Admission Questions

How are admission decisions made?
After the application deadline, a committee of graduate faculty in the sport administration program evaluates all complete application files. The committee reviews all materials assessing strengths and weaknesses. Admission decisions are based on quality of application materials and available openings in the program.

What are the minimum GRE scores accepted for admission?
- There is no minimum GRE score. GRE scores are used as one piece of information that is combined with all other application materials to create an applicant’s admission file.
- When evaluating the GRE score, the selection committee uses the percentile score more so than the raw score. The percentile score tells the committee how well the applicant did on a particular section of the test relative to everyone that took the GRE. For example, if a student is in the 42nd percentile, it means their score was higher than 42% of people that took the GRE. Therefore, the higher the score, the better.
- Typically, scores on all sections higher than the 50th percentile would be desirable. Scores between the 30th-50th percentile would be considered acceptable as long as the other application materials were relatively strong. Scores below the 30th percentile would be considered low and would require the rest of the applicant file to be strong. These percentiles are rough guidelines and are relative to the number and quality of applicants in addition to the available openings in the program. The selection committee reserves the right to make subjective evaluations of all application materials.

What is the minimum undergraduate GPA accepted for admission?
- The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission to the graduate school is 2.75. The same minimum is used for admission into the School of Kinesiology (SOK).
- GPAs are used as one piece of information that is combined with all other application materials to create an applicant’s admission file.
- Typically, GPAs above 3.3 are desirable. GPAs between 3.0 and 3.3 would be considered acceptable as long as other application materials are relatively strong. GPAs below 3.0 would be considered low and would require the rest of the application file to be strong. These GPAs are rough guidelines and are relative to the number and quality of applicants in addition to the available openings in the program. The selection committee reserves the right to make subjective evaluations of all application materials.
Can I use the GMAT instead of the GRE?
Yes.

How many students normally apply, and how many are normally admitted?
- For the February 15th application deadline (summer or fall enrollment) there are typically 40-60 applicants. Approximately 15-25 students are admitted. These numbers vary annually. The number of students admitted depends on the quality of applicants and number of available openings in the program.
- For the November 1st application deadline (spring enrollment) there are typically 5-15 applicants. Approximately 3-10 applicants are admitted. These numbers vary annually. The number of students admitted depends on the quality of applicants and number of available openings in the program.

If I have a degree other than sport management/administration, can I still apply to the program?
Yes, students with any undergraduate degree can apply. There are no prerequisites for students without a sport administration/management degree. However, students should attempt to gain as much sport industry experience as possible before applying.

If I have a degree other than sport management/administration will I be behind other students?
Students without a sport management/administration background will have to adapt a bit faster, but concepts will be advanced for all students. There are several students currently in the program that have undergraduate degrees other than sport management/administration.

Program Questions

How many students are in the program?
At any given point there are 30-40 students in the program. Numbers vary from year to year based on number of students admitted and retained.

How long does it take to complete the program?
The 33-hour program is designed to be completed in a two-year period taking 6-9 credit hours (2-3 courses) per semester (including summer). It is possible to finish the program in less than two years by taking 9-12 credit hours (3-4 courses) per semester.

When are classes usually held?
During the semesters (fall and spring) each sport administration course is typically held one day a week on campus from 6:30-9:10pm. Occasionally, elective courses are held at other times depending on a variety of factors.

Are any of the courses online?
Yes. During the summer, elective sport administration courses will be available online. These online courses are designed to accommodate students who are completing internships, or are away from campus during the summer. Occasionally there are some online elective courses offered during the fall and spring semesters. Overall, students should plan to take most of their courses on-campus during the fall and spring with online courses offered mostly during the summer.
Graduate Assistant (GA) Questions

What GA positions are available?

Students in the sport administration program regularly receive GA positions in a variety of different areas on campus. Prospective students are encouraged to seek GA positions anywhere on campus. Most students with GA positions are located in SOK, Athletics, or Recreation.

- **SOK** – Three GAs are assigned to faculty members in the sport administration program to assist with faculty research and help teach physical fitness and wellness courses. There are 1-2 positions open each year.

- **Athletics** – A variety of administrative (e.g., compliance, marketing) and coaching GA positions exist in athletics. The sport administration program and SOK have nothing to do with the selection of these GA positions. Interested students should contact the athletic department directly to inquire about open positions.

- **Recreation** – A variety of recreation GA positions are open each year (fitness, marketing, facilities, intramurals, etc.). The sport administration program and SOK have nothing to do with the selection of these GA positions. Interested students should contact the Department of Recreation Services directly to inquire about open positions.

Is there a separate application for a GA position?

No, there is not a separate GA application for SOK. When you complete the SOK application to enter the sport administration graduate program there is a question that asks if you are interested in a GA position. If you check that box you will be considered for a GA position in SOK. If you desire a GA position in another department (e.g., athletics or recreation), you should contact those departments directly to inquire about their application process.

What are the benefits of being a graduate assistant?

GAs are expected to work 20 hours per week for their respective department in exchange for tuition reimbursement and living stipend. The amount of the stipend varies by department and funding cycle, but is usually enough to cover cost of living. GAs must pay student fees each semester.

General Questions

What are the job prospects for someone graduating from this program?

Most graduates immediately find jobs in the sport industry, and many find full-time employment from their internship organizations. Some students choose to continue graduate school by enrolling in PhD programs or other master's programs. Employment placement rates are difficult to pinpoint, and vary from year to year, but it is safe to say a high majority of graduates are working in the sport industry within a few months after graduation.

Does the program help identify professional development opportunities?

Yes, students are provided access to a variety of professional development seminars, conferences, and workshops. Additionally, the department subscribes to sport-specific job-posting websites regularly utilized to find internships and jobs. Furthermore, during the spring of the first year a professional development section is included within the sport administration course, and focuses on finding internships and jobs in conjunction with resume development and interviewing skills. Finally, faculty members are available to assist in all areas of professional development.
How do I set up a visit?

To set up a visit, please contact Amy Sheffer. Amy is the administrative assistant for graduate programs within SOK. Amy will customize a visit based on your interests. Amy’s email is asheffer@bsu.edu. Her phone number is 765-285-4453.

For more information about our program please see our website at www.bsu.edu/sportadmin/graduate

Thanks for your interest, and best of luck in your continued education,

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