Seattle University students now have the opportunity to earn a master's degree that melds the worlds of sports leadership and ethics, and prepares them to be effective leaders of athletic programs and organizations. Professor Dan Tripps, a nationally recognized expert in sport science, sport psychology and leadership, will oversee the two-year Master in Sport Administration and Leadership (MSAL) program as its director and an instructor.

The Master in Sport Administration and Leadership, which will be offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, is geared toward early to mid-career professionals who want to advance in youth, interscholastic, intercollegiate and professional sports organizations. Classes in the 45-credit program will be taught nights and weekends and will explore sport as a discipline, in areas of history, sociology, science, law; foster administrative skills, including finance, marketing, media and operations; and nurture leadership qualities such as planning, supervising and ethics.

"The curriculum and instruction in the MSAL program is designed to prepare graduates not only to work in the world of sports but also to have the commitment and capability to help make that world more just, ethical and humane," Tripps said. "The sports world desperately needs ethically grounded leaders who can inspire the best performance and behavior from their athletes, coaches and staff."

The faculty will include area sports professionals with advanced degrees and experience teaching graduate-level programs.

The new degree offering is in line with the university's tradition of educating tomorrow's leaders, said Provost Susan Secker.

"Seattle University has established a strong reputation for training leaders in areas such as education, business, law and theology," Secker said. "Professor Tripps and his MSAL program have an equally strong reputation so this is an excellent match."

To learn more about the program, visit www.seattleu.edu/artsci/msal/.