

**HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY**  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS**

**PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies are to:

1. Develop and enhance teaching skills, knowledge, and attitudes to enable students to become better teachers, supervisors, and administrators of health and kinesiology programs.
2. Develop and enhance scholarship and professional interest in health studies and kinesiology.
3. Promote the use of research by stimulating interest and developing skill in research techniques.
4. Provide an academic environment that will enable the gifted student to pursue more advanced study.
5. Provide opportunities for developing the skills necessary for working with students from varied backgrounds with diverse value systems.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for admission to the Master of Arts degree program in Health and Kinesiology, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Meet all University admission requirements.
2. Submit a minimum score of 146 (Verbal) and 140 (Quantitative) on the General Test of the GRE for regular admission. Students, who completed the General Test of the GRE prior to August, 2011 should contact the Graduate coordinator for specific admission criteria. A student not eligible for regular admission, but who scores a minimum of 143 (Verbal) and 138(Quantitative) on the General Test of the GRE may be admitted with provisional status. Students who fail to submit a GRE score will not be considered for admission.
3. Applicants for the Master of Arts in Health and Kinesiology are required to have completed a baccalaureate degree and meet the requirements for the university and graduate studies. The undergraduate degree should be in health or kinesiology or a related field (e.g., nursing, dietetics, biology), or should have included adequate preparation for graduate study of health or kinesiology. Applicants whose undergraduate degree is in a field other than health and kinesiology may be required to complete a maximum of 21 hours of undergraduate courses as recommended by the department. All students are required to have completed 4 hours of human anatomy and physiology.
4. Grade Retention Policy: Any graduate student, regardless of degree status, who makes a grade of "D" or "F" or more than 6 hours of "C" grades in any course taken for graduate credit will be dismissed from the Kinesiology and Health Studies graduate program and will be ineligible to register for further graduate work in Kinesiology and/or Health Studies. A student dismissed from the program because of extenuating, non-academic reasons may appeal for readmission.
5. All applicants are required to have taken an undergraduate human anatomy and physiology course (lecture and lab).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE**  
**EXERCISE SCIENCE CONCENTRATION**

**THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty (30) hours in an approved combination of Kinesiology courses that include Kinesiology 601, 606, 612, 614 or 621, 623 or 624, 625, 638, 644, 770.

**NON-THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty-six (36) hours in an approved combination of Kinesiology courses to include 601, 606, 612, 621, 623, 624, 625, 638, 644, and nine (9) hours of Kinesiology electives.

All candidates for a degree must complete a thesis or a satisfactory score on the comprehensive examination.

**HEALTH STUDIES CONCENTRATION**

**THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty (30) hours in an approved combination of health studies courses including six (6) hours of thesis. Health studies courses must include Health Studies 601, 606, 610, 637, 638 and 770.

**NON-THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete a minimum of twenty-seven (27) hours in an approved combination of health studies courses and up to nine (9) hours in an approved related field. Health Studies courses must include Health Studies 601 and 606, 610, 637, and 638.

### **HEALTH PROMOTION AND EXERCISE SCIENCE CONCENTRATION**

**THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty (30) hours of an approved combination of health and kinesiology courses, including six (6) hours of thesis. These courses must include Health Studies 601, 606, 624, 636, 637 and 770; Kinesiology 625, 644 and 638.

**NON-THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty-six (36) hours of an approved combination of health studies and kinesiology courses that include Health Studies 601, 606, 624, 635, 636 and 637; Kinesiology 625, 644 and 638.

### **KINESIOLOGY CONCENTRATION**

**THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty (30) hours in an approved combination of kinesiology courses including six (6) hours of thesis. Courses must include Kinesiology 601, 606, and 770 and three courses in one interest area selected from Adapted Physical Education, Exercise Physiology, Exercise and Sport Psychology, Sport Management, or Motor Behavior and at least two courses from each of two other interest areas listed above and Health Studies

**NON-THESIS PROGRAM**—Complete thirty-six (36) hours with a minimum of twenty-seven (27) hours in an approved combination of kinesiology courses and up to nine (9) hours in a related field. Kinesiology courses must include Kinesiology 601, 606, three courses in one interest area selected from Adapted Physical Education, Exercise Physiology, Exercise and Sport Psychology, Sport Management, or Motor Behavior, and at least two courses from each of two other interest areas listed above and Health Studies.

Courses linked to interest areas are: Adapted Physical Education-Kinesiology 591, 592, 593, 594; Exercise Physiology-Kinesiology 625, 638, 644; Motor Behavior-Kinesiology 612, 621; Exercise and Sport Psychology-Kinesiology 623, 624. students requiring a third course in Motor Behavior or Exercise and Sport Psychology will select from Kinesiology 628, 629, 632, 634; Sport Management – Kinesiology 693, 695, 697.