Golfing Community

Las Vegas is home to one of the top golf communities in the nation. With a multitude of private, public, and resort courses, people travel from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer. The best golf course architecture in the world has designed courses in Las Vegas, providing the area with the most exciting, diverse courses in the nation.

Opened in May 2008, PGA Golf Club Coyote Springs is emerging as one of the most talked about golf destinations in the Western United States. PGA Golf Club will be a leader in the golf industry, and the PGA Village being built will serve as the Western home for PGA of America Members.

There are over 65 golf courses within the Las Vegas area. Course designers such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Fazio, and PGA Tour Designs to name a few take pride in their Las Vegas creations. The PGA Tour makes a stop in Las Vegas every fall to host its annual tournament. The tournament, called the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, is an exciting event held at TPC Summerlin.

The Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge, which pairs top players from the PGA, LPGA and Champions tour, has been held in Las Vegas. The best golf course architects in the world have designed courses in Las Vegas that the area has to offer. The best golf course from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer. The best golf course from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer. The best golf course from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer. The best golf course from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer. The best golf course from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer. The best golf course from across the globe to play the world-class courses that the area has to offer.

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The university offers Doctoral/Professional degrees in a variety of fields such as business, education, health sciences, and engineering. UNLV is located on 337 acres in dynamic Southern Nevada. The university is ranked in the category of Doctoral/Research Universities-Intensive by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

PGA Golf Management Staff

The PGA Golf Management program staff includes a director who recruits, advises and instructs students as well as administers the program within the guidelines of UNLV and the PGA of America. An internship coordinator assists with these duties and organizes, plans, and facilitates students’ internship experiences. Support staff assists with the administration of the program while providing guidance and support to all PGA Golf Management students.

Contact Information

For more information regarding curriculum, cost or other questions, please contact the PGA Golf Management office or visit the web site.

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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Student Life at UNLV

UNLV offers many opportunities for students to get involved in leadership development and extracurricular activities that promote and encourage participation in campus life. Student activities and campus-wide events are planned throughout the year, focusing on recreation and traditions that involve the entire campus community. These include Welcome Week, Premier UNLV, Homecoming, Unisport, and Spring Fling.

Living Arrangements

Las Vegas apartments provide suite-style housing for nearly 2,000 students. For more information regarding campus housing please visit http://housing.unlv.edu.

Las Vegas casinos

There are many apartment complexes located within walking distance of UNLV and many others located in Henderson, which is only 5-6 miles from campus. Apartment costs vary greatly for one- and two-bedroom apartments. Deposits are necessary for students living off campus, including security and utility deposits.

General Information About UNLV

For more information regarding admissions to UNLV, please visit the web site.

http://admissions.unlv.edu

For information regarding campus housing at UNLV, please visit the web site.

http://studentaffairs.unlv.edu

For information regarding campus tours:

(702) 774-8897

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UNLV PGA Student Patrick O’Hara at Silverstone G.C.

Trophy Presentation at the 2008 Director’s Cup
A letter from the Director

Thank you for your interest in our PGA Golf Management program at UNLV. We would like to extend to you this opportunity to share with you the vision and guiding philosophy of our program and invite you to visit our website for further information (http://hotel.unlv.edu). You may have noticed the words “passion for excellence” as some of our principle materials. This statement reflects our goal of attracting and developing strong performers with a passion for excellence in the golf industry. We believe that there has never been a greater opportunity for quality individuals to excel and live out their dreams than the one we provide in our PGA Golf Management program.

We are committed to providing a positive and challenging environment that will cultivate the talents of all our students, with the ultimate goal of placing them in coveted positions within the golf industry. We are also committed to the development of the individuals in our program as people, as students, as professionals, and as golfers. These commitments reflect our mission of attracting, nurturing, and producing individuals who are great performers both in their professions and in their lives.

Without a doubt, the combination of our world-renowned hotel college, the premier golf community in Las Vegas, and the guiding philosophy and curriculum of our academic program creates an unparalleled environment for individuals who are passionate about golf and living with excellence. I hope you can share in our excitement for this wonderful combination and in a program we are passionate about.

PGA Management Program

The UNLV PGA Golf Management program is accredited by the Professional Golfers’ Association of America and administered through the Recreation and Sport Management Department of the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration. Students graduating from the PGA Golf Management program will receive a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Recreation, with a concentration in Professional Golf Management. The PGA Golf Management curriculum consists of 124 credit hours with a focus on the three primary areas: general studies, recreation management, and PGA Golf Management. Along with these areas, students must complete 16 months of internship experience in the golf industry. PGA golf management classes support student progression through the PGA curriculum. This comprehensive curriculum and extensive internship experience prepares students to work in the expanded golf industry. Some examples of current career path opportunities within the golf industry:

- General Manager of a Golf Course
- Assistant Director of Golf
- Director of Golf
- Director of Golf Operations
- PGA Professional
- Club Manager
- Club Owner

PGA Management Program Goals

- To provide an excellent internship experience that prepares students to work in the expanded golf industry.
- To support student progression through the PGA curriculum. This comprehensive curriculum and extensive internship experience prepares students to work in the expanded golf industry.
- To facilitate students’ progression through the PGA, checkpoint testing and successful completion of the PGA Playing Ability Test (PAT).
- To provide for each student well-defined, comprehensive internship experiences that will facilitate exemplary professional capabilities in all facets of golf management.
- To recruit a diverse, talented, and well-rounded student population.
- To support the growth and development of the PGA Golf Management student association.

Our Program Goals

In addition to being a valued asset to the university community, to the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada community, and to the golf community at large, our goal is to provide an education that will prepare our students to be successful in the expanded golf industry.

- Provide a challenging and comprehensive academic experience, preparing students to successfully meet all necessary concentration requirements to obtain PGA membership.
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Graduation Requirements

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- A student seeking admission into the PGA Golf Management program must meet all UNLV and Hotel College entrance requirements. In addition, applicants must have submitted a SAT or ACT score of 1200 or higher that was verified by the United States Golf Association (USGA), a PGA professional, a high school golf coach, or successfully passed the PGA Playing Ability Test (PAT).

Coursework Requirements

- Students graduating from the PGA Golf Management program must complete all required coursework in the curriculum. Prior to graduation from the PGA Golf Management program, students are required to pass the PGA Playing Ability Test (PAT), and complete PGA checkpoints for Level I, Level II, and Level III. Additionally, all students must fulfill the 16 months internship requirement with an experience in at least three different settings, ranging from public, private, and resort. Students who do not pass the PAT by the end of their junior year will be counseled to complete the Recreation major without the PGA Golf Management concentration.

- The PGA Golf Management internship is considered to be a full-time work experience that encompasses 40 hours per week at a recognized PGA golf facility. Students interested in completing an internship abroad are required to submit their request for review to the director of the PGA Golf Management program. Successful completion of 16 months of internship experience is required of each student seeking a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Recreation and a concentration in PGA Golf Management.

- The PGA Golf Management curriculum consists of 124 credits in three primary areas: general education (47 credits), recreation major (43 credits), and PGA Golf Management Concentration (44 credits). Students have the option to earn a minor in business management or business marketing in addition to the traditional PGA Golf Management curriculum.

- More information regarding PGA Golf Management curriculum can be found on the program web site.