

Kinesiology

Doctoral Program in Kinesiology

The primary objective of the doctoral degree program in kinesiology is to develop scholars who are competent in teaching, conducting research and serving in leadership roles in various educational, governmental, public or private agencies. In addition to developing expertise in an area of specialization, students must be able to interpret and integrate information from related academic disciplines. Individualized programs of study may be developed, taking into consideration students' academic needs and professional goals. The following concentrations are offered: adapted physical activity, athletic training, biomechanics, exercise physiology, growth and motor development, psychosocial aspects of physical activity and sport.

Graduate students may pursue dual or joint degrees with other academic units such as psychology, epidemiology, physiology or other science fields. They may also enhance their studies through the Michigan Interscholastic Graduate Studies program that allows students to take courses at other universities in Michigan, or the CIC Traveling Scholars Program that is designed to facilitate study at other Big Ten and CIC member universities.



"The faculty are knowledgeable and productive scholars, and it is obvious that having successful graduate students come out of their research groups (and the program in general) is very important to them. The faculty—both in terms of their knowledge and investment in students—make this a great place to start one's career."

Sian Beilock, Ph.D. dual major in Kinesiology and Psychology – MSU, 2003
Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Chicago

The doctoral degree program requires a minimum of 60 semester credits, which satisfy these requirements:

- Area of concentration. A minimum of four graduate courses in the student's area of concentration, excluding general research courses, are required.
- Kinesiology cognate/breadth requirement. A minimum of two graduate courses (minimum of six credits) in a second subject matter area, excluding general research courses, taken in the department of kinesiology,
- Supporting area cognate. Three or more graduate courses (minimum of nine credits) which relate to the area of concentration must be completed. These courses should complement study in the student's concentration and the physical education cognate, and must be taken outside the department of kinesiology,
- Research cognate. A minimum of three courses (minimum of nine credits) in educational inquiry and research.
- Research Practicum. Must be completed within the first two years or 36 credits of study, whichever occurs later. The exam consists of successful completion of a 1-3 credit KIN 995 Research Practicum and a departmental presentation of the results.
- Comprehensive examinations. Pass a comprehensive written/oral exam that pertains to the student's area of concentration, as well as the related areas of study described on the student's program plan.
- Dissertation. At least 24 credits of KIN 999 - Doctoral Dissertation Research.

Applications are due by December 1 for full consideration for fellowships. For more information, see <http://edweb6.educ.msu.edu/kin/GradHandbook/PhDHandbook/phdhandbook.htm>

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Master's Program in Kinesiology

The primary objective of the M.S. degree program in kinesiology is to help students acquire a breadth of knowledge grounded in theory, to gain expertise in one or more areas of specialization, and to develop competence in methods of inquiry. The following concentrations are offered: adapted physical activity, athletic training, biomechanics, coaching, exercise physiology, growth and motor development, psychosocial aspects of physical activity and sport, sport administration and student-athlete development. Graduate students may pursue dual or joint degrees with other academic units. They may also enhance their studies through the Michigan Interscholastic Graduate Studies program that allows students to take courses at other universities in Michigan, or the CIC Traveling Scholars Program that is designed to facilitate study at other Big Ten and CIC member universities.

The master's degree program requires that students develop competency in methods of inquiry, breadth of knowledge in the theoretical base of the discipline, and expertise in one or more concentrations. Students have the option of completing a master's thesis and additional research courses (plan A) or internship, project, or course-work only in kinesiology (plan B). The program requires a minimum of 30 semester credits and generally takes two years to complete.

Applications should be submitted no later than January 15. For more information, see <http://ed-web6.educ.msu.edu/kin/GradHandbook/MSHandbook/mshandbook.htm>.



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