

MBA - Sport Leadership Concentration

Curriculum

As of Fall 2025, the MBA - Sport Leadership Concentration program will not be offered.

The Master of Business Administration degree program with a concentration in Sport Leadership provides the graduate student the opportunity to hone leadership skills necessary for success in today's complex and ever-changing global business environment. Core courses reinforce the ability to critically analyze and assess organizational challenges, while concentration courses advance the student's level of professional competency and expertise demanded of today's sports executives. This program can add practical value to students' professional growth as they consider career opportunities in the areas of data and analytics, sales and sponsorship, marketing, new business development, and emerging fields such as esports and digital sports streaming.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Gather, interpret and analyze research to inform decision-making at operational and strategic levels of an organization.
- Use advanced communication skills and awareness of cultural differences in global and domestic business interactions.
- Analyze problems from a diverse perspective, propose effective solutions and evaluate the impact of executive decisions.
- Assess and evaluate business entities taking into account cross-functional environments as they affect ethical decision-making in domestic and global organizations.
- Connect leadership principles and knowledge of the sport industry operations to advance organizational objectives and support strategic initiatives.

Master of Business Administration - Sport Leadership Concentration

Master of Business Administration

Foundation Courses

BUS5000	Business Fundamentals	3
BUS5010	Quantitative Methods in Business	3

Core Courses

ACCT5600	Accounting for Strategic Decision-Making	3
BUS5600	Business Analytics	3
FISV5600	Financial Management	3
MGMT5575	Operations Management	3
MGMT5800	Effective Leadership	3
MRKT5500	Strategic Marketing	3
RSCH5800	Evidence-Based Research in Management	3

Sport Leadership Courses *

SPL5100	Sports and Entertainment Venues & Events, Development and Management	3
SPL6030	Global Issues in Sport Leadership	3
SPL6050	Contemporary Leadership Strategies in Sport	3
SPL6070	Effective Communication Strategies in Sport	3

Career Capstone Course

MGMT6800	Business Policy and Strategy	3
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Total Credits 36.0-42.0

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Note for Providence Campus students: MBA concentration courses may only be available online. Students should consult with their academic advisor regarding course availability and for planning.

Admissions Requirements

Johnson & Wales University holistically reviews all elements of a student's application to identify those students most likely to succeed at the university.

Prior to being considered for admission into an online JWU graduate program, the following must be submitted:

1. A completed application for admission
2. Official or certified transcripts from all institutions attended, including bachelor's and master's degree conferral (if applicable). When a graduate program application is submitted prior to completing requirements for the bachelor's degree, Admissions will consider the application and, if

admissible, will offer an acceptance pending submission of final transcript verifying bachelor's degree conferral. Without such verification, students will not be allowed to register for the current semester or continue enrollment, and will be in jeopardy of losing their academic status with the university.

3. Statement of Purpose: An essay explaining your motivation, aptitude and goals related to graduate-level academic study
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to attest to the applicant's potential for success at the graduate level of study. A Personal Reference Form may be substituted for the letters of recommendation.
5. A current résumé or CV (required for applicants for conditional acceptance; optional for other applicants)

The letters of recommendation and Statement of Purpose may be emailed (cpsadmissions@jwu.edu).

Conditional Acceptance

Conditional acceptance to certain graduate business programs may be extended to students who have a 2.41–2.84 cumulative undergraduate grade point average, and demonstrate significant evidence of professional success. Students granted conditional acceptance may take a maximum of three JWU graduate courses in their first semester (students may not enroll in two 8-week courses at the same time). If an overall GPA of 3.0 is earned in the first conditional semester, the student will be granted full admission to that program. Students who do not earn an overall GPA of 3.0 will be dismissed from the program and will not be accepted to any JWU graduate program.