

KINESIOLOGY, B.S.

HOW TO GET IN

PROGRAM ADMISSION OVERVIEW

Admission to the Kinesiology–Exercise and Movement Science degree program is limited and can be competitive. Students must meet the minimum eligibility requirements outlined below to be considered for selection. Students are admitted to the program only once a year, effective for the summer following selection. Once admitted, Exercise and Movement Science students typically spend two years completing their remaining coursework.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

NEW AND CURRENT UW–MADISON STUDENTS

New freshmen and transfer students interested in Kinesiology are admitted directly to the School of Education with a “pre-professional” classification. This classification indicates that a student is interested in a program offered by the school, but has not applied and been admitted to the professional program. Students interested in the Exercise and Movement Science degree program within Kinesiology receive a classification of PKN. This classification indicates that a student is interested in Exercise and Movement Science, but has not applied and been admitted to the professional part of the undergraduate program.

On-campus students wishing to be admitted to the school while working on eligibility requirements and application can apply for admission to the School of Education by completing a Pre-Professional Application (<http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/>). A minimum GPA of 2.5, based on UW–Madison coursework, is required to transfer into the School. This GPA may be modified by the Last 60 Credits rule (detailed below (p. 2)). It is not necessary to be a “pre-professional” student before applying to a professional program. Admission as a “pre-professional” student does not guarantee admission to the professional program.

It is strongly recommended that students interested in a School of Education program meet with an academic advisor in the School of Education Student Services office, 139 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall. Students may call 608-262-1651 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

PROSPECTIVE TRANSFER STUDENTS

Applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus must be admissible to the university to enroll in a School of Education program. Admission to UW–Madison requires a separate application and admission process. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<http://admissions.wisc.edu/>) for application information. Prospective transfer students are strongly advised to meet with an advisor in the the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their application; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS DEGREE

Prospective applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor in the

School of Education Student Services office in advance of their application. Consultations with advisors are available in person or via telephone; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

Applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are admitted to the School of Education as either an *Education Special student* or a *second degree student*, depending on their interests and academic background. Admission as an Education Special student indicates that the student has an interest in pursuing certification in a subject area studied during the initial degree; another degree is not awarded for this “certification only” coursework. Second degree students are seeking a second, unrelated degree from the School of Education, which may, or may not, include teacher certification. Candidates for limited enrollment programs must meet all admission eligibility requirements for the program and must compete with the eligible applicants for program admission. More information is available here (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext>).

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Prospective applicants must complete prerequisite coursework for eligibility and should make progress toward meeting the School of Education’s Liberal Studies requirements. Students typically apply for admission during the sophomore year. Students are admitted only once a year, effective for the summer following admission. Once admitted, exercise and movement science students typically spend two years completing remaining coursework.

Professional program applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus must be admissible to the University to enroll in a School of Education professional program. Thus, program admission is contingent upon admission to the campus. Admission to UW–Madison requires a separate application and admission process. Prospective applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus are strongly encouraged to contact an academic advisor in the School of Education Student Services office for assistance with planning their applications to both the professional program and to the UW–Madison campus. See Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<http://www.admissions.wisc.edu>) for application information.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Requirements and selection criteria may be modified from one application/admission period to the next. Potential applicants should consult the School of Education’s Undergraduate Admissions (<http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/>) page for application deadlines and detailed information regarding current eligibility requirements and selection criteria prior to submitting an application.

To be eligible for admission, applicants must:

- complete at least 54 credits of college coursework by the end of the spring semester of the application year.
- complete the following prerequisite coursework by the end of the spring semester of the application year:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Biology Sequence | | |

Complete one of the following Biology sequences:

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| BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101 & BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102 | Animal Biology and Animal Biology Laboratory | 5 |
| BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 151 & BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 152 | Introductory Biology and Introductory Biology ¹ | 10 |
| BIOCORE 381 & BIOCORE 382 | Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics and Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics Laboratory | 5 |
| Advanced Placement (AP) Biology exam score of 4 or 5 ² | | |
| International Baccalaureate (IB) Biology exam score of 4 or 5 ³ | | |
| Chemistry Sequence | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |

¹ Students who take BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 at UW–Madison or transfer it from another campus must complete both BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 and BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 to be eligible for admission and to complete the degree requirements.

