Sport Management is an interdisciplinary field of study that draws from a wide range of academic disciplines, including business, management, law, and communication. The thoroughly interdisciplinary emphasis of the sport management major aims to educate students in the skills and theory necessary to assume leadership roles both in and out of the sport industry.

Career preparation for leadership and entrepreneurial positions is the ultimate goal of the sport management major at Rice. Students will acquire a solid academic and practical foundation and thus will be competitive for opportunities that include entering the sport business industry or applying to the country’s best law and business schools.

Bachelor’s Programs

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Sport Management
  - and a Major Concentration in Sport Analytics (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/sport-management/sport-management-­ba-­analytics-­concentration/)
  - and a Major Concentration in Sport Law (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/sport-management/sport-management-­ba-­law-­concentration/)
  - and a Major Concentration in Sport Leadership (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social­­sciences/sport-management/sport-management-­ba-­leadership-­concentration/)

Sport Management does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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For Rice University degree-granting programs:
To view the list of official course offerings, please see Rice’s Course Catalog (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/ISWKSCAT.cat?p_action=cata)
To view the most recent semester’s course schedule, please see Rice’s Course Schedule (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/ISWKSCAT.cat)

Sport Management (SMGT)

SMGT 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory, Internship/Practicum, Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

SMGT 260 - INTRODUCTION TO SPORT MANAGEMENT
Short Title: INTRO TO SPORT MANAGEMENT
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course is designed to: first, provide the student with an overview of the structure of the sport industry as well as issues facing sport organizations and how management techniques can be applied to solve business problems. Second, students will be introduced to the various sub-disciplines within sport management (marketing, law, sales, event management, etc). Third, students will become familiar with career opportunities in sport management. Special Registration is required for Juniors and Seniors.
SMGT 266 - LEADING WITH SERVICE  
Short Title: LEADING WITH SERVICE  
Department: Sport Management  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to undergraduate students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore. Enrollment is limited to undergraduate, undergraduate professional, or visiting undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260  
Description: This course will examine industry leaders in customer service, identifying the unique qualities that their employees exhibit. Students will learn the fundamentals of service delivery and various research and various research and analysis methods, then apply these in practical applications with local sports franchises. By the conclusion of this course, students will have created a customer service vision for a fictitious organization, developed training programs for employees and created measurable objectives for success. This course is for freshmen and sophomores only. Special Registration is required for Juniors and Seniors.

SMGT 276 - SPORT MANAGEMENT PRACTICUM  
Short Title: SPORT MANAGEMENT PRACTICUM  
Department: Sport Management  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to undergraduate, undergraduate professional, or visiting undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 or KINE 260  
Description: This class is designed to prepare students for working in the sport industry. Students will learn how to construct an effective resume, interview skills, business etiquette, etc. Students will also gain real-life experience by working with one of the numerous sports organizations in Houston for 100 hours during the course of the semester.

SMGT 320 - BUSINESS OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS  
Short Title: BUSINESS OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS  
Department: Sport Management  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to undergraduate, undergraduate professional, or visiting undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260  
Description: This course will focus on developing an understanding of college athletics and its role in higher education. Students will develop a research project and presentation as well as learn from guest speakers and case studies.

SMGT 350 - SPORT ETHICS  
Short Title: SPORT ETHICS  
Department: Sport Management  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to undergraduate, undergraduate professional, or visiting undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course is designed to assist students in self-evaluating, examining and developing a philosophy, values, and moral reasoning skills. Major moral/ethical issues and theoretical frameworks inside and outside of sport will be researched and discussed. Students will experience the ethical decision-making process through opportunities for critical analysis drawing upon their philosophical bases. All major theories of ethics will be examined with special application made to the sport management environment.

SMGT 360 - SALES & REVENUE GENERATION IN SPORT  
Short Title: SALES & REVENUE GENERATION  
Department: Sport Management  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to undergraduate, undergraduate professional, or visiting undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 or KINE 260  
Description: In this class, students are introduced to the characteristics that are required for successful selling in the sport industry, such as developing proposals, making persuasive sales presentations, closing deals, maintaining relationships, etc. Students will also explore the various ways that revenue is generated in the sport industry.

SMGT 361 - SPORT FINANCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
Short Title: SPORT FINANCE  
Department: Sport Management  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to undergraduate, undergraduate professional, or visiting undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course will explore economic and financial principles that are significant in the sport industry. This course also addresses the issues, challenges, and opportunities of civic life and the benefits that diverse populations receive when sports organizations use their unique power to unite members of a community who otherwise might not share in the array of benefits provided.
agreements. while maintaining neutrality, exhibiting negotiation skills, and drafting ethics within the field of mediation. Students will conduct a full mediation conflict, have a better understanding of culture awareness, as well as the

Within the class each student will become familiar with the nature of various areas of sports are integrated with the American legal system. lawyers and judges. This course will also provide an overview of how American legal system and to the types of legal reasoning used by lawyers and judges. This course will also provide an overview of how various areas of sports are integrated with the American legal system.

