

# KINESIOLOGY, BS

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#### KINESIOLOGY DECLARATION OVERVIEW

Incoming freshmen typically enter UW–Madison as Pre-Kinesiology students (PKN), spend the first two years completing liberal studies, general education, and Kinesiology prerequisite requirements, and declare the Kinesiology major during their sophomore year for the final two years on campus.

On-campus students starting at UW–Madison in other majors can move to Pre-Kinesiology by completing a Pre-Professional Declaration (<http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/>). A GPA of 2.75, based on all UW–Madison coursework or the last 60 credits (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext>), is required to transfer into Pre-Kinesiology. It is not necessary to be a Pre-Kinesiology student before declaring Kinesiology.

#### ELIGIBILITY TO DECLARE KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology currently accepts declarations once a year, from December 1st through February 1st. The on-campus declaration form is located on the School of Education's Undergraduate Admissions (<http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/>) page, along with information about the declaration period, deadline, and current eligibility requirements. Students should consult this site prior to submitting a declaration as this information may be modified from one declaration period to the next.

Off-campus students wishing to transfer directly into Kinesiology should complete the on-campus declaration and must also be admitted to UW–Madison. See Transfer Students and Students with a Bachelor's Degree, below.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Complete the following prerequisite coursework by the end of the spring semester of the declaration year:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Biology Sequence</b>		
Complete one of the following Biology sequences:		
BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101 & BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	Animal Biology and Animal Biology Laboratory	5
BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 151	Introductory Biology	5
Advanced Placement (AP) Biology exam score of 4 or 5		
International Baccalaureate (IB) Biology exam score of 4 or 5		
<b>Chemistry Sequence</b>		
Complete one of the following Chemistry sequences:		
CHEM 103 & CHEM 104	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	9
CHEM 109	Advanced General Chemistry	5

CHEM 115 & CHEM 116	Chemical Principles I and Chemical Principles II	10
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#### Physics Course

Complete one of the following Physics courses:

PHYSICS 103	General Physics	4
PHYSICS 201	General Physics	5
PHYSICS 207	General Physics	5

#### Kinesiology Course

KINES 119	Introduction to Kinesiology	2
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- Students may complete no more than three of the prerequisite courses during the spring semester of the declaration year. For this purpose CHEM 109 satisfies the full general chemistry requirement and constitutes one course. BIOLOGY/ZOOLOGY 101 and BIOLOGY/ZOOLOGY 102 are counted as two courses in determining eligibility for the program.
- Earn a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA or a 2.75 cumulative GPA based on the Last 60 Credits Rule by the end of the fall semester of the declaration year.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Last 60 Credits Rule – Two grade point averages may be calculated to determine a candidate's eligibility to declare Kinesiology. A GPA may be calculated using (1) UW–Madison and all other all transferable college level coursework attempted and (2) the last 60 credits attempted. The higher GPA of these two calculations will be used for determining eligibility. Once declared, students must earn a semester GPA of 2.75 each semester after declaration. More information on this rule is available here (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext>).

Students will be provisionally admitted in the spring, pending the completion of all prerequisite courses and GPA requirements by the end of the spring semester.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS DEGREE

Transfer students and second degree candidates (students who already hold a Bachelor's degree) must be admitted to UW–Madison to enroll in a School of Education program. Admission to the campus has its own application, admission process, and application deadlines; see Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<http://www.admissions.wisc.edu>) for campus application information.

Students wishing to transfer directly into Kinesiology should complete both the on-campus Kinesiology declaration and the UW–Madison application. All eligibility requirements must be met. Other transfer and second degree candidates will be admitted to UW–Madison with the Pre-Kinesiology designation.

Second degree candidates in the School of Education are changing their academic direction and wish to complete a degree that is unrelated to their first. A large number of credits are usually required to complete the new degree requirements and a second undergraduate degree is awarded upon its completion; more information is available here (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext>).

Off-campus students are strongly advised to meet with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their declaration. Consultations with advisors are available in person, virtually,

or via telephone; email [soeacademicservices@education.wisc.edu](mailto:soeacademicservices@education.wisc.edu) or call 608-262-1651 to schedule an appointment.

## **ADVISING AFTER DECLARATION**

The Kinesiology department holds mandatory spring orientation sessions for new majors, led by a departmental advisor. The sequencing of coursework and enrollment in Kinesiology courses are addressed at these meetings. Students will be authorized to enroll in Kinesiology courses after the orientation meetings are completed.

After declaration, advising about the major will be provided by the Department of Kinesiology. Majors are required to meet with the departmental advisor at least once per semester. All questions about School of Education and university requirements should be referred to an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office.