

## YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM POST 9/11 GI BILL



U.S. AIR FORCE



Continuing its commitment to aid and honor the American soldier, the United States Sports Academy, "America's Sports University®," is a participant in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

This program allows degree granting institutions of higher learning in the U.S., to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Entering into a Yellow Ribbon Agreement allows the Academy to choose the amount of tuition and fees the Academy can contribute, which the VA will match.

*To receive benefits under the Yellow Ribbon Program, student must:*



- *have served an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of at least 36 months;*
- *have been honorably discharged from active duty for a service connected disability and served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001;*
- *be a dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on a veteran's service under the eligibility criteria listed above; and*
- *be eligible for the maximum benefit rate under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.*

Benefits are payable for training pursued on or after 1 August 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before this date.

Visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for additional information on the Yellow Ribbon Program or all other veterans educational benefits.

Residential classes begin 5 September 2009. For more information, go to [www.ussa.edu](http://www.ussa.edu) or call the Admissions Office at 1-800-223-2668.



## MISSION

The United States Sports Academy is an independent, non-profit, accredited, special mission sports university created to serve the nation and the world with programs in instruction, research and service. The role of the Academy is to prepare men and women for careers in the profession of sports.

## OVERVIEW

The Academy, known around the world as "America's Sports University®," is the only accredited sport-specific institution in America offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificate programs.

For almost four decades, the Academy has provided programs in sport education to the nation and to 60 countries around the world. It also serves as the education arm for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

Alumni surveys reveal that over 75% of Academy graduates secure employment in the field of sport and more than 95% of Academy students state they would recommend the Academy's programs to their friends and colleagues.

The Academy's flexible, 100% online programs feature affordable tuition, allowing students to contain costs by living at home and completing studies around their current employment.

## DEGREE PROGRAMS

### Bachelor's Degree (B.S.S.)

In this one-of-a-kind online undergraduate degree, a student may transfer in as few as 36 and as many as 90 semester hours of college credit toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. It is a 120-semester hour program with three majors: *Sports Management, Sports Coaching and Sports Studies*.

### Master's Degree (M.S.S.)

This 33-semester hour program can be completed online in as little as one year with no residency requirement. The program has five majors: *Sports Management, Sports Coaching, Sports Fitness & Health, Sports Medicine and Sports Studies*. *Dual majors are also available!*

### Doctoral Degree (Ed.D.)

This 60-semester hour doctoral degree is available online, has no residency requirement and can be completed in as little as three years. It is one of only five doctoral programs approved by the North American Society for Sport Management. Within the doctoral Sports Management program, students may also select an emphasis in *Sports Medicine* or in *Olympism*.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Academy offers a variety of online courses in certification programs that provide professional development opportunities in coaching, sports management, fitness, personal training and related areas.

In providing continuing education credit (through CEUs), the Academy has helped many teachers and coaches ***gain salary increments, secure job promotions and maintain or upgrade their certifications***. All online!

The Academy also provides continuing education credit to many sport organization and association programs including the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the American Council on Exercise and USA Track & Field among others.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The United States Sports Academy is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Bachelor of Sports Science degree (level II), the Master of Sports Science degree (level III), and the Doctor of Education degree (level V). Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679- 4512 for questions about the accreditation of the United States Sports Academy.