

Exercise Science

Major Requirements

120 semester credit hours is required. All Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Health majors are exposed to all aspects of the fields of kinesiology and health. At least 36 hours must be upper-division coursework.

The curriculum has the following components:

- a. University general education requirements[†]
- b. degree requirements
- c. major requirements
- d. curricular specialization
- e. free electives

More information, including a list of [specializations](#), [tracks](#), and [minors](#) is available on the College of Education's *Degrees and Programs* page.

Students who plan to major in exercise science must apply for admission to the program. A student's grade point average and completion of prescribed prerequisite coursework are factors in the admission decision. Information about admission requirements is available from an academic advisor.

Majors must complete the following:

Requirements	Hours
Core Curriculum	42
The following coursework is required and can also simultaneously satisfy some core curriculum requirements:	
PSY 301	Introduction to Psychology (or three hours of Texas Core Code 080 chosen from the following fields: ANT, ECO, GRG, LIN, or SOC - required for major) ⁰⁸⁰
M 408C	Differential and Integral Calculus (required for major) ⁰²⁰
or M 408K	Differential Calculus
or M 408N	Differential Calculus for Science
Degree	
PSY 301	Introduction to Psychology (or three additional hours of Social and Behavioral Sciences chosen from the following fields: ANT, ECO, GRG, LIN, or SOC*) ⁰⁸⁰
* Coursework used to satisfy the Social and Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum requirement may not also be used to satisfy this requirement.	
KIN 119	Topics in Movement Competence (or three hours chosen from the following fields: PED)
Three courses chosen from:	
HED 311	Introduction to Health Promotion and Behavioral Science
KIN 310	Physiological Basis of Conditioning
KIN 312M	Management of Physical Activity and Sport Programs
KIN 335C	Motor Learning
KIN 347	Historical and Ethical Issues in Physical Culture and Sports

Undergraduates are expected to have completed two years in a single foreign language in high school. Students without two years of high school foreign language coursework must earn credit for the beginning level proficiency in a foreign language; this credit does not count toward the student's degree. Students should consult their advisors to determine whether additional foreign language requirements apply to them. A list of acceptable substitute courses is available in the Student Dean's Office, George I. Sánchez Building 2.110.

Major	
KIN 424K & KIN 425K & KIN 326K	Applied Human Anatomy and Physiology of Exercise and Biomechanical Analysis of Movement 11
KIN 321M	Motor Development and Performance 3
or KIN 335C	Motor Learning
or KIN 336	Neuromuscular Control
9 hours chosen from exercise science electives	
Curricular Specialization	
Either a specialization in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education, a minor outside of the department, a certificate, or a track in a second field of study which consists of a minimum of 15 hours of coursework, six of which must be upper-division. No more than six hours in the minor may also be counted toward other degree requirements.*	
* See the College of Education "Degrees and Programs" page for specialization and track requirements.	
Free Electives	
Additional coursework to fulfill all degree requirements and reach a total of 120 semester hours. No more than 12 semester hours of fieldwork and/or internship courses may be counted toward the degree.	
Total Hours	
120	
Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II	

[†] Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.