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## Undergraduate Majors

All undergraduate students in Kinesiology select one of four majors:

- [Athletic Training](#) <sup>[5]</sup>;
- [Health and Fitness](#) <sup>[6]</sup>;
- [Movement Science](#) <sup>[7]</sup>; or
- [Sport Management](#) <sup>[8]</sup>.

Most students specify their intended major at the time of application and/or enrollment.

Students are encouraged to discuss their academic goals and options with their OSS (Office of Student Services) advisor during their first semester on campus. Students may declare a major in Movement Science as early as Orientation. Declaration in Sport Management, Athletic Training, and Health and Fitness occurs when a student is admitted to the second-level of these respective programs.

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## Master's Overview

Kinesiology offers the Master of Science (M.S.) and Master of Arts (M.A.) degrees. Both degrees are 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:

- [Masters: Comprehensive Track](#) <sup>[14]</sup>, allowing for flexible in-depth study of human movement.
- [Masters: Ph.D. Preparation Track](#) <sup>[15]</sup>, intended for students who plan to continue toward a doctoral degree. This track requires a thesis.
- [Masters: Sport Management Track](#) <sup>[16]</sup>, intended for students specializing in the management, marketing, economics, finance, and public policy of sports.

**Faculty Advisors.** Every master's student will be assigned a faculty advisor who will best match the student's area of study.

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## Ph.D. Overview

The doctoral program leads to the highest degree awarded by the School of Kinesiology and the university. The program seeks to develop scholarly and research competence, and culminates in an original doctoral dissertation that adds to the body of knowledge in Kinesiology. The program is designed for those students who intend to make their careers as scholars, teachers, researchers, and professionals in kinesiology or allied fields.

PhD 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 PhD 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.

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