Professional Tennis Management

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose Professional Tennis Management?

Tennis, “the sport of a lifetime,” which can be played by ages 4–95, maintains its position as one of the fastest growing traditional sports. With more than 20,000 types of tennis facilities in the U.S., from resorts, parks & rec., commercial and private clubs, and an estimated 19,800 tennis specific businesses and organizations, there are boundless viable career opportunities within the tennis industry.

In 1986, the Ferris Professional Tennis Management (PTM) program was the first four year bachelor’s degree program to combine tennis and business. It remains the largest and the model bachelor degree program of its kind in the nation, placing 100% of its graduates since its inception and producing graduates that are tennis industry leaders.

PTM students receive a Bachelor’s degree in Business with a choice of any minor through Ferris’ accredited College of Business. Its combined emphasis on tennis skills, training, and the management of tennis as a business, uniquely prepares its students to excel in the tennis industry and business. This program truly merges theory with practice by including three internships. PTM students receive on-the-job training by completing two paid outside internships at clubs, resorts and facilities all over the United States. The third internship is on-going at the university-owned and operated 19 court indoor/outdoor Racquet and Fitness Center that is managed by a USPTA Professional and used as a laboratory for PTM students. With a placement rate of 100 percent since its inception, the PTM program is a gateway to great career opportunities.

Career Opportunities

Our graduates enjoy careers as Head or Assistant Tennis Professionals, Directors of Tennis, Managers, Business Owners, Sales Representatives, and more.

The program encourages excellence in all aspects of the sport and provides a solid, well-rounded business foundation in addition to the student's choice of approved minor. PTM graduates leave the program as both USPTA and PTR certified tennis professionals.

Due to the support from key tennis industry organizations that include; the United States Tennis Association and USTA University, United States Professional Tennis Association, Professional Tennis Registry, Wilson Sporting Goods, and the United States Racquet Stringers Association, graduates from the PTM program at Ferris State can look forward to exciting careers within the tennis industry.

Admission Requirements
New Students: 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) from high school, NTRP of 4.0 with USTA district ranking or proven ability at the high school level, and one of the following two criteria: (1) Math ACT score of 19 or higher; SAT Math score of 500 or higher (2) Reading ACT score of 19 or higher; SAT ERW score 450. A letter of reference from a USPTA professional, tennis coach, or school administrator verifying playing ability is required.

Transfer Students: Combined college or university GPA of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA requirement. Transfer equivalency for FSU ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; or SAT ERW score of 450 or higher; or Accuplacer English score of 6 or higher. Transfer equivalency for FSU MATH 114/115 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT Math score of 19 or higher; SAT Math score of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49. NTRP of 4.0 with USTA District ranking

**General Education Requirements**

All University General Education requirements can be found here: [http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm](http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm)

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: [http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm](http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm)

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

The Professional Tennis Management program at Ferris leads to a bachelor of science degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in core courses, in the major and overall. Students must obtain USPTA Professional level certification in order to graduate.

**More Information**

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The College of Business is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP.) Next Accreditation Review is February 2018. [http://www.acbasp.org](http://www.acbasp.org)

The PTM Program is also accredited by the USPTA. [http://uspta.com/default.aspx?MenuItemID=2355](http://uspta.com/default.aspx?MenuItemID=2355)