

LEADERSHIP: SPORTS LEADERSHIP (EDD) (PHD)

The sports leadership specialization curriculum provides professional preparation for management and leadership positions with professional sports teams, intercollegiate and intramural athletics and recreation programs at secondary and post-secondary institutions, colleges and universities and amateur athletic organizations.

Offered as a specialization within the doctoral program in leadership, the sports leadership specialization provides professional preparation for careers in private and public health and fitness clubs, corporate fitness and wellness programs, sports stadiums and arenas, and the sports marketing, management and communications firms that service the larger marketplace.

General Graduate Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Concordia University Chicago graduate programs as published in the Concordia University Chicago academic catalog (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/>).

New students are accepted into graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Previously admitted students seeking to change programs may do so at the beginning of a semester (only) by submitting a Change-of-Program quick app (<https://capp.cuchicago.edu/graduate/change-of-program/>). Applicants must be in good academic standing according to Concordia University Chicago's satisfactory academic progress standards at the time of requesting a program change.

Degree Requirements for Ed.D. Track

Code	Title	Hours
Doctoral Program Core		
EDL-7211	Policy Analysis (non K-12)	3
EDL-7141	Organizational Change (non K-12)	3
FPR-7011	Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Leadership	3
SPML-7040	Sports Leadership and Ethics	3
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7900	Research Design	4
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation		
COMP-7000	Comprehensive Examination (no credit)	0
DISS-7010	Dissertation I	3
DISS-7020	Dissertation II	3
DISS-7030	Dissertation III ¹	3
Sports Leadership Specialization Courses		
EDL-7121	Research-Based Decision Making (non K-12)	3
LDR-7000	Leadership Theories and Professional Practice	3

LDR-7010	Developing the Organization's Human Capital	3
LDR-7020	Leading the Knowledge Enterprise	3
LDR-7030	Promoting and Leading Change	3
SPML-7010	Advanced Topics in Sports Administration	3
SPML-7020	Seminar in Sports Marketing	3
SPML-7030	Seminar in Advanced Sports Economics and Finance	3
SPML-7050	The Essentials of the Law in Sports	3
SPML-7085	Sports Analytics	3
Total Hours		61

¹ Upon completion of the nine required hours of dissertation coursework, candidates must maintain continuous enrollment with DISS-8000 Dissertation Supervision until program completion.

Degree Requirements for Ph.D. Track

Code	Title	Hours
Doctoral Program Core		
EDL-7211	Policy Analysis (non K-12)	3
EDL-7141	Organizational Change (non K-12)	3
FPR-7300	Philosophy of Scientific Knowledge	3
SPML-7040	Sports Leadership and Ethics	3
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7800	Mixed Methods Research	3
RES-7900	Research Design	4
RES-7620	Advanced Topics in Statistics	3
or RES-7710	Advanced Qualitative Analysis	
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation		
COMP-7000	Comprehensive Examination (no credit)	0
DISS-7010	Dissertation I	3
DISS-7020	Dissertation II	3
DISS-7030	Dissertation III ¹	3
Sports Leadership Specialization Courses		
EDL-7121	Research-Based Decision Making (non K-12)	3
LDR-7000	Leadership Theories and Professional Practice	3
LDR-7010	Developing the Organization's Human Capital	3
LDR-7020	Leading the Knowledge Enterprise	3
LDR-7030	Promoting and Leading Change	3
SPML-7010	Advanced Topics in Sports Administration	3
SPML-7020	Seminar in Sports Marketing	3
SPML-7030	Seminar in Advanced Sports Economics and Finance	3
SPML-7050	The Essentials of the Law in Sports	3
SPML-7085	Sports Analytics	3
Total Hours		67

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Doctoral Graduation Requirements

- Have on file an application as a doctoral graduate student in this program.
- Have on file one official transcript from EACH college/university attended of all previous coursework taken.
- Complete, for this degree and program,
 - the credit hours and levels as designated,
 - within the specified time limit,
 - with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
 - Students completing multiple advanced programs or degrees at CUC must have a 3.0 GPA in each academic program in addition to a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- If transfer credit is approved to be applied: have on file an approved "Graduate Transfer Credit Approval" form(s) or evaluation(s).
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Have on record the dissertation uploaded into ProQuest.
- Take and pass the final examination or terminal requirements in the program during or after the final course.
- Approval of the faculty.
- Payments of all tuition and fees due to Concordia University Chicago. All holds must be removed to receive transcripts and diploma.

Every attempt has been made to include information to aid the student with information about his/her program, degree and graduation/completion requirements. It is, however, the student's responsibility to complete all steps and meet all deadlines relevant to graduation requirements.