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In order to graduate in May **all course work must be completed by May 1**. If your course work is not completed by May 1 you must submit a new diploma application and apply for a future graduation date.

August Graduation Candidates: If you would like your name to be printed in the *Spring 2006 Commencement Program*, you must submit all audit forms by **February 24, 2008**. If you submit your forms after this deadline you will still be able to graduate (if you complete all degree requirements) but your name **will not** appear in the Commencement program. The last day to submit audit forms for August graduation is **August 16, 2008**.

In order to graduate in August **all course work must be completed by September 1**. If your course work is not completed by September 1 you must submit a new diploma application and apply for a future graduation date.

If you fail to complete all requirements during the term in which you file the diploma application, the application cannot be used for the subsequent term. You must file a new online diploma application in order to be considered again for your degree. Please note deadlines previously stated.

NOTE: Students in the Physical Education program should verify diploma application procedures with both the Recorder in Kinesiology and with the Office of Academic Services in the School of Education.

Graduate Studies

This section of the Bulletin is intended to help graduate students make informed choices about applying to Kinesiology and satisfactorily complete a graduate degree in Kinesiology. **Students should be sure to consult a faculty advisor in addition to reading this section.**

Kinesiology and/or the U of M Rackham School of Graduate Studies may modify programs, policies, or procedures in the future. Students usually will be governed during their degree program by the requirements and regulations in effect when they were admitted.

Students may refer questions to the Graduate Program Coordinator in Kinesiology or Rackham Graduate School. The following publications are available online:
www.rackham.umich.edu/StudentInfo/index.html

- Rackham Graduate School Bulletin (Student Handbook)
- Rackham Graduate School Bulletin Vol. II (Program Information and Course Offerings)

- Information for Graduate Students

The Master's Degree

Kinesiology offers the Master's of Science (M.S.) and Master's of Arts (M.A.) degrees.

Each degree is intended for students with exemplary academic or professional credentials seeking advanced academic training in areas related to human movement.

The M.S. and M.A. degrees require at least 30 credits of course work; six of those credits may be for thesis work courses. Students choose one of three options:

- **Comprehensive track**, allowing for flexible in-depth study of human movement.
- **Ph.D. preparation track**. Intended for students who plan to continue toward a doctoral degree. This track requires a thesis.
- **Specialist track**. Sport Management.

Admission to the Program

Kinesiology welcomes applications from students of all academic programs and disciplines. Throughout the year the Kinesiology Graduate Committee makes admission decisions; however, early applications are encouraged since Kinesiology admits fall term only for the Master's program and funded doctoral positions. **The competition for funding includes all completed applications received by January 15.**

Application materials include:

- Scores on the General Aptitude Tests of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Official transcripts of earlier academic work
- Three letters of recommendation (at least two from instructors of academic courses)
- Statement of purpose indicating goals, previous experience, and choice of tracks within the program.
- TOEFL (if applicable)

Time Limit

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the degree within two years after enrollment. Students must complete the Master's degree work within six consecutive years after first enrollment in the Rackham Graduate School.

If a student exceeds this limit s/he must petition the Dean of the Graduate School through the graduate coordinator for a time extension, giving reasons for the request and plans for the continuation/completion of the degree.

Final Degree Check

Students should complete the diploma application for the Master's degree (available in the Office of Student Services) within the first two weeks of the final term of registration. A check is then made to determine if all requirements have been met and a minimum of 5.000 G.P.A. (B) on a 9-point scale has been maintained. A grade must be submitted for all previous incompletes. Students who complete a majority of graduate credits in science-based work within Kinesiology and a majority of credits in scientific coursework outside Kinesiology will receive the Master's of Science (M.S.) degree. Those who take a majority of their program in social science-based work within Kinesiology or who fulfill the cognate requirement in social science or business will receive the Master's of Arts (M.A.) degree.

