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**DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in KINESIOLOGY  
and  
KINESIOLOGY MINOR  
STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**For students beginning the program on or after September 2, 2021**

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## DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY

### 1. KINESIOLOGY MAJOR

Students majoring in Kinesiology study the social, behavioral, mechanical, and physiological principles of human movement. Kinesiology students are the future health and fitness providers who use preventative and rehabilitative intervention techniques in commercial health/fitness clubs, community fitness centers, corporate/industrial fitness facilities, and clinical agencies with specialization in cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation. Many careers in Kinesiology require post baccalaureate and continuing education for practice. The Kinesiology major can be tailored to prepare individuals seeking specialized future careers in the allied health/movement science fields, such as physical therapy, exercise physiology, athletic training, or chiropractic care, as well as the medical field in areas such as nursing, physician assistant, or medicine.

Students should be aware that some professions, occupations, and employers are subject to licensing and/or bonding requirements. When a course of study includes clinical or field training, practice teaching, internships, or the like, students may be subject to a check of criminal conviction records, prior to acceptance of a student by the placement site. Students are responsible for obtaining the information necessary for them to become knowledgeable about these requirements and plan their studies accordingly.

The undergraduate program in the Department of Kinesiology is a four-year curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. Students who complete the Kinesiology major will be able to:

1. Summarize and apply theoretical and scientific knowledge from the Kinesiology sub disciplines of biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor behavior, as well as the sociological and psychological aspects of physical activity, health and sport;
2. Describe, from a multidisciplinary approach, the value and benefits of all forms of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle;
3. Apply Kinesiology related skills to real-world problems through empirical research, course work, internships, field experience, and/or service learning;
4. Demonstrate the ability to access and interpret information, respond and adapt to changing situations, make complex decisions, solve problems, and evaluate actions;
5. Explain basic methods of research process and design;
6. Develop and design strategies to pursue individual interests, knowledge, and skills for educational and professional advancement and development;
7. Apply effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques;
8. Articulate a rationale for the inclusion of diversity and social justice in the study and practice/promotion of Kinesiology; and
9. Demonstrate ethical standards, scope-of-practice and inter-professional/inter-disciplinary collaboration.

Admission and progression criteria (including curricular requirements) for the BS Kinesiology Program are subject to change. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs, NWQ Building B, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 414-229-2758, [chs-info@uwm.edu](mailto:chs-info@uwm.edu), for the most current information.

#### **SECTION 1.1: TRANSFERRING TO UWM**

Students who transfer to UWM are subject to the program requirements at the time of admission.

- 1.1.1 Transfer of credits. While the University Registrar will review academic transcripts and perform pre-approved department course-for-course transfers, the Department of Kinesiology reserves the right to

modify transfer requests. Course transfers may be rejected if grades are below acceptable levels or if courses were taken more than 7 years ago.

- 1.1.2 Course substitutions. Students may appeal for course substitution consideration if content of a course taken previously is significantly similar to a program requirement. Such appeals are subject to review by the BS Kinesiology Program Director and the primary faculty in the specific area. Course syllabi will be necessary for documentation.

## SECTION 1.2: ADMISSION TO MAJOR, ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Please see the UWM Catalog for information regarding admission to the Kinesiology major and requirements for degree completion. <https://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/kinesiology/kinesiology-bs/#requirementstext>

- 1.2.1 Foundations course repeat. Students admitted to the Kinesiology major are allowed to repeat no more than four Kinesiology foundations courses during their pursuit of the BS Kinesiology degree.
- 1.2.2 Core course repeats. Students admitted to the Kinesiology major are allowed to repeat no more than three Kinesiology core courses during their pursuit of the BS Kinesiology degree. Core course repeats must be taken at UWM. Core courses may not be repeated more than once.
- 1.2.3 Acceptance of outdated credits. Due to the constant evolution of scientific research, Kinesiology core credits that were completed more than 7 years prior to graduation will be considered outdated and not eligible to satisfy requirements for the baccalaureate degree.
- 1.2.4 Residency requirement. In accordance with the College of Health Science policies regarding degree completion ([http://www4.uwm.edu/academics/undergradcatalog.cfm?u=SC/C\\_CHS.html#regulations](http://www4.uwm.edu/academics/undergradcatalog.cfm?u=SC/C_CHS.html#regulations)), the last 30 credits of the Kinesiology degree must be completed in residence at UWM. Second degree candidates must complete at least 30 credits in residence beyond what was required for the previous degree.