This course introduces the core principles of mediation. Within the class each student will become familiar with the nature of conflict, have a better understanding of culture awareness, as well as the ethics within the field of mediation. Students will conduct a full mediation while maintaining neutrality, exhibiting negotiation skills, and drafting agreements.

Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 and SMGT 266
Description: Practical application of the principles and theory related to planning, organization, and execution of sport and entertainment events. Students will case study examples of crisis management and even day coordination. During the semester, students will attend large scale events and evaluate key performance indicators. By the conclusion of this course, students will be prepared to design, run, and measure the success of events and event management teams.

Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 or KINE 260
Description: This class examines the social institution of sport and its consequences for American society and various social organizations ranging from leisure to professional sport. Topics such as deviance in sport, discrimination, women in sport, and ethics will be covered. This class will also review the socialization implications from participation in sport.

Prerequisite(s): (SMGT 260 or KINE 260) and (SMGT 276 or KINE 276)
Description: Internship experience for upper-level students in sport management.

Prerequisite(s): (SMGT 260 or KINE 260) and (SMGT 276 or KINE 276)
Description: Internship experience for upper-level students in sport management. Repeatable for Credit.
SMGT 378 - SPORT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP 3
Short Title: SPORT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP 3
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-6
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (SMGT 260 or KINE 260) and (SMGT 276 or KINE 276)
Description: Internship course in sport management offered specifically during the summer session. Repeatable for Credit.

SMGT 379 - SPORT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP 4
Short Title: SPORT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP 4
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-6
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (SMGT 260 or KINE 260) and (SMGT 276 or KINE 276)
Description: Internship experience for upper-level students in sport management. Repeatable for Credit.

SMGT 396 - THE BUSINESS & HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES
Short Title: THE OLYMPICS-BUSINESS&HISTORY
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The Olympic Games is most watched and internationally-recognized sporting event. This course will examine the history of the Olympic Games but also the political, cultural, financial, and social aspects as well.

SMGT 400 - HOUSTON TEXANS SEMINAR
Short Title: HOUSTON TEXANS SEMINAR
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 276 and SMGT 360 and SMGT 362
Description: This course will provide the student with an intensive, immersive learning experience in conjunction with one of the most valuable sports teams in the world. The Houston Texans are currently ranked by Forbes as the 9th most valuable franchise in the NFL with annual revenues topping $464 million. Students enrolled in this course will attend classes at the corporate offices of the Houston Texans where senior executives from the front office will present weekly on the challenges and opportunities facing their various operating departments. Students will engage in traditional classroom learning while also tackling real-world problems and creating potential solutions. Each week a different operating area will be examined. Department Permission Required.

SMGT 405 - RESEARCH IN SPORT MANAGEMENT
Short Title: RESEARCH IN SPORT MANAGEMENT
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (KINE 319 or STAT 280) and (SMGT 260 or KINE 260)
Description: This class is designed to provide students with experience working on actual research projects, likely with one of the professional sport franchises in Houston. At the end of the semester, the class will present its findings to the organization’s upper management.

SMGT 415 - THEORIES OF HIGH LEVEL PERFORMANCE
Short Title: THEORIES-HIGH LVL PERFORMANCE
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This is a class designed for students who plan to go into coaching or training. It will provide the most current information available for training elite athletes in the area of strength, power, speed, and flexibility. Experts in the field of strength training, plyometrics, speed training, and flexibility will speak. The nature and basis of elite athlete training related to exercise physiology, biomechanics, motor learning, sport psychology, and nutrition will be explored.

SMGT 430 - INTRODUCTION TO SPORT ANALYTICS
Short Title: INTRO TO SPORT ANALYTICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (SMGT 260 and (STAT 280 or SOSC 302)
Description: The focus of this course will be to provide the basics for understanding and applying analytical techniques to professional teams both on the sports side (predicting player performance and outcomes) and the business side (establishing business models). A survey into basic statistical techniques (multiple regression, discriminant analysis, etc.) will be the foundation of the class.
SMGT 431 - ADVANCED SPORT ANALYTICS
Short Title: ADVANCED SPORT ANALYTICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): STAT 280 or STAT 315 or SOSC 302
Description: This course will assist students in applying and developing advanced analytical skills specifically designed to evaluate sport performance as well as predict team & individual success. Students will achieve this through the development of critical thinking skills as well as advanced knowledge in modeling, statistical analysis, predictive analytics, game theory, optimization, data mining, machine learning techniques, and simulation.

SMGT 440 - SPORT BUSINESS ANALYTICS
Short Title: SPORT BUSINESS ANALYTICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 and (STAT 280 or SOSC 302)
Description: In this age of Big Data, employees must be tech savvy with a strong background in computer and statistical analysis. Sport Business Analytics calls for special approaches to marketing and pricing. This course is designed to introduce the students to techniques that will allow for productive sport business analytics.

