, or apply a second time to get into the Applied Option
Degree Requirements
Degree Plan Packet

• Lower Level Degree Plan
• Curriculum Spreadsheet
• General Rules
• Electives
• Applied “Ideal” Curriculum
• Interdisciplinary “Ideal” Curriculum
• Blank Ideal Curriculum
• Interdisciplinary Pre-Approved Minors
# Texas A&M University

## Department of Health & Kinesiology

### B.S. Lower Level Degree Plan in Sport Management

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Courses outlined in **BOLD** indicate classes that **MUST** be taken before admission to the Professional Phase of the program can be granted
**Refer to core.tamu.edu. All courses **MUST** satisfy University Core Curriculum. Some may also meet International and Cultural Diversity requirements
^ See Curriculum Spreadsheet and/or Elective List for acceptable courses. Some electives may meet International and Cultural Diversity requirements
* Courses must be taken at Texas A&M University

STUDENT _______________ DATE _______________

ADVISOR _______________ DATE _______________ PROPOSED GRAD. DATE _______________

ASST. DIRECTOR _______________ DATE _______________

Catalog 141
Curriculum Spreadsheet

• Core Curriculum
  • Sciences Courses & KINE 120/223
    • 4 – 4 – 1
    • 3 – 3 – 3

• International & Cultural Diversity
  • Can double count with other degree requirements
    • Language, Philosophy & Culture
    • Creative Arts
    • SPMT Electives

• Business Minor Courses
  • ACCT 209 and MGMT 209 can be taken away from A&M
  • If you are planning to pursue the business minor and want more information, talk with your advisor
General Rules

• Professional Phase
  • Requirements for Both Options
    • Complete all bolded courses (these are the **ONLY** courses that **HAVE** to be completed prior to applying for the Pro. Phase)
    • 45 total hours; 15 A&M hours (can be 12 hours for first semester transfer students)
    • 30 hours of core curriculum
  • Additional Requirements for Interdisciplinary Option
    • Minimum GPA of 2.0
  • Additional Requirements for Applied Option
    • Minimum GPA of 2.5
    • Previous Field Based Experience (Recommended)
      • Volunteer, Internship and/or Work Experience
    • Faculty Approval
General Rules

• Progress Towards Degree
  • While in SPMT you must take courses that count towards our degree
  • Repercussions
    • Dropped from courses
    • Hold on your account
    • Wasted time and/or money
  • Change of Major
    • Communicate with your advisor
    • Be aware of the requirements
    • Have a contingency plan
General Rules

• Undergraduate Degree Planner
  • Tool in Howdy
  • Opens March 1\textsuperscript{st}; due August 1\textsuperscript{st}
  • Helps plan courses all the way until graduation
  • Not set in stone
  • Does not register your for courses

• Course Forcing
  • We do not force students into courses unless there is a graduation emergency or other compelling reason to do so
  • We cannot force students into any course that falls outside of our department
Electives

• Sport Management Electives
  • Minimum 6 hours (can go up depending on option)
  • Any SPMT course not already required on your degree
  • Can be used for Internship credit (if required by internship site)
    • Requires faculty approval

• Directed Electives
  • Minimum 9 hours (can go up depending on option)
  • Can be any SPMT course past required courses and SPMT electives
  • Can be any course listed on the bottom half of the Electives page
  • Can be used to overlap with a second minor (see your advisor if this is something you are interested in)

• Free Electives
  • 3 hours (will not change)
  • Any course that would not normally count on your degree plan
Study Abroad/ Field Trip Opportunities

• Field Trips
  • Greece & Germany (Summer Session 1)
    • SPMT 220
  • Europe Trip (Spring Semester)
    • Varies
  • Colorado (Olympic Training Center)
    • EHRD 408

• Study Abroad
  • Germany & Austria (Summer Session 2)
    • SPMT 337/340
“Ideal” Curriculum Sheets

- Meant to be an example & tool
- Not meant to necessarily be followed to the letter
- Should adjust accordingly as you go through the degree
- Blank copy for you to track your progress
Minors

• Business Minor is the only option for the Field Based degree
• Some minors require department approval or an application
• Non-approved minors can be considered (for legitimate reasons) and must be approved by the SPMT faculty
Registration Information
General Information

• Registration time is based on your Transcript hours
  • This means any hours that you have already completed and are graded
  • The system does not take into account any hours you are taking the semester you register (important for junior level courses)

• Students who are working and meet certain criteria are eligible to apply for an earlier registration

• Students with disabilities, honors students and student athletes get priority registration

• Business minor courses have two types of sections:
  • Sections for Minors (typically larger; 200-900 seats)
  • Sections for Specific Majors (cannot register if you are a minor)

• Registration information can always be found at registrar.tamu.edu
Selecting Courses

• One or two bold classes
• 100 or 200 level courses
• Pay attention to time conflicts
• Prepare to be Flexible
• Have PATIENCE
• Always click on (Restrictions/Details)
• CRN- Course Reference Number
Registration

• Arrive at 1:30 pm outside TBD (across from elevators)
• You will be called in by major
• Registration opens at exactly 2:00 pm
• Bring Degree Plan packet
• Transcripts not in yet
• Due to limited space, only students will be allowed in the computer lab
  • Parents Meeting TBD
• Summer admits must register for summer courses before fall
AP/IB/Dual Credit

• Put courses down even if you think they are already in Howdy

• If you are unsure if a course you took will transfer, please indicate the institution you took it at

• At registration this afternoon, we will provide you with a copy of your Degree Plan with these courses filled in

• If you are still waiting on scores; do not plan to register for those courses until you know for sure
Sport Management Learning Community

- Fulfills Regent Scholars Requirement
- Non-Regents students are admitted based on availability and certain criteria (please fill out and return the application before you leave)
- Students in the LC will take the following courses together in their first two semesters at Texas A&M:
  - 2 x SPMT 285 (1 credit hour each) in both the Fall & Summer with Dr. Hudson
  - SPMT 217 (Foundations) in the Fall with Dr. Hudson
  - MGMT 105 (Intro to Business) in the Spring
- Provides a support network for students in their first semester
- Gives students unique opportunities through projects and field trips in their first year
- Helps students navigate college life
Top Gun

- Top Gun is a program for undergraduate students in the Division of Sport Management that is designed to highlight the accomplishments of the highest achieving students.
- By dedicating themselves to a lifestyle of learning, giving, and sport industry service, Top Gun students are recognized as the future of the sporting industry.
- Designed to inspire both personal and professional growth.
- Requirements:
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher
  - 15 volunteer points (225 hours) in sport industry-related internship work
  - 10 volunteer points (150 hours) from any volunteer service organization
  - 1 volunteer point = 15 hours
  - All community service hours must be documented and signed for by the organization for which the work was completed
- [topgun.tamu.edu](http://topgun.tamu.edu)
To Do List Today

• Things that should already be completed:
  • Holds/Blocks
    • Cannot register if there is a Hold/Block on your account
  • Lab Safety Acknowledgement in HOWDY
    • Only applicable if you are taking a science course

• Parents Meeting in TBD

• Register
REMIND is a communication tool that helps your advisor reach you with a quick text to instantly send updates, deadlines, and other pertinent information to you, all in real time. The updates will be short, simple reminders to stay on top of your degree requirements!

In order to subscribe please text @spmttamu to 81010
Sport Management Society

• First Meeting: TBA
• Meet every other week on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM
• Socials, service and volunteer opportunities
• A&M facilities tours
• Meet other SPMT majors

sms.tamu.edu for more information
Have a Great Year!!!