Fitness Development Program in The Kinesiology Department

2019 - 2020

The Kinesiology Department

The Kinesiology Department includes five majors: athletic training, exercise science, coaching, sport studies, and fitness development. The Fitness Development program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) Fitness Development. <u>This flyer</u> describes the B.S. degree in Fitness Development.

Fitness Development Program

This program provides a theoretical and practical knowledge base for students who are interested in careers in health/fitness settings. As a prospective fitness and exercise professional, the essential theoretical information is acquired through a concentrated course program and then the application of this knowledge is demonstrated through an internship experience in exercise, wellness, health promotion, corporate fitness, cardiac rehabilitation, commercial fitness, and other related areas. Students in this program have the opportunity to prepare for careers in fitness management, health promotion, and other wellness-related programs. This program can lead to certification as a Health Fitness Specialist, Personal Trainer, and/or certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

In the past three decades, the world has witnessed a phenomenal growth in interest and involvement in physical activity. More particularly, types of exercise that promote physical fitness and favorably affect one's health and overall functioning have become central to the lives of many people. Fitness and exercise professionals may work with many different subgroups, some of these groups could be: children and youth, the elderly as well as adults, people with coronary heart disease, obese individuals, and people with physical disabilities. Exercise and fitness can make a significant contribution to the health and quality of life for all types of people, and it is the fitness and exercise professional who can make this happen.

Career Opportunities

Many students are initially interested in an undergraduate program in fitness development because they enjoy sport and participation in all types of physical activities. The opportunity to study the scientific bases of athletics is often appealing. In fact, some students may even apply the knowledge they gain in this type of program to their own athletic performance or work with other athletes in various settings. Other students who major in fitness development use their undergraduate program as a stepping stone to professional and graduate schools in a variety of different areas, such as health-related fields. In addition, a fitness development degree can lead to careers in corporate or agency fitness (YMCA, YWCA, Community Centers, etc.), and private settings such as health clubs.

Kinesiology Faculty

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Area: Exercise Science Area: Biomechanics Area: Behavioral and Social Science Area: Exercise Physiology, Athletic Training (Department Chair) Area: Biomechanics Area: Athletic Training and Health Education Area: Athletic Training Area: Athletic Training Area: Athletic Training Area: Athletic Training Area: Sports Studies Area: Exercise Physiology Area: Motor Behavior and Athletic Training Area: Computer Applications and Technology Area: Cultural Studies, Sport Sociology Area: Biomechanics Area: Sports Studies Area: Sport and Exercise Psychology Area: Sport History Area: History and Philosophy Area: Motor Behavior and Statistics

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Fitness Development Major

Dis	tribution of Courses	Hours
Ge	neral Education and Liberal Arts	
•	CPN100: Academic Writing I	3
•	CPN101: Academic Writing II	3
•	BIO110: Principles of Biology I (or GE 2)	3
•	BIO111: Principles of Biology II (or GE 2)	4
•	PSY101: General Psychology	3
•	¹ BIO301: Anatomy and Physiology I	
•	¹ BIO302: Anatomy and Physiology II	3 3
-	CAP100: Computer Applications	3
•	Completion of General Education Courses	
•	Total	<u>30</u> 55
	antitative Skills Requirement S 201, PSY201 or ECO22	3
Kiı	nesiology Theory Core	
•	EXS100: Intro to Kinesiology or	3
	EXS197: History/Philosophy of Physical	
	Education and Sport	
•	EXS287: Soc-Psych Aspects of Activity	3
•	EXS380: Motor Behavior	3
•	EXS351: Philosophy of Sport (WI)	3
•	EXS387: Biomechanics	3 3
•	² EXS397: Exercise Physiology I	3
•	EXS420: History of Sport & Physical Activity i	n
	American Culture	3
	Total	21
	tivity Core	
Fit	ness Dev Activity Requirements: 6 total credit	
	PED 189: Aquatics or EXS 180: Water Fitness	1
	PED 282: Health-related Physical Fitness or 182	
Sel	ect four additional courses from the following:	
	PED 388: Rhythms and Dance	1
	PED 181: Adventure Activities	1
	PED 283: Racket Activities	1
	PED 384: Self Defense	1
	EXS 151: Practical Strength & Conditioning	1
	EXS 156: Group Exercise Instruction Total	$\frac{1}{6}$
Fit	ness Development Concentration Requirement	•
1'10	ATR 421: Care and Prevention of Ath. Injuries	3
	EXS 435: Neuromuscular Fitness Assessment	3
	³ EXS 438: Cardio-respiratory Fitness Assessment	
	HLH 120: Responding to Emergencies	
	HLH 210: Wellness and Health Promotion	3
	HLH 301: Stress Management	3
	EXS 357: Nutrition and Sport Performance (S)	3
•	MGT 250: Principles of Management	3
	Total	2 3 3 3 <u>3</u> 23
• 1	Meets Liberal Arts Requirements	-
	Be aware of these course pre-requisites	
	Especially EXS 438 & 470.	

Practica Required

⁵ EXS 471: Internship in FIT Tot	$\begin{array}{c} \underline{9, 12 \text{ or } 15} \\ \textbf{tal} \\ 15-21 \end{array}$
EXS 371: Pre-Internship in FIT	1
⁴ EXS 470: Field Experience in FIT III	2
EXS 270: Found of Personal Training	3

Suggested Free Electives

EXS 346 Sport Psychology or EXS 367 Exercise	
Psychology	3
EXS 325 Principles of Strength & Conditioning	3
Total 0-6	Total

Hours Required for Graduation

124

Fitness Development Suggested 4+ Course Sequence *

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Fall – 1		Spring – 2				
EXS 100 or197	3	CPN 101	3			
BIO 110 (GE2)	4	BIO 111 (GE2)	3			
COR 101	1	PSY 101	3 3 3 3			
CPN 100	3	CAP 100	3			
PED 282	1	PED 189 or 195	1			
GE	3	PED 181	1			
	15 cr		14 cr			
Fall - 2		Spring - 2				
BIO 301	3	BIO 302	3			
EXS 287	3	EXS 380	3			
GE	6	HLH 210	3			
PED 388	1	GE	6			
HLH 120	2					
	15 cr		15 cr			
Fall - 3		Spring - 3				
EXS 397	3	EXS 435	3			
ATR 421	3	EXS 387	3			
Quantitative Skills	3	HLH 301	3 3			
ĞE	6	GE	3			
EXS 270	3	EXS 357	3			
	18 cr		15 cr			
Fall - 4		Spring - 4				
EXS 351	3	EXS 420	3			
EXS 438	3	EXS 470	3 2			
MGT 250	3	PED 283	1			
PED 284	1	Free electives	3			
GE	3	GE	3			
EXS 371	1		-			
	14 cr		12 cr			
EXS 471 Internship	9, 12, 15 credits					
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* The above-suggested sequence represents a 4-year plus summer internship schedule. It is also possible to complete the program in 4 years with the internship scheduled for the final spring semester.