SMGT 450 - LEADERSHIP IN SPORT MANAGEMENT
Short Title: LEADERSHIP IN SPORT MANAGEMENT
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260
Description: This course will provide an overview of several major leadership theories as well as stimulate discussion on different styles of leadership and how they apply to the sport industry. Students will perform a leadership self-evaluation as well as develop a plan for its real-world application.

SMGT 460 - BUSINESS ANALYSIS IN SPORT
Short Title: BUSINESS ANALYSIS IN SPORT
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 or KINE 260
Description: Students will be exposed to the aspects of effectively planning for and introducing change in sport organizations. This will include an examination of the successful management of organizational and behavioral changes, focusing on planned and unplanned changes and emphasizing development of change strategies and the measurement of change effectiveness.

SMGT 464 - ADVANCED SPORT LAW
Short Title: ADVANCED SPORT LAW
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 364
Description: This course exams legal issues impacting amateur and professional sports. Students will analyze sport cases and materials that cover multiple disciplines, including contracts, torts, constitutional law, labor and employment, and criminal law. Students will augment their learning through analysis and discussion of up-to-the-minute professional and collegiate sports law developments.

SMGT 465 - SPORT CONTRACTS AND NEGOTIATION
Short Title: SPORT CONTRACTS & NEGOTIATION
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SMGT 260 and SMGT 364
Description: This course introduces students to contracts and negotiations and how they are used in sport management. Students develop an understanding of contract language, drafting and negotiation, as well as practical experience applying those techniques through exercises and role-play designed to increase understanding and enhance learning.
SMGT 466 - SPORT PUBLIC RELATIONS

Short Title: SPORT PUBLIC RELATIONS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (SMGT 260 or KINE 260) and (SMGT 362 or KINE 362)
Description: An applied study of media in business and sport with an emphasis on press conferences, news releases, media-athlete relations, communications, print journalism, and community relations. Recommended Prerequisite(s): HUMA 201 or LEAD 321.

SMGT 467 - SPORTS JOURNALISM

Short Title: SPORTS JOURNALISM
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Successful journalists must be able to communicate through their writing, their spoken word, and also through video. Students in this class will learn all of the different journalism formats and techniques including writing short and long articles, blogging, videos, podcasts, interviews, PR writing, social media, etc. Students will complete assignments in each of these areas. When students finish the course, they will have an updated portfolio filled with examples of their work. Recommended Prerequisite(s): SMGT 466

SMGT 470 - SPORT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Short Title: SPORT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The object of this course is to expose students to upper-level problem-solving methods in the sport management industry. Students will learn by writing and solving case studies as well as discussing current issues. This class is designed for students who are pursuing a career in the sport management industry. Students will also interact with a series of speakers from the industry. Students should have completed the majority of SMGT classes before considering taking this course. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

SMGT 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Independent Study, Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

SMGT 490 - SEMINAR IN SPORTS ANALYTICS

Short Title: SEMINAR IN SPORTS ANALYTICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): COMP 140 and SMGT 431 and (STAT 315 or DSCI 301) and STAT 405 and (SOSC 302 or STAT 280)
Description: This course is designed to be the culminating experience in the Sport Analytics Concentration. Students will complete a semester-long research project while also hearing from selected industry professionals who will discuss their cutting edge research in the field of Sport Analytics.

SMGT 495 - INDEPENDENT STUDY

Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Junior or Senior. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Reading or research project to be determined by discussions between student(s) and faculty member(s). Must have the approval of the Chair of the Department of Sport Management and the participating faculty member. Instructor Permission Required.

SMGT 498 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics may vary. Please consult with the Sport Management Program for additional information. Repeatable for Credit.
SMGT 499 - TEACHING PRACTICUM
Short Title: TEACHING PRACTICUM
Department: Sport Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Advanced teaching experience for upper level students who have demonstrated a particular aptitude and interest in an area of sport management. Students assist in conducting a course in which they have previously excelled. The student will learn techniques in course management, instruction, and evaluation. The Chair of the Department of Sport Management must approve all teaching assistants. Pre-requisites: declared Sport Management major. Student must have received at least an "A-" in the course serving as the practicum. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
• Course offerings/subject code: SMGT

Program Description and Code
• Sport Management: SMGT

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
• Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
• Major in Sport Management: SMGT

Undergraduate Major Concentration Descriptions and Codes
• Major Concentration in Sport Analytics: SPAS
• Major Concentration in Sport Law: SPLW
• Major Concentration in Sport Leadership: SPLE

CIP Code and Description
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• SMGT Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 31.0504 - Sport and Fitness Administration/Management
• SPAS Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 45.0102 - Research Methodology and Quantitative Methods
• SPLW Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 22.0000 - Legal Studies, General
• SPLE Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 31.0504 - Sport and Fitness Administration/Management

1 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2020 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/