² Credit awarded for BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 via an AP Biology exam score of 4 or 5 fulfills the entire eligibility requirement for admission & the degree requirements.

³ Credit awarded for BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 via an IB Biology exam score of 4 or 5 fulfills the entire eligibility requirement for admission & the degree requirements.

- complete all but three of the prerequisite courses listed above by the end of the fall semester of the application year. **Exception:** Students enrolled in BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 during the spring semester of the application year may have this course and up to two additional prerequisites above in progress during the spring semester of the application year. For this purpose, CHEM 109 satisfies the full general chemistry requirement but constitutes one course. BIOLOGY/ZOOLOGY 101 and BIOLOGY/ZOOLOGY 102 Animal Biology Laboratory are counted as two courses in determining eligibility for the program.
- earn a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA or last 60 credits GPA by the end of the fall semester of the application year (see "Last 60 Credits Rule," below).⁴
- submit completed program application form(s), transcripts, and all other related application materials by the application

deadline specified on the School of Education's Undergraduate Admissions (<http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/>) page.

⁴ A comprehensive cumulative GPA of all college-level, transferrable coursework attempted on both the UW–Madison campus coursework and coursework taken at any other colleges or universities may be calculated for the exclusive purpose of establishing an applicant's eligibility for consideration. Both the comprehensive cumulative GPA and the comprehensive cumulative GPA based on a student's last 60 credits may be calculated. See Last 60 Credits Rule (detailed below). If admitted, students must earn the minimum cumulative GPA for UW–Madison coursework established by their program and the School of Education each semester after admission.

Last 60 Credits Rule

Two grade point averages will be calculated to determine candidates' eligibility to programs. GPAs will be calculated using

- all transferable college level coursework attempted, and
- the last 60 credits attempted.

The higher GPA of these two will be used for purposes of determining eligibility. If fewer than 60 credits have been attempted, all credits will be used to calculate the GPA. Graded graduate coursework will also be used in all GPA calculations. ("Attempted" coursework indicates coursework for which a grade has been earned.) More information on this rule is available here (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext>).

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION

Applicants to the Exercise and Movement Science Degree Program in Kinesiology will compete for an identified number of admission openings assigned to this program. Each application will be reviewed by at least two academic faculty or staff from the Admissions Committee. Each committee member will independently examine and rate applicants' files on a scale of 1 (do not accept) to 5 (definitely accept) based on the criteria above. Committee members will then share and discuss their ratings and select the final cohort for admission.

The Admissions Committee will review application files with four key areas in mind:

- **Academic Qualifications.** The Kinesiology program seeks students with strong academic credentials. This includes cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA), course selection and trend of college grades.
- **Goals.** The required personal statement provides an opportunity for students to express their reasons for studying kinesiology and can provide insight into the student's long-term goals.
- **Recommendation Letters.** Thoughtful letters from teachers or employers addressing the student's interest and experience are beneficial to the selection process. Recommendation letters should provide information about a student's intellect, imagination, or diligence that is not evident in other parts of the application.
- **Other Contributions.** The Kinesiology program seeks students whose diverse work experience, life experience,

stated goals, and cultural background are assets to the learning environment in the Kinesiology program.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Students will be provisionally accepted in Spring. The offer of admission will be revoked and the student withdrawn from fall Kinesiology courses (typically during July) if any of the following requirements are not met:

- All prerequisite courses completed by the end of the spring semester of the application year.
- Maintenance of a cumulative GPA or last 60-credit GPA of at least 2.75.

ADVISING AFTER ADMISSION

Included with the offer of admission is information about mandatory spring orientation sessions for new majors, led by a departmental advisor. Sequencing of coursework and enrollment in kinesiology courses will be addressed at these meetings. Students will be authorized to enroll in kinesiology courses after the orientation meetings are completed. Upon formal admission to the program, 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.