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Department of Sport Management

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## WSU's Sport Management Programs Receive COSMA Accreditation

Wichita State University has received specialized accreditation for its bachelor's and master's sport management programs through the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA). WSU is now one of just nine universities in the world with COSMA-accredited programs, and it is the only institution west of the Mississippi River to be so accredited.

WSU is a charter member of the COSMA, and in order to be accredited, the university submitted a detailed self-study addressing the eight principles COSMA has identified as characterizing excellence in sport management programs. A site visit team from the COSMA visited the WSU campus in January, and the COSMA Board of Commissioners issued its accreditation decision during meetings last month in Seattle. WSU's accreditation status is valid through June 2019.

"We are very pleased to have achieved COSMA accreditation," Dr. Clay Stoldt, department chair, said. "As with most major accomplishments, this was a team effort, and we deeply appreciate the faculty, staff, students, alumni and community professionals who assisted us in this process. We have so many great things happening in and around our programs. It's really gratifying to be among the first universities to receive this type of recognition."

WSU had previously received certification of its programs' quality when it was approved by the Sport Management Program Review Council (SMPRC) in 2000. As the field of sport management grew, the SMPRC was superseded by the COSMA, which features a more rigorous set of principles and review processes.

The Department of Sport Management was established in 2008 and is housed within the College of Education. The department's mission is to develop students into well-educated, ethical, competent sport management professionals. The department's teaching, research and service activities occur in a positive learning environment valuing both theory and practice. WSU has 131 undergraduate and 63 master's level sport management majors.

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