LEADERSHIP: SPORTS LEADERSHIP (EDD) (PHD)

Modality: Online

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 academia, 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 most graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Students seeking to change programs may do so 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 and meet published program admission requirements at the time of requesting a program change. Program changes will be processed and recorded for the subsequent semester.

Degree Requirements for EdD Track

Code	Title	Hours
Doctoral Program Core		
EDL-7211	Policy Analysis	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
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

Code	Title	Hours
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7910	Research Design I	3
RES-7920	Research Design II	3
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation [1]		
COMP-7010	Doctoral Comprehensive Exam	1
DISS-7011	Dissertation Proposal I	3
DISS-7012	Dissertation Proposal II	3
DISS-8010	Dissertation Completion (first 8-week session)	0
DISS-8011	Dissertation Completion (second 8-week session)	0
Minimum Total Hours		**61**

[1]
- Students continue in the DISS-701X sequence until successful proposal defense.
- After a student successfully defends their proposal, they apply for candidacy and maintain continuous enrollment in DISS-8010 Dissertation Completion and DISS-8011 Dissertation Completion until program completion.

Degree Requirements for PhD Track

Code	Title	Hours
Doctoral Program Core		
EDL-7211	Policy Analysis	3
EDL-7141	Organizational Change (non K-12)	3
FPR-7300	Philosophy of Scientific Knowledge	3
SPML-7040	Sports Leadership and Ethics	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

Code	Title	Hours
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3

RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7800	Mixed Methods Research	3
RES-7620	Advanced Topics in Statistics	3
or RES-7710	Advanced Qualitative Analysis	
RES-7910	Research Design I	3
RES-7920	Research Design II	3
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation [1]		
COMP-7010	Doctoral Comprehensive Exam	1
DISS-7011	Dissertation Proposal I	3
DISS-7012	Dissertation Proposal II	3
DISS-8010	Dissertation Completion (first 8-week session)	0
DISS-8011	Dissertation Completion (second 8-week session)	0
Minimum Total Hours		**67**

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- After a student successfully defends their proposal, they apply for candidacy and maintain continuous enrollment in DISS-8010 Dissertation Completion and DISS-8011 Dissertation Completion until program completion.

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 grades of C- or higher,
  - 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.
- Have on file approved “Graduate Transfer Credit Approval” form(s), "Course Substitution" form(s), or evaluation(s), if applicable.
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Successfully defend the dissertation or satisfy the designated culminating experience.
- Have on record the dissertation uploaded into ProQuest.
- Approval of the faculty.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts and diploma(s).

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.