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## Marquette launches master's specialization in sports leadership

MILWAUKEE – Marquette University today announced that its [College of Professional Studies](#) will offer a sports leadership specialization for its master's in leadership studies degree. Enrollment in the program is now open and classes will commence in fall 2010.

One of only two such programs in the Milwaukee area, Marquette's sports leadership specialization provides students with a degree that focuses on sports, but also provides general leadership education. The program was developed in consultation with Marquette's [Department of Athletics](#) and will give students a direct link to its Division I sports teams and its affiliation with the Big East.

“That our students have access to a nationally renowned athletic program is a huge benefit,” said Dr. Robert Deahl, dean of the College of Professional Studies. “Well rounded leadership education is at the heart of what we do in the College of Professional Studies, and we're fortunate to be able to augment that with the expertise of our athletics department.”

Deahl added students will also be able to tap into Marquette University Law School's [National Sports Law Institute](#), the only institute of its kind affiliated with an American law school.

To earn a master's degree in leadership studies with the sports specialization, students must complete a total of 36 credit hours of course work, including 15 credits in core leadership classes and 15 credits of sports leadership classes plus a six-credit integrative learning experience. Otherwise, students may take 18 credits in core leadership classes and 18 credits in sports leadership classes and a comprehensive exam.

“We also want to emphasize the flexibility of the program,” Deahl said. “Classes are available weeknights, both full and part time, and will be a blend of online and classroom learning.”

More information on the sports leadership specialization is [available online](#) or by calling recruitment coordinator Lori Kazaks at (414) 288-7118 or [lori.kazaks@marquette.edu](mailto:lori.kazaks@marquette.edu).

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