Comprehensive Track

Students in this track study human movement in depth from different perspectives. The strength of this program is its flexibility; working with their advisors, students can design programs to meet their particular interests.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours for the M.S. or M.A. degree. Students are required to take KINESLOGY 615 (Philosophy of Science in Kinesiology Research) and one graduate level research statistics course outside of Kinesiology. In addition, students must elect at least 9 hours of Kinesiology course work. Five of these may be for independent research (e.g. KINESLOGY 684), practicum experience, or internships (e.g. KINESLOGY 680 and 686). **Included in the 30 credits, each student must also complete at least four credits in cognate work outside of Kinesiology.**

Ph.D. Preparation Track

Students in this track work closely with a professor in a laboratory or field setting. They participate with mentors in research, generate ideas, collect data, and write a thesis or research paper prior to graduation. The minimum number of credit hours to complete this track is 30. The exact number will vary according to student interests and advisor's requirements.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours for the M.S. or M.A. degree. Students are required to take KINESLOGY 615, (Philosophy of Science, and Research in Kinesiology) and one graduate level research statistics course outside of Kinesiology. In addition, students usually complete a Master's thesis in KINESLOGY 619 (see requirements below). Students must elect at least 9 hours of Kinesiology course work. Five of these may be for independent research (e.g. KINESLOGY 684), practicum experience, or internships (e.g. KINESLOGY 680 and 686). **Included in the 30 credits,**

each student must also complete at least four credits in cognate work outside of Kinesiology.

Master's Thesis

A student with a B+ average for the first twelve credit hours of graduate work will be permitted to proceed with writing a Master's thesis. In addition to a thesis advisor, the student must have two other faculty members serve on his/her committee. Students considering writing a thesis are strongly encouraged to discuss possible topics with potential thesis advisors soon after entering the program.

In order to be recognized at the Kinesiology Commencement ceremony, the Graduate Coordinator submits thesis declaration forms completed by the student and their advisor to the Recorder in OSS no later than April 5th.

Faculty Advisors

All graduate faculty members in Kinesiology can advise in this track.

Specialist Track

Kinesiology supports one specialist track – Sport Management. Master's students in this track may obtain an M.A. degree.

Sport Management Specialist Track

Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours, including:

Core Curriculum (12 hours)

- **KINESLGY 503** Legal Aspects of Sport (3 credits)
- **KINESLGY 509** Financial Management for the Sport Industry (3 credits)
- **KINESLGY 514** Strategic Management in Sport (3 credits)
- **KINESLGY 550** Marketing Management for the Sport Industry (3 credits)

Requirements

- **KINESLGY 519** Sport Management in Depth (2 credits)
- **KINESLGY 615** Philosophy of Science & Research in Kinesiology (3 credits)
- **Sport Management Elective** (3 credits)
- **Graduate Level Statistics** (3 credits)
- **Four cognate elective credits of your choice** – any appropriate graduate-level course; a minimum of four credits must be taken outside the Division of Kinesiology.

Remainder of 30 credits must be any appropriate graduate level course offered by the Division or the approved by Rackham Graduate School.

The Ph.D. Program in Kinesiology

Overview

The doctoral program leads to the highest degree awarded by the Division of Kinesiology and the University, and provides for the study of movement at an advanced level. The program seeks to develop scholarly and research competence, and culminates in an original doctoral dissertation that adds to the body of knowledge. The program is designed for those who intend to make their careers as scholars, teachers, researchers and professionals in Kinesiology or allied fields.

Ph.D. students choose from a set of core courses in Kinesiology, as well as cognate courses from other units, and complete a minimum of 30 pre-candidacy credits beyond the Master's level. Qualifying examinations must be passed before advancing to candidacy, after which the student completes an original doctoral dissertation. A minimum of 50 credits including pre-candidacy and candidacy work must be completed to graduate.

All Ph.D. students work closely with a faculty advisor from the beginning of their degree program. Working with the student and advisor, a Guidance Committee, Qualifying Examination Committee, and a Dissertation Committee provide advice and evaluate progress at successive stages of the program.

A principal goal of doctoral training is the achievement of competence as an independent scholar. This entails not only proficiency in research but in the dissemination of knowledge. An important component of knowledge dissemination is guiding the learning of others. Each student's program will be tailored to develop skills in knowledge dissemination.

Admission to the Program

A. An applicant to the Ph.D. program must, **in most circumstances**, have a Master's degree before being admitted. If the Master's degree is in a specialization other than Kinesiology or a closely related field, the student may be asked to complete certain prerequisite coursework in Kinesiology. This coursework would be determined at the time of admission, taking into account the applicant's background and interests. **Prerequisite coursework does not count towards the Ph.D. degree.**

Exceptions: Certain undergraduate students may be admitted to the program without a Master's degree at the discretion of the graduate committee. To be eligible for consideration to waive the requirement for a Master's degree, at least one of the following conditions must be met.