## SECTION 1.3: ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC CONDUCT

Students should refer to the UWM policies on Academic (<https://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/academic-misconduct/>) and Non-academic Conduct (<https://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/nonacademic-misconduct/>).

## SECTION 1.4: ACADEMIC STANDING, RETENTION, AND PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS

- 1.4.1 In good standing. Per the Department of Kinesiology policy, a cumulative UWM GPA of 2.00 or greater and a Kinesiology core GPA of 2.00 or greater must be achieved to qualify for graduation and thus must be met throughout the course of study in the program. In so doing, the student remains “*in good standing*” in the program.
- 1.4.2 Academic probation. Each semester, after final grades are posted, the Department of Kinesiology reviews the GPA and the number of core classes repeated for all Kinesiology students (a maximum of 3 KIN core classes may be repeated). If a student falls below a cumulative UWM GPA of 2.0 and/or a 2.0 Kinesiology core GPA, the student will be placed on academic probation in the program for the next semester.
- 1.4.3 Continued academic probation. Students will remain on academic probation if (a) their Kinesiology core

GPA increases from the previous term but does not yet meet/exceed the 2.0 requirement or (b) they did not enroll in Kinesiology core courses in the most recent term.

- 1.4.4 Dismissal from the program. If the student fails to increase the respective GPA during the probation semester, the student will no longer be “*in good standing*” and will be dismissed from the program. Additionally, if the student has exhausted the three available repeats in the Kinesiology core and can no longer mathematically achieve the 2.0 GPA requirement, they will be dismissed from the program.
- 1.4.5 Appeal process. Students should follow the appeals process of the College of Health Sciences if they wish to appeal dismissal from the program. For assistance with this process, please contact your academic advisor. <http://uwm.edu/healthsciences/students/academic-appeals-procedures/>

## **SECTION 1.5: APPEALS**

- 1.5.1 Student complaints regarding policy or personnel. Unless otherwise noted, students should direct complaints to the Department Chair in which the incident occurred. If the incident allegedly violates a specific university policy, the complaint may be directed to the chair of the department or academic unit in which the incident occurred or to the appropriate university office responsible for enforcing the policy. For assistance with this process, please contact your academic advisor.
- 1.5.2 Grade appeals. Students should follow the appeals process of the College of Health Sciences if they wish to file an appeal/grievance for matters such as a disputed grade received in a class or denial of admission to a program or major. For assistance with this process, please contact your academic advisor. <http://uwm.edu/healthsciences/students/academic-appeals-procedures/>

## **2. KINESIOLOGY MINOR**

### **SECTION 2.1: ADMISSION TO THE MINOR**

Admission and progression criteria (including curricular requirements) for the Minor in Kinesiology are subject to change. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs, NWQ Building B, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 414-229-2758, [chs-info@uwm.edu](mailto:chs-info@uwm.edu), for the most current information.

Students should refer to the UWM Undergraduate Catalog for information on admission to the minor. <https://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/kinesiology/kinesiology-minor/#requirementstext>

### **SECTION 2.2: ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Students should refer to the UWM Undergraduate Catalog for information on academic requirements for the Kinesiology minor. <https://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/kinesiology/kinesiology-minor/#requirementstext>

### **SECTION 2.3: TRANSFER OF COURSEWORK**

Students may transfer coursework into minor the based upon syllabus review by faculty.