Kinesiology - MEd/MS, EdS, PhD

Degree Programs
- Exercise Science (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/kinesiologymedmsedsphd_major/exercisescience)
- Physical Activity and Health (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/kinesiologymedmsedsphd_major/physicalactivityandhealth)
- Physical Education/Teacher Education (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/kinesiologymedmsedsphd_major/physicalnteachereducation)
- Kinesiology (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/kinesiologymedmsedsphd_major/kinesiology)

Graduate Certificate
- Movement Skill Analysis (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/kinesiologymedmsedsphd_major/movementsill_cert)

Graduate Minor
- Sport Management (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/kinesiologymedmsedsphd_major/kinesportmanagment_minor)

The School of Kinesiology offers graduate degree programs leading to the master of education (non-thesis option), master of science (thesis option), and doctor of philosophy. Offerings also include a graduate certificate and a graduate minor. The school’s advanced programs prepare students for careers in sport performance and health optimization, program management in clinical and corporate fitness settings, the fitness and sport-related industry, and teaching and research in educational settings.

Master’s Degree Programs (MEd/MS)

Master’s programs are offered in exercise science, physical activity and health, and physical education/teacher education. Specialized areas of study include athletic training (post-certification), biomechanics, exercise physiology, physical activity and health, motor behavior, and pedagogy.

Applicants to master’s degree programs must satisfy the Graduate School’s admission requirements. School of Kinesiology admission requirements include a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, academic good standing at the institution last attended, an undergraduate minimum GPA of 2.75, competitive GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and School approval.

Master’s degree programs in physical education/teacher education include alternative master’s and traditional master’s certification programs. The alternative master’s program offers qualified students who hold non-teaching baccalaureate degrees a route to initial teacher certification while simultaneously earning a master’s degree; the traditional master’s program offers advanced study for individuals who hold a bachelor’s level professional educator certification. Both programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education. The College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Applicants to the alternative master’s program in physical education/teacher education must submit a clear background check and satisfy the State’s teaching field admission requirements; applicants to the traditional master’s program in physical education/teacher education must submit a clear background check and hold a valid bachelor’s-level professional educator certificate in physical education.

Degree requirements for all master’s programs include a minimum of 33 hours and a written comprehensive exam. Additional degree requirements for the alternative master’s program in physical education/teacher education are in compliance with regulations established by the Alabama State Board of Education. These requirements include a semester long, full-time internship and satisfactory completion of the State’s testing program which consists of a passing score on each of the Basic Skills Assessments (Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Writing) and a passing score on the appropriate Praxis II subject assessments prior to internship. Alternative master’s programs typically take a minimum of four semesters to complete if enrolled fulltime.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program (PhD)

Applicants to the School of Kinesiology’s PhD program must satisfy the Graduate School’s admission requirements. School of Kinesiology admission requirements include competitive GRE scores, current resume, statement of purpose (including research focus), letters of recommendation, and approval by the school.

The PhD program requires a minimum of 80 semester hours beyond the bachelor’s degree. Research methods and statistics are components of all doctoral programs. The remaining hours are divided between the area of specialization and approved support
courses. After satisfactory completion of coursework and a general written and oral examination, the student advances to candidacy. Doctoral students must register for at least 10 semester hours of doctoral research while completing a dissertation.

Specialized areas of doctoral study include biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor development, sport and exercise psychology, motor learning and control, physical activity and health, and teaching and research in physical education.

**Master’s and Specialist Level Certification**

Individuals completing State-approved master’s level certification programs are eligible to apply for Alabama Class A certification; individuals completing State-approved specialist level certification programs are eligible to apply for Alabama Class AA certification. Individuals seeking certification in states other than Alabama are responsible for contacting those state certification offices to obtain their application form and requirements. The State of Alabama signs the National Association of State Directors of Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement which facilitates the applications of program graduates when they apply for certification in other states.

**Graduate Minor and Graduate Certificate**

The School of Kinesiology in collaboration with the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology offers a graduate minor in sport management. In addition, the School of Kinesiology offers a graduate certificate in movement skill analysis.

**Additional Information**

Detailed admission and program requirements for the department's multiple areas of graduate study are available on the College of Education's website, Academics.