

# STUDY ABROAD SPORT MANAGEMENT



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## WHY STUDY SPORT MANAGEMENT ABROAD?

Students who study abroad stand out to employers in the sport business industry: experiences overseas can help students build cross-cultural knowledge and skills needed to succeed in today's fast changing global economy and job market. Studying abroad helps students to demonstrate many qualities that employers look for including independence and initiative, strong communication skills, teamwork, flexibility and adaptability, and cultural sensitivity.

Taking sport business classes at an international university not only provides students with new perspectives on an area of sport business specialization, but also enhances other academic areas and personal growth. In addition, the friendships that develop and networking opportunities students find while studying abroad help create one of the most memorable experiences of an undergraduate career.

The advising staff in the Kearney International Center works with students and their academic advisors during the application process to ensure that the classes taken abroad will contribute to the degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The study abroad programs listed in this brochure have been carefully selected to complement the Sport Business program. Students can choose to complete their entire minor in one semester, take major requirements, fulfill electives, or even arrange an internship abroad.

## CAN I AFFORD TO STUDY ABROAD?

Yes! By planning early, students can make informed program decisions that align with individual budget considerations. In many programs, the basic fee for tuition, room, and board is approximately the same as a year at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The financial aid students normally receive may be applied toward study abroad. Students currently not receiving financial aid may be eligible for student loans.

The Kearney International Center helps students identify cost-effective programs and Student Financial Services provides financial guidance.



## HAN UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS

HAN University offers semester-long programs taught in English. Students may take business classes at the Arnhem Business School or one of the specialized comprehensive programs taught in English in the cities of Nijmegen and Arnhem. Each program is the equivalent of 15 academic credits at Minnesota State University, Mankato and will fulfill 15 of the 19 electives in the sport management major. Students may select from three program concentrations: Business, Sport Tourism, or Sport Performance Enhancement. These concentrations will fulfill the requirements for a minor.

<http://www.han.nl/international/english/>



## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Complete a minor at University of Southern Australia! Students can complete their Sport Management minor in one semester in one of the following areas: International Business, Marketing, Human Resource Management, Communications and Media Management, and many others. Students may also earn credits for their specialized major or even complete an internship at the University of South Australia.

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/>



## TELEMARK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NORWAY

The Telemark University College exchange program gives students the opportunity to explore Norwegian perspectives on the interaction of environment, sustainability, resource management, and recreation. Students will fulfill major elective requirements by choosing one of three programs: Nordic Skiing and Outdoor Life; Outdoor Life, Culture, and Ecophilosophy; Physical Education, Sports, Culture and Society. In each program students have opportunities to try new sports, such as alpine skiing, and learn about the Norwegian cultural traditions and attitudes regarding the environment.

<http://www.hit.no/eng>



## HAAGA-HELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, VIERUMAKI, FINLAND

Graduate and undergraduate students may complete major elective requirements at Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences by taking courses in the Sports and Leisure management program (BS) and the Sport Development and Management (MS) program. The university has their national ice hockey center on campus and they offer a special minor in Ice Hockey Coaching. Students are able to gain a global perspective through their studies abroad and their international projects.



## SPORT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIPS

Students can get hands-on work experience by completing a Sport Management internship in countries such as Australia and the Netherlands. In the past, students have worked with professional sports teams such as soccer and Australian Rules Football. Internships are arranged on an individual basis and are offered at a variety of schools. Please visit the Kearney International Center to learn about the many exciting internship opportunities.

## SHORT-TERM, FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

The Sport Management program has integrated various short-term study abroad programs into our curriculum. For example, we have a Sport and Venue Tourism class where we take our students to various locations (New York, Caribbean, Europe, East Asia). The students will tour major sport venues and confer with professionals within the industry. Please note that destinations will change each year. Be sure to check with the Sport Management program for current options.

## STUDY ABROAD MYTHS

**Myth: Only students who speak or are learning a foreign language can study abroad.**

**Fact:** Nearly all academic disciplines may be studied—in English—while abroad. Students take courses in their major or minor fields, as well as general requirements and electives. Enrollment in many U.S. college-sponsored programs does not require proficiency in the language of the host country. Most Minnesota State University, Mankato faculty-led programs are taught in English. However, be prepared and willing to learn the language while you are there through intensive language courses and daily contact with the people.

Programs for Americans conducted in the language of the country will normally require a minimum of two years of college-level study.

**Myth: Only juniors can study abroad.**

**Fact:** Sport Management students may study abroad at any point during their degree, though students are strongly encouraged to consider their sophomore or junior years for studying abroad. Minnesota State Mankato students must have a sophomore year standing to study abroad for a semester or longer. First-year students may participate in faculty-led, short-term programs run by the Sports Management Department. Internships are typically completed by Juniors or Seniors, though interning is an option for all class standings. Regardless of class year, it is important for all students to meet with the Sport Management Department to discuss how studying abroad will fit into a major or minor plan.

**Myth: It isn't possible to go where I want to go.**

**Fact:** Minnesota State Mankato students can study almost anywhere in the world. With imagination and guidance from your academic advisors and the Kearney International Center, you can select the destination and program that is right for you. If you can dream it, we can help send you there!

**Myth:** If I am abroad for a semester or more, there is no way I can graduate in four years.

**Fact:** With careful, early planning and assistance from your academic advisors and the Kearney International Center, you can take classes abroad that will fit into your academic program so as not to needlessly prolong your education. A University of Minnesota study demonstrated that students who study abroad are more likely to graduate on time than those who do not.

## WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

1. Research and select your study abroad program
2. Meet with your academic advisor to discuss course selections
3. Make an appointment with a study abroad advisor
4. Complete your Minnesota State University, Mankato online study abroad application – and possibly providers' application
5. Attend orientation
6. Set off on the adventure of a lifetime!



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