



Minor in PROJECT MANAGEMENT



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Program Description

An academic minor in project management for sports management would focus on providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to manage projects related to sports events, facility management, and athletic programs. The minor would complement a major in sports management, providing students with a solid foundation in project management principles and techniques.

The minor will include courses in project management fundamentals, risk management, scheduling and budgeting, and project communication. Students would also learn about the specific challenges of managing sports projects, such as coordinating with vendors, managing multiple stakeholders, and dealing with unexpected events.

In addition to classroom instruction, students in a project management minor may participate in supervised fieldwork, such as internships or practicums. This could involve working with sports organizations or venues to gain firsthand experience in project management, including event planning, facility renovation, or athletic program development.

Upon completing the minor, graduates would be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively manage projects in the sports management field. They would be able to develop project plans, identify and manage project risks, and communicate effectively with stakeholders throughout the project lifecycle. Graduates may also be well-suited for careers in other fields related to project management, such as construction management or event planning.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Develop a foundational understanding of project management principles and practices: The program should aim to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of project management concepts, such as project planning, scheduling, budgeting, risk management, quality management, and stakeholder management.
2. Enhance project leadership and communication skills: The program should aim to develop students' leadership and communication skills, which are essential for effective project management. Students should learn how to communicate with stakeholders, manage conflicts, negotiate effectively, and lead project teams to successful project outcomes.
3. Promote critical thinking and problem-solving abilities: The program should aim to enhance students' critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Students should learn how to analyze complex project problems, identify root causes, develop alternative solutions, evaluate trade-offs, and make sound decisions.
4. Foster ethical and professional conduct: The program should aim to foster ethical and professional conduct among students. Students should learn about professional codes of conduct, ethical decision-making frameworks, and the importance of integrity, honesty, and respect in project management.
5. Prepare students for the PMP certification exam: The program should aim to prepare students for the PMP certification exam. Students should learn about the PMP exam format, study tips, and best practices for passing the exam. The program should also cover the PMP certification requirements and the benefits of earning the PMP credential.

COURSES

The minor in project management consists of 15 hours. All students must complete the courses in sequence to be eligible to sit for the Project Management Exam provided by the Project Management Institute.

- [PMP 100 Foundations in Project Management](#)
- [PMP 330 Project Communications](#)
- [PMP 340 Advanced Project Management](#)
- [PMP 360 Leadership in Teams](#)
- [PMP 430 Organizational Behavior and Projects](#)

A certificate will be provided at the completion of the minor to submit to the Project Management Institute to register for the certification exam.

Course Descriptions

[PMP 100 Foundations in Project Management](#) This course introduces the fundamental concepts and principles of project management. Students will learn about project management frameworks, project life cycles, project management processes, and project management knowledge areas. The course covers the importance of stakeholder management, communication management, and risk management in project management.

[PMP 330 Project Communications](#) This course focuses on the essential role of communication in project management. Students will learn about the importance of effective communication in all phases of the project life cycle, from project initiation to project closure. The course will cover communication planning, stakeholder analysis, communication channels, and communication protocols.

[PMP 340 Advanced Project Management](#) This course builds on the foundational concepts and principles of project management and provides students with advanced knowledge and skills in project management. Students will learn about advanced project management techniques and best practices, including project risk management, project procurement management, project quality management, and project stakeholder management.

[PMP 360 Leadership in Teams](#) This course focuses on developing leadership skills in the context of project management teams. Students will learn about leadership theories, styles, and best practices, and how they apply to project management. They will also learn about the challenges of leading diverse and virtual teams, and how to build effective teams.

[PMP 430 Organizational Behavior and Projects](#) This course examines the ways in which organizational behavior influences project management. Students will learn about the complex social dynamics and cultural factors that can impact project success or failure, and how to manage these factors effectively.

PROGRAMMATIC OUTCOMES:

Students will develop the following outcomes:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in project management principles and practices: Upon completion of the minor, students should be able to demonstrate their proficiency in project management principles and practices, including project planning, scheduling, budgeting, risk management, quality management, and stakeholder management.
2. Apply project leadership and communication skills: Students should be able to apply their project leadership and communication skills to manage project teams, communicate effectively with stakeholders, resolve conflicts, and negotiate effectively.
3. Analyze complex project problems and develop solutions: Students should be able to analyze complex project problems, identify root causes, develop alternative solutions, evaluate trade-offs, and make sound decisions.
4. Demonstrate ethical and professional conduct: Students should demonstrate ethical and professional conduct, including integrity, honesty, and respect for stakeholders. They should also understand and apply professional codes of conduct and ethical decision-making frameworks.
5. Prepare for PMP certification: Students should be well prepared to pursue PMP certification after completing the minor. They should have a solid understanding of the PMP certification requirements, exam format, and best practices for passing the exam.