

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN SPORT MANAGEMENT AND A MAJOR CONCENTRATION IN SPORT LAW

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in Sport Management and a Major Concentration in Sport Law

Upon completing the BA Degree with a major in Sport Management and a major concentration in Sport Law, students will be able to:

1. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
2. Develop and hone professional skills through classroom learning, experiential learning, and field research through a steady progression of internships.
3. Demonstrate the ability to produce a marketing plan specific to product in the sport industry.
4. Demonstrate the ability to utilize and communicate legal concepts as they relate to the sport industry, such as risk management, governing bodies, and ethics.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Sport Management and a Major Concentration in Sport Law

For general university requirements, see [Graduation Requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Sport Management must complete:

- A minimum of 15 courses (45-48 credit hours, depending on course selection) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 9-10 courses (27-32 credit hours), depending on major concentration declared, taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit **after** matriculation at Rice may be applied towards specific major requirements. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the *Policies* tab.
- The requirements of a major concentration. When students **declare the major** (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/#text>) in Sport Management, students must additionally identify and declare one of two major concentrations, either in:
 - **Sport Law** (p. 1): designed to prepare our graduates for law school, **or**
 - **Sport Leadership**: (<https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/sport-management/sport-management-ba-leadership-concentration/#requirementstext>) designed to prepare our

graduates for management, leadership, and entrepreneurial roles within the sport industry.

Because of the common core requirements, it is possible for students to change their major concentration at any time, even after initially declaring the major. To do so, please contact the [Office of the Registrar \(registrar@rice.edu\)](mailto:registrar@rice.edu).

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major's Official Certifier (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/>.) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Sport Management		45-48
Total Credit Hours Required for the BA Degree with a Major in Sport Management		120

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
COMP 140 or DSCI 101	COMPUTATIONAL THINKING INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE	3-4
<i>Select 1 course from the following:</i>		3-4
BUSI 395	DATA ANALYTICS	
STAT 310 / ECON 307	PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	
STAT 315 / DSCI 301	PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS FOR DATA SCIENCE	
ECON 100	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS	3
SMGT 260	INTRODUCTION TO SPORT MANAGEMENT	3
SMGT 266	LEADING WITH SERVICE	3
SMGT 276	SPORT MANAGEMENT PRACTICUM	3
SMGT 350	SPORT ETHICS	3
SMGT 362	SPORT MARKETING	3
SMGT 376	SPORT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP 1	3
SMGT 440	SPORT BUSINESS ANALYTICS	3

Major Concentration

<i>Select 1 from the following Major Concentrations (see below for Major Concentration requirements):</i>		15-16
Sport Law		
Sport Leadership		
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Sport Management		45-48
Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements *		41-44

University Graduation Requirements (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/>)*

31

Total Credit Hours

120

Footnotes and Additional Information

* **Note:** University Graduation Requirements include 31 credit hours, comprised of Distribution Requirements (Groups I, II, and III), FWIS, and LPAP coursework. In some instances, courses satisfying FWIS or distribution requirements may additionally meet other requirements, such as the Analyzing Diversity (AD) requirement, or some of the student's declared major, minor, or certificate requirements. **Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements** include general electives, coursework completed as upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), and/or any other additional academic program requirements.

Major Concentration: Sport Law

Students must complete a total of 5 courses (15 credit hours) as listed below to satisfy the requirements for the major concentration in Sport Law.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Course		
SMGT 364	SPORT LAW	3
Elective Requirements		
<i>Select 4 courses from the following:</i>		12
BUSI 422	NEGOTIATIONS AND DECISION MAKING	
ECON 239	LAW AND ECONOMICS	
HIST 332	AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY, 1863 TO THE PRESENT	
HIST 426	DISABILITY AND U.S. LAW	
HIST 449	LAW IN THE DIGITAL WORLD	
HUMA 309	ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
HUMA 315	COMMUNICATION LAW	
PHIL 373	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	
PHIL 470	ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	
PLST 305	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	
PLST 306	THE RIVER AND THE WALL: LAW OF BORDERS AND MIGRATION	
PLST 307	INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN LAW	
PLST 331	CRIME IN THE U.S.	
PLST 401	LEGAL PRACTICUM	
PLST 402	JUDICIAL PRACTICUM	
POLI 319	WORLD LEGAL SYSTEMS	
POLI 321	AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: STRUCTURES AND POWERS	
POLI 323	AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	
SMGT 464	ADVANCED SPORT LAW	
SOCI 325	SOCIOLOGY OF LAW	

SOCI 396 / LAW AND RESISTANCE IN THE EVERYDAY
ANTH 396

Total Credit Hours

15

Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Sport Management and a Major Concentration in Sport Law

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the BA Degree with a Major in Sport Management and a Major Concentration in Sport Law should be aware of the following program restrictions:

- Students pursuing the major in Sport Management may pursue only one major concentration within the major.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors \(https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/\)](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the major in Sport Management should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 6 courses (and a maximum of 18 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards specific major requirements **after** matriculation at Rice.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Please Note: Additional transfer courses may count toward meeting university graduation requirements, but not toward fulfillment of requirements for the major. Credits awarded to transfer students for courses taken prior to matriculation at Rice are not counted against the departmental limit on transfer courses, but all students must complete more than half of their upper-level major coursework (300-level and 400-level courses) at Rice.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Sport Management website: <https://sport.rice.edu/>.

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Sport Management and a Major Concentration in Sport Law

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (*summa cum laude, magna*

cum laude, and *cum laude*) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Internships

Students are required to complete at least one internship prior to graduation, often with one of the professional teams in Houston (Rockets, Astros, Texans, Dynamo, etc.). Students also will receive networking and out-of-class developmental training, as these play a significant role in obtaining high-profile positions in collegiate and professional sports.

Students pursuing the major concentration in Sport Law are encouraged to enroll in PLST 401 and/or PLST 402 in order to receive out-of-class developmental training.

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