

# Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences

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The Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences graduate program leads to a master of science degree with a major in sports and exercise sciences. Students in the thesis program receive background preparation necessary for doctoral work in exercise science as well as expertise in physiological testing, exercise prescription and research. Graduates of this program have been successful in pursuing advanced degrees in exercise physiology and/or have been placed in careers in corporate fitness/wellness, sport equipment technology, sport performance analyses and branches of sports medicine-related specialties such as nutrition, cardiopulmonary, cardiac rehabilitation and psychology. Program goals are developed in conjunction with knowledge, skills and abilities identified by the American College of Sports Medicine as essential for successful professional preparation.

Students in the non-thesis program receive background preparation designed to meet the needs of persons interested in professions related to exercise science and are tailored to meet specific needs and interests of the individual graduate student.

All students are required to take a four-course core curriculum. Students then design a curriculum with their adviser to meet individual interests and needs.

## Graduate Advising Requirement

Students should consult the graduate coordinator for adviser assignment. No later than the end of the first semester of graduate study, students must identify a graduate faculty member who agrees to serve as their graduate adviser. This adviser must be in the student's area of specialization.

Discipline	Prefix
Athletic Training .....	ATTR
Physical Education .....	PHED
Sports and Exercise Sciences .....	SES

NOTE: See the "Academic Courses and Abbreviations" and "Course Descriptions" sections of this catalog for a complete list of courses offered by the University.

## Master of Science (M.S.) Degree

### Major in Sports and Exercise Sciences (Major Code: 5449)

This degree is designed for persons in various fields of exercise and sport sciences who wish to concentrate their graduate work in exercise science. Students with undergraduate degrees in a field other than sports and exercise science or a related field may be required to complete leveling courses chosen and approved by the adviser and department head.

#### General Requirements

##### Admission

The following conditions are to be met:

- 3.0 or better undergraduate GPA and
- GRE score exceeding 50th percentile in at least one category of the GRE.

##### Conditional Admission

If a student does not qualify for admission, the student will be granted conditional admission when the following conditions are met:

- 2.5 or better undergraduate GPA and
- GRE score exceeding 25th percentile in at least one category of the GRE.

Interdisciplinary Studies (5143) students selecting department course work also must meet the criteria delineated above.

#### Program Requirements

##### Non-Thesis, 36-hour Program

36 total semester hours of approved courses which must include SES 6311, 6312, 6341 and 6351, plus an additional 24 semester hours in 6300-level or above courses (nine semester hours of which must be from sports and exercise sciences course offerings). Students will be required to pass a written and oral comprehensive examination.

##### Thesis, 36-Hour Program

36 total semester hours of approved courses which must include SES 6301, 6302, 6311, 6312, 6341 and 6351, plus an additional 18 semester hours in 6300-level or above courses. Students will be required to pass a written and oral comprehensive examination as well as thesis proposal and defense.