

Policies and Procedures for Graduate Studies  
Sport Management (MS)  
Louisiana State University  
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All policies and procedures in this document follow those specified by the Graduate School and the School of Kinesiology. All students and faculty should consult the General Catalog of the Graduate School Bulletin for further information about policies and procedures not described in this document.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

Sport Management (Non-Thesis)

Recommended courses to be taken

## MS Advisory Committees

All students must have an advisor (i.e., a committee chair) to be enrolled in a non-thesis program in the School of Kinesiology and within Sport Management. Advisors will be assigned to M.S. students and students should work with their advisor to identify an advisory committee.

## Changing Advisors and Committee Members

Changing an advisor may be desirable when such change will enhance the student's ability to achieve his or her academic and professional goals. Should a student decide that it is in his/her best interests to change to a new advisor, the student should first discuss this matter with his/her advisor, the Coordinator of Sport Management, the KIN Graduate Coordinator, or the School of Kinesiology Director. No change can be made unless another faculty member has agreed to assume the responsibilities of being the student's advisor or major professor. It should be noted that such changes should come from the student's initiative and should not be the result of other faculty solicitation of the student.

## Non-Thesis Programs

The advisory committee for students in non-thesis programs should consist of three members. These may be from the Sport Management program, School of Kinesiology, or other ~~of the University~~

progress), if they maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average on all graduate coursework taken within the university (all LSU campuses) and a 3.00 semester/term average on all coursework (undergraduate and graduate), and earn a grade of “S” in research. Students who are not in good academic standing may not take any graduate milestone exams and cannot apply to graduate. Milestone exams are defined by the Graduate School as the Master’s Non-Thesis Defense. Notably, a student is required to earn a semester/term grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the semester/term before they intend to apply to graduate. A semester/term grade point average below 3.0 will place a student on probation, which prohibits a student from taking the final examination.

Students in non-thesis programs must pass a written comprehensive final examination that will be given by the student's advisory committee and should be approximately three hours in length. Committee members will be solicited by the committee chair (the student's advisor) for questions. These questions will be compiled by the committee chair and given to the School of Kinesiology Communications Coordinator. The examination will be given on one day each semester or term; the date and time is set by either the KIN Graduate Coordinator or the Sport Management Coordinator.

To pass the examination, the student must receive a "Pass" evaluation on the examination by the committee member responsible for that section. Should the student receive a "Fail" evaluation on any part of the examination, the student and the committee members(s) involved can set a date and time to administer re-taking that part of the examination (or equivalent) by the student. If the committee member evaluates this second attempt as "Fail", then the whole committee will evaluate this part of the exam in conjunction with the other sections. The student must receive 2 "Pass" votes from the 3 committee members to pass the exam. Students failing to answer a