Sports and Exercise Analytics (SPRT)

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Sports and Exercise Analytics website (https://www.marquette.edu/grad/programs-graduate-sports-exercise-data-analytics.php)

Degree Offered
Master of Science

Department of Physical Therapy Mission
To prepare future health care practitioners and researchers with an education rich in clinical experiences, community outreach, and research opportunities to develop leaders guided by the values of “Cura Personalis.”

Program Description
The sports and exercise analytics (SPRT) master’s degree is offered through the program in exercise science, within the Department of Physical Therapy. This degree provides a synergistic intersection between exercise physiology (EXPH), computer science (COSC) and mathematical and statistical sciences (MSSC) utilizing the existing data science (DTSC) core of 15 credits. Graduates of the sports and exercise analytics master of science program will have the analytic skills to develop new applications and interfaces for large and complex sport and human performance datasets combined with foundational knowledge in exercise/sport physiology by which to aid in the interpretation and translation of the results to consumers, end users and clients.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon completion of the master of science in sports and exercise analytics (SPRT), a student will be able to:

1. Articulate changes, trends and implications using analytics tools that can be ethically addressed across data platforms.
2. Design and implement strategies for analyzing data using appropriate methods, tools and datasets.
3. Analyze data to create actionable information, and use it to establish priorities, make decisions and solve problems aligning with the ethics, needs and values of individuals, communities and stakeholders.
4. Display and explain the results of analytics projects using effective written, graphic and verbal tools and techniques.
5. Use advanced data processing tools incorporating regulatory, data governance, master data management, data profiling, parallel and distributed processing best practices.
6. Manage data analytics projects and teams throughout the analytics lifecycle.
7. Interpret and translate sports and exercise performance data for targeted consumers (private, public).

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION
1. Earned baccalaureate degree in any field with a minimum GPA of 3.000.
2. Information systems (coding/programming) competency (COSC 1010 Introduction to Software Development), or successful completion of the Coding Bootcamp that is offered by the Department of Computer Science, or an equivalent taken elsewhere.
3. An undergraduate or graduate statistics class, such as MATH 1700 Modern Elementary Statistics, PSYC 2001 Psychological Measurements and Statistics or MATH 4720 Statistical Methods, or equivalent.
4. Foundation course work including anatomy, physiology and exercise physiology courses.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Applications for this program will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

Application requirements
Applicants must submit the following materials:

1. A completed online (http://marquette.edu/grad/future_apply.shtml/) application form and fee.
2. Copies of all college/university transcripts except Marquette.¹
3. A statement of purpose.
4. Two letters of recommendation (at least one academic reference).
5. Resume or curriculum vitae.
6. GRE scores are required for any non-Marquette University graduate applying to the program. GRE scores are not required for Marquette University students or graduates unless their degree GPA is below 3.000.
7. (For international applicants only) a minimum acceptable score on the iBT TOEFL exam of 90 overall, with minimum section scores of 25 for listening and speaking, and minimum scores of 20 for reading and writing, or other acceptable proof of English proficiency.

1 Upon admission, final official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities, with certified English translations if original language is not English, must be submitted to the Graduate School within the first five weeks of the term of admission or a hold preventing registration for future terms will be placed on the student’s record.

Academic Standards
A cumulative GPA of 3.000 is required in the sports and exercise analytics program. The Academic Regulations section of this bulletin describes the criteria and procedures for academic warnings, probation, removal of probation and dismissal. The sports and exercise analytics program strictly follows these policies and procedures.

Sports and Exercise Analytics Master of Science
The master of science in sports and exercise analytics requires a minimum of 33 credit hours. If a student is admitted with prerequisite deficiencies, completion of prerequisite courses does not apply toward master degree requirements. The program of course work and research is determined in consultation with the student’s adviser.

Thesis OPTION (Plan A)
The master’s student in Plan A must complete the required courses in data science (15 credits), the required courses in human performance/exercise physiology (12 credits) and 6 credits of thesis, for a total of 33 credits.

Non-Thesis OPTION (Plan B)
The master’s student in Plan B must complete the required courses in data science (15 credits), the required courses in human performance/exercise physiology plus electives (15 credits) and 3 credits of project, for a total of 33 credits.

Required Course Work for Plan A and Plan B

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Plan A (Thesis) or Plan B (Non-thesis) - refer to requirements below.

