

Assistant Professor of Sports Management

Union Commonwealth University seeks applicants for a 9-month full-time faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor of Sports Management, with appointment beginning in the Fall 2026 semester. Candidates must possess a minimum of a Ph.D. in Sports Management or closely-related field (or equivalent terminal degree). Preference will be given to candidates with a terminal degree in sports management and a master's degree in a different discipline.

The individual hired for this position will be the primary faculty member supporting the University's new undergraduate major in Sports Management, and will have responsibility for coordinating the program, including continued development of the curriculum already partially drafted. This position will also support the University's Exercise Science, Health & Wellness, and Physical Education majors as appropriate based on credentials.

We seek a student-centered teacher who is excited about dynamic pedagogy. The position will have teaching responsibility for a wide variety of undergraduate courses in sports management courses such as introduction to sport management, marketing, finance/economics, law/ethics, governance/policy, event and facility management, communications/media, sales/revenue, analytics (foundations), and internship/capstone supervision. We are especially interested in qualified candidates who are excited to teach general education courses and interdisciplinary students and who are committed to recruiting new majors from general education courses. Comfortable familiarity with educational technologies is a plus, and a student-centered pedagogical approach is a must.

Union faculty are also responsible for student advising, service to the institution, active participation in the life of the campus, and ongoing professional development.

Screening of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the contact information for three professional references to:

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Founded in 1879, Union is a small, liberal-arts institution located in southeastern Kentucky. Union boasts a long commitment to Appalachia, providing quality education to a wide range of students from across the world, while maintaining a focus on the underserved and marginalized, especially first-generation college students.