



**UNITED STATES SPORTS ACADEMY  
MASTER OF SPORT SCIENCE  
APPROVED by KY.S.A.T.S.**

• **Entrance Requirements**

1. Bachelor Degree (A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for admissions.)
2. An official score report of Miller Analogies Test (MAT), dated within the last five years. Score Required: 369 scale score, 27 raw score, School Code: 1016 - Offered at University of Nicosia.
3. An official, certified copy (English translation) of all academic transcripts.
4. Application Form with 3 Letter of recommendation
5. CV
6. A written personal Statement that describes the motivation or reasons for desiring a Master's degree.
7. Foreign Transcript Credential Evaluation.  
Applicants submitting diplomas, degrees, and course transcripts from non-U.S. institutions should have their academic credentials evaluated. The evaluation will determine if an applicant's education meets admission requirements, and if any transfer credits will be awarded. Be sure to accommodate a credential evaluation in your enrollment timeline.  
Official documents must be sent directly to WES or AACRAO; it is important to list USSA as a copy recipient on the application so that USSA will be electronically notified when the evaluation is complete. Please note that the USSA Registrar's office cannot assist you in facilitating your credential evaluation through AACRAO.

**AACRAO International Education Services (www.aacrao.org)**

Fill out an application for a **basic statement of comparability** credential evaluation. The fee for the evaluation is \$75. You **MUST** list USSA as the recipient of the evaluation report. If you would like additional copies of the evaluation there will be a \$25 fee for each copy requested. You need to submit your transcripts and copies of your degrees. If your documents are not in English, then you need to complete word for word translation of the documents. Once the AACRAO receives your application is complete you will receive an AACRAO ID to track your evaluation status.

**World Education Services (www.wes.org)**

Fill out an application form for a **document-by-document** credential evaluation. The fee for the evaluation is \$120 After WES receives your application, official documentation and fee. You **MUST** list USSA as the recipient of the evaluation report. If you would like additional copies of the evaluation there will be a \$25 fee for each copy requested. You need to submit your transcripts and copies of your degrees. If your documents are not in English, then you need to complete word for word translation of the documents. Once the application WES receives your application you will receive a WES ID to track your evaluation status.

**The evaluation reports should be sent to:**

United States Sports Academy  
One Academy Drive  
Daphne, Alabama 36526-7055

*(course-by-course evaluations are only needed when transfer credit is being considered)*

- **Course Duration**

The Academy offers a 33 semester-hour program leading to a Master of Sports Science (MSS) degree. Students may also pursue a combination of any of the master’s degree areas leading to a dual major, for a total of 42 to 48 semester-hours depending upon the area of study.

There are specific time limits (16 weeks plus extensions) for completing online courses. The 16 weeks include one initial administrative week built into the course schedule for enrollment and for shipping and handling of materials. Academy courses are offered online so that students can conveniently take courses at anytime and from anywhere. Students can also enroll and start their studies anytime.

- **Fees in USD**

The whole program costs \$17,102 (\$1470 per course). Application Fee \$125. Books not included.

Course Fee (per semester credit hour)	\$490
Course Fee (3 X semester credit hour)	\$1470
Application Fee (International Student)	\$125
Distance Learning Fee (per course)	\$75
Total: (33credits x \$490 = <b>\$16,170</b> ) + <b>\$125</b> (application fee) + [\$75 (distance learning fee) x 11courses = <b>\$825</b> ] =	\$17,102

- **Method of Delivery**

1. On-Line Delivery (student needs access to computer and internet)
2. On-Line Tutor Support
3. Examinations On-Line at approved testing centre
4. No residency required (student does not need to leave home base).

## 5. Access to University of Nicosia Library Facilities and USSA Library Facilities.

The Academy's master's degree is delivered online in an asynchronous environment. This means that the professor and student do not have to be in simultaneous contact for learning to take place or assignments to be completed. Academy students receive a login username and password to access online courses. Each student is then assigned a professor for each course. Every course includes written assignments, participation in threaded discussions, quizzes, and a final examination. There are specific time limits (16 weeks plus extensions) for completing online courses. Those 16 weeks include one initial administrative week built into the course schedule for enrollment and for shipping and handling of materials.

- **Specializations**

Sports Coaching

Sports Fitness and Health

Sports Management

Sports Medicine

Sports Studies

*\* Students may take a dual-major by combining any two majors*

- **Emphasis Areas**

- **Olympism Emphasis**

Students enrolled in the Master of Sports Science degree program in Sports Management, Sports Coaching, or Sports Studies who are interested in the Olympic Movement may take three courses in the non-thesis track to obtain a degree with Olympism emphasis. The three courses are as follows:

1. SAB 661 Current Issues in the Olympic Movement (3 sem. hrs.)
2. SAB 622 Structure and Function of the Olympic Games (3 sem. hrs.)
3. SAB 667 Olympism (3 sem. hrs.)

All three courses are 600-level courses that may be taken at the master's level or doctoral level. Since the courses are 600-level, the doctoral tuition rate applies to each.

- **NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Compliance Emphasis**

Academy students can elect to take an emphasis in NCAA Compliance as part of the Master of Sport Science degree in Sports Management. Students will learn what institutions can do to ensure that athletics programs stay in compliance with NCAA bylaws. To obtain the emphasis in NCAA Compliance, a master's degree student may take the following three courses:

1. SAM 523 NCAA Compliance (3 semester hours)
2. SAM 524 NCAA Rules and Procedures (3 semester hours)
3. SAM 592 Introduction to the Business of Sports Agents (3 semester hours)

## **Personal Training Emphasis**

Academy students can select to add an emphasis in personal training as part of the Master of Sports Science degree in Sports Fitness and Health.

## **Sports Psychology Emphasis**

Academy students can elect to take an emphasis in Sports Psychology as part of the Master of Sports Science degree in Sports Management, Sports Coaching, Sports Medicine, Sports Studies or Sports Fitness. Students who major in Sports Coaching are still required to take SAB 568 Sports Psychology as a major course. To obtain the emphasis in Sports Psychology, a master's degree student may take the following three courses:

1. SAB 563 Psychological Aspects of Sports Medicine or SAB 566 Psychological Aspects of Health and Fitness Programming. (3 semester hours)
2. SAB 657 Psychology of Elite Performance (3 semester hours)
3. SAB 659 Group Dynamics in Sports and Exercise (3 semester hours)

- **Program Structure**

Each master's program has a thesis, mentorship, or non-thesis option. Students must choose one of the three. The thesis option allows students to pursue research activity in preparation for more advanced study. The mentorship is a practical field experience in which students engage in hands on, sports-related activities in the sports industry. The non-thesis option allows students to take three elective courses to broaden theoretical knowledge of a subject.

1. ***Core Courses (9 credits)***  
Contemporary Issues in Sports  
Sports Administration  
Sports Marketing
2. ***Other Courses / 5 courses (12-15 credits)***  
Subject to the Specialization
3. ***Thesis Option (9 credits)***
4. ***Non-Thesis Option / 3 courses (9 credits)***
5. ***Mentorship Option - Practicum (9 credits)***

*\* The mentorship is required for the Master of Sports Science degree in Sports Fitness and Health and for some students in Sports Medicine.*

- **More Information**

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