Total Credit Hours: 33

[1] COSC 6540 recommended for students with a programming background
[2] COSC 6060 or COSC 6380 recommended for students with a computer science background

Additional Course Requirements Plan A (Thesis)

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Total Credit Hours: 9
**Additional Course Requirements Plan B (non-Thesis)**

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**MASTER'S DEGREE WITH THE DATA SCIENCE CERTIFICATE**

The Department of Computer Science offers a data science certificate. If a sports and exercise analytics master's student chooses to also earn the certificate, admission to both programs may be concurrent. The same courses may be used to satisfy the requirements of the master's program and certificate, as outlined in the university bulletin for each program. Students are expected to be admitted into all programs they intend to complete, although course work completed prior to admission may be allowed to apply toward program requirements. Certificates must be approved individually via the curriculum approval process as Title IV aid eligible in order for students in any of these programs to be eligible to apply for federal financial aid.

Details on the data science certificate can be found in this bulletin.

**Courses**


In-depth study of advanced biomechanical applications that are used to prevent injuries and improve performance. Major emphases are the critical evaluation of scientific and evidence-based literature along with an in-depth understanding of current biomechanical laboratory techniques. Prereq: Admitted to graduate EXRS or SPRT program.

**SPRT 6190. Advanced Strength and Conditioning: Data Analytics.** 3 cr. hrs.

In-depth exposure into the role and use of data analytics in the field of strength and conditioning. Emphasis is placed on the analysis, interpretation and communication of data in ways that are meaningful and actionable by practitioners. Prereq: Admitted to graduate EXRS or SPRT program.

**SPRT 6600. Project Design and Development in Sports and Exercise Analytics.** 1 cr. hr.

Provides mentorship in the design and development of the non-thesis master's project to include selecting the topic, population, community or site for project, design of methods and developing the agreements or contracts for the project. S/U grade assessment. Prereq: SPRT 6958.

**SPRT 6931. Topics in Sports and Exercise Analytics.** 1-3 cr. hrs.

Topics are presented that are not a part of the regular course work but are taught because of a special need, interest or opportunity. The number of hours is arranged according to specific circumstances and credits. Exposure to various topics, techniques and methods are presented by experts in the topic. May be taken more than once when topics vary. Prereq: Cons. of grad. prog. dir.

**SPRT 6958. Readings and Research in Sports and Exercise Analytics.** 0 cr. hrs.

Introduces readings and ongoing research in individual laboratories of faculty within the SPRT program. The number of hours varies, but the rotation typically consists of two rotations. Involves laboratory work, attending laboratory meetings, individual meetings with laboratory PI and oral presentation of progress made in this rotation. Directs students toward potential laboratories with interest or expertise as identified by the student in areas related to sport and exercise analytics. Students select their research mentor and collaborators for their project by the end of the course. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Admitted to graduate SPRT program.

**SPRT 6960. Seminar in Sports and Exercise Analytics.** 0 cr. hrs.

Scholarly presentations by visiting faculty and clinicians, resident faculty and graduate students on current topics related to clinical and translational rehabilitation health. Prereq: Admitted to graduate EXRS or SPRT program.

**SPRT 6995. Independent Study in Sports and Exercise Analytics.** 1-3 cr. hrs.

Independent study under the direction of faculty. Prereq: Cons. of instr.

**SPRT 6998. Professional Project in Sport and Exercise Analytics.** 1-2 cr. hrs.

Required course for the non-thesis option in Sport and Exercise Analytics. The final output of the course is a presentation of a completed project that meets project director’s approval. S/U grade assessment. Prereq: SPRT 6600.

**SPRT 6999. Master’s Thesis.** 1-6 cr. hrs.

S/U grade assessment.

**SPRT 9970. Graduate Standing Continuation: Less than Half-Time.** 0 cr. hrs.

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as less than half-time status only, cannot be used in conjunction with other courses, and does not qualify students for financial aid or loan deferment. Prereq: Cons. of prog. dir.

**SPRT 9974. Graduate Fellowship: Full-Time.** 0 cr. hrs.

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of prog. dir.

**SPRT 9975. Graduate Assistant Teaching: Full-Time.** 0 cr. hrs.

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of prog. dir.
SPRT 9976. Graduate Assistant Research: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of prog. dir.

SPRT 9991. Professional Project Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week on their professional project. Any professional project credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Professional Project Continuation.

SPRT 9992. Professional Project Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week on their professional project. Any project credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Professional Project Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of graduate prog. dir.

SPRT 9993. Professional Project Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week on their professional project. Any project credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Professional Project Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of graduate prog. dir.

SPRT 9994. Master's Thesis Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week on their master's thesis. All six thesis credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Master's Thesis Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of graduate prog. dir.

SPRT 9995. Master's Thesis Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week on their master's thesis. All six thesis credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Master's Thesis Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of graduate prog. dir.

SPRT 9996. Master's Thesis Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week on their master's thesis. All six thesis credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Master's Thesis Continuation.