

KINESIOLOGY: OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	Detail
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations PhD students must:

- pass preliminary exams (<http://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/#preliminaryexaminations>) administered by a three member faculty committee; and
- successfully propose and defend a dissertation before a five-member committee.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement A doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate is not required due to the broad areas of inquiry within Kinesiology. To ensure the breadth of study requirement is achieved, students are required to complete a minimum of two graduate level courses (at least two credits each) in Kinesiology, outside of their named option coursework.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
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Core

Students must complete the following courses.

KINES 785	Human Occupation and Health	3
KINES 885	Seminar in Occupation and Health (minimum of 2 semesters required)	2
KINES 990	Research or Thesis	4+
KINES 900	Seminar in Kinesiology ¹	4

Research Content

Students must complete 9 credits in Research Content, including the following course.

KINES 991	Research in Physical Activity-Theory and Design
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Research Methods and Ethics (minimum of 6 credits)

From the 9 credits of Research Content, students must complete at least 6 credits in Research Methods and Ethics.

General Field Requirements

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At least two graduate level courses of at least two credits each in Kinesiology, at UW–Madison, outside of Occupational Sciences area. The following courses will not be applied toward meeting the breadth requirement: KINES 699, 900, 990, 991, 999. See header below to learn which courses are in the Occupational Science area.

Suggested Electives

Students take as many electives as needed to reach the total credit minimum. Courses should be taken in a concentration area specific to research area. Suggestions may be the ICTR Clinical Trials, Global Health, Prevention Science, Aging, Lifespan Development, as well as others.

Total Credits

51

¹ All Kinesiology MS and PhD students must register for KINES 900 Seminar in Kinesiology for 1 credit each semester they are enrolled in the program, for a minimum of 4 credits.

Research Methods and Ethics Requirement

Examples of courses that fulfill this requirement include:

Code	Title	Credits
Ethics		
NURSING 802	Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research	1
ONCOLOGY 715	Ethics in Science	1
PATH-BIO/ COMP BIO 812	Research Ethics and Career Development	2
Methods		
ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	3
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	3

General Field Requirements

The courses within the Occupational Sciences area include: KINES 785 Human Occupation and Health and KINES 885 Seminar in Occupation and Health.