Program Overview

The sports business major was developed in response to demand for up-and-coming talent in the sports industry. Sports firms are hiring at the entry level and promoting from within. This program teaches students the specialized knowledge and skills that will give them a career edge in the field. It gives students who have a passion for the business of sports the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in one of the fastest growing industries.

Academic Advising

It is recommended that students meet with an advisor regarding their individualized degree plan at least once per year.

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| Business School Advising  [undergrad.advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:undergrad.advising@ucdenver.edu)  <https://business.ucdenver.edu/current-students/undergraduate-advising>  Business School Building, 4th floor  303-315-8110/8111 |
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General Graduation Requirements & Policies

All CU Denver Business students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA) and business GPA
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper division (3000/4000 level) credits
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CU Denver business course hours in good standing

**Sample** Academic Plan of Study

The following academic plan is a ***sample*** pathway to completing degree requirements. This schedule can be adjusted to accommodate AP, IB, and/or CLEP credits, as well as courses taken during the summer sessions. Students should tailor this plan based on transfer credit, course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, and add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. Students must complete an experiential learning credit (internship, study abroad program, or project-based course) and a capstone course taken in their final semester. **This plan assumes that the foreign language graduation requirement has been completed with high school courses or proficiency exam.**

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| Year One | **Semester 1** | CRS |  | **Semester** **2** | CRS |
| ENGL 1020 Core Composition I | 3 |  | ENGL 2030 Core Composition II | 3 |
| MATH 1060 Finite Math | 3 |  | COMM 2050 Business and Professional Speaking | 3 |
| Natural and Physical Sciences | 3 |  | Natural and Physical Sciences with a Lab | 4 |
| Arts, Humanities, OR Behavioral Science | 3 |  | Arts, Humanities, OR Behavioral Science | 3 |
| BUSN 1200 Career and Professional Development | 3 |  | Arts, Humanities, OR Behavioral Science | 3 |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **16** |

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| Year Two | **Semester 3** | CRS |  | **Semester 4** | CRS |
| ISMG 2050 Intro to Business Problem Solving | 3 |  | ACCT 2220 Managerial Accounting and Professional Issues | 3 |
| ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis | 3 |  | ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics | 3 |
| BANA 2010 Business Statistics | 3 |  | ENGL 3170 Business Writing | 3 |
| Social Sciences: ECON 2012 Macroeconomics | 3 |  | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 |  | Elective | 3 |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |

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| Year Three | **Semester 5** | CRS |  | **Semester 6** | CRS |
| FNCE 3000 Principles of Finance | 3 |  | BLAW 3050 Business Law and Ethics | 3 |
| ISMG 3000 Technology in Business | 3 |  | MKTG 4250 Sports Marketing | 3 |
| MGMT 3000 Managing Individuals and Teams | 3 |  | MKTG/MGMT 4000 level course | 3 |
| MKTG 3000 Principles of Marketing | 3 |  | MKTG 3100 OR MKTG 3200 | 3 |
| BANA 3000 Operations Management | 3 |  | International Perspectives (INTB 3000 recommended) | 3 |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |

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| Year Four | **Semester 7** | CRS |  | **Semester 8** | CRS |
| MKTG 4251, 4252, 4620, or 4730 | 3 |  | MGMT 4500 Business Policy and Strategic Management | 3 |
| MKTG 4000, MKTG 3300, MKTG 4700, or MKTG 4330 | 3 |  | MKTG 4251, 4252, 4620, or 4730 | 3 |
| MKTG 4834, SPTB 3939, MKTG 4050, or MGMT 4900 | 3 |  | International Studies | 3 |
| Cultural Diversity (MGMT 4100 recommended) | 3 |  | Remaining Electives | 5 |
| Elective | 3 |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **14** |

Degree Requirements

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| **Courses** | **Credits** | **Prerequisites** | **Term** | **Hours** | **Grade** |
| \*Students are responsible for consulting advisors for current prerequisite and scheduling information as they change regularly | | |  |  |  |
| **Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework** | **34** |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 1020 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 2030 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| MATH 1060 Finite Math | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Arts | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Humanities | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Behavioral Sciences | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Social Sciences: ECON 2012 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Natural and Physical Sciences **with lab** | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Natural and Physical science | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Cultural Diversity (MGMT 4100 recommended) | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| International Perspectives (INTB 3000 recommended) | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Graduation Requirements for Business** | **12** |  |  |  |  |
| COMM 2050 Business and Professional Speaking | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 3170 Business Writing | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| RISK 3949 Internship | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Business Core** | **36** |  |  |  |  |
| BUSN 1200 Career and Professional Development\* | 3 | \*not required for students admitted to the business school prior to Fall 2018 |  |  |  |
| ISMG 2050 Introduction to Business Problem Solving | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| BANA 2010 Business Statistics | 3 | MATH 1060, Sophomore standing |  |  |  |
| ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis | 3 | MATH 1060, Sophomore standing |  |  |  |
| ACCT 2220 Managerial Accounting and Professional Issues | 3 | MATH 1060, ACCT 2200, Sophomore standing |  |  |  |
| BLAW 3050 Business Law and Ethics | 3 | Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| BANA 3000 Operations Management | 3 | MATH 1060, ACCT 2200, BANA 2010 |  |  |  |
| FNCE 3000 Principles of Finance | 3 | MATH 1060, ACCT 2200, BANA 2010, ECON 2012, ECON 2022 |  |  |  |
| MGMT 3000 Managing Individuals and Teams | 3 | Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| MKTG 3000 Principles of Marketing | 3 | Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| ISMG 3000 Technology in Business | 3 | Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| MGMT 4500 Business Policy and Strategic Management | 3 | All Business Core with C or C- or better – see catalog |  |  |  |
| **International Studies** | **3** |  |  |  |  |
| ACCT 4370, MKTG/INTB 4200, FNCE/INTB 4370,  MGMT/INTB 4400, RISK 4509 | 3 | Choose one |  |  |  |
| **Major: Sports Business** | **21** |  |  |  |  |
| MKTG 4250 Sports Marketing | 3 | MKTG 3000 |  |  |  |
| MKTG/MGMT 4000 level course | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Business Practices: Choose two below** |  |  |  |  |  |
| MKTG 4251, 4252, 4620, or 4730 | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| **Research Skills: Choose one below** |  |  |  |  |  |
| MKTG 3100 or MKTG 3200 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Sales and Communication Skills: Choose one below** |  |  |  |  |  |
| MKTG 4000, MKTG 3300, MKTG 4700, or MKTG 4330 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Application: Choose one below** |  |  |  |  |  |
| MKTG 4834, SPTB 3939, MKTG 4050, or MGMT 4900 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Foreign Language Proficiency** | **10\*** | \*If proficiency is met, student is responsible for completing 10 additional electives |  |  |  |
| **Other Courses-Electives** | **4\*** | \*14 if language proficiency is met |  |  |  |
| **Total Credit Hours: 120** | | |  |  |  |