How to Apply to Kinesiology Graduate Programs

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**Documents for Application:**

- Online Application for [Graduate Study](#)
- Departmental application
- A cover letter describing your professional goals, your motivation for applying to this Master's Program, and your area of research interest or expertise
- Undergraduate transcripts (Graduate transcripts if any)
- A resume including information on educational background, work experiences, and related honors and activities
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- **International students:** Please contact Linda Jernigan at linda.jernigan@uni.edu or 319-273-5925 for specific instructions.

**Where to send documents:**

- Forward your application documents (in Word and Word-accessible format) to the UNI Office of Admissions at admissionsprocessing@uni.edu

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- Applicant must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- GPA requirements
  - Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above can be accepted into the program.
  - Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 can be provisionally accepted into the program.
- Applicants whose prior experiences, educational background, and goals are a good fit to the program can be accepted into the program.
Applicants with supportive letters of recommendation can be accepted into the program.

For full consideration, applications for Fall semesters should be received by March 1st. For full consideration, applications for the Spring semesters should be made by November 1st.

**Important Program Information**

- The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) is **not** required for admission to the program.
- This major is available on the **thesis** and **non-thesis** options. A **minimum of 30 semester hours** is required for both options. Additional hours may be required if, upon entering the graduate program, the student needs prerequisites. Total hours for the thesis option includes 6 hours of **PEMES 6299 (420:299) Research**. Total hours for the non-thesis option includes 2 hours of **PEMES 6299 (420:299) Research** for a research paper. A thesis/research paper defense is required.
- This major offers two emphases: Physical Education - Pedagogy and Kinesiology Emphasis.

**Physical Education - Pedagogy:**

The primary focus of this emphasis is the study of teaching (pedagogy). The program does not lead to a teaching license in Physical Education.

A minimum of 15 hours must be at the 200/6000 level for both the thesis and non-thesis options. The program is available on the thesis and non-thesis options.

For more information about this major, visit the UNI continuing education website.

**Kinesiology Emphasis:**

This emphasis is designed for those who wish to concentrate their study in one of the sub-disciplines of Kinesiology. The major offers two focus areas. The Exercise Science and Sports Performance Focus is available on the **thesis** and **non-thesis** option. The Coaching and Sport Education Focus is offered as a **non-thesis** option only. A **minimum of 21 hours, exclusive of PEMES 6299 (420:299) credit**, must be at the 200/6000-level.