

## Physical Education

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**Degree:** Master of Science  
**Major:** Physical Education  
**Emphases:** Sport Administration  
Sport Science

The Department of Health and Physical Education offers programs of study leading to the Master of Science degree (thesis or non-thesis options) in physical education. Students will select an area of emphasis from 1) sport administration or 2) sport science. Courses to complete the program of study will be selected by the student and the student's graduate advisor with faculty advisory committee approval.

### Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the program include the following:

1. General admission requirements must be met as set forth by the Graduate School (refer to Section on Admissions, see Page 15).
2. If a student does not have an undergraduate degree in Physical Education, the student must complete required leveling courses (up to 15 credit hours) before being accepted to regular status in the program.
3. An applicant needs to submit names and telephone numbers for two references who will attest to the applicant's ability to do graduate work in physical education.

Each applicant will be evaluated by the HPE graduate coordinator according to the criteria listed above. Regular status cannot be attained until all admission requirements have been met.

### The Degree Plan

All graduate students within the Department of Health and Physical Education must comply with the following policies:

1. A degree plan, developed and approved by the student and the student's graduate advisor, must be filed with the Graduate School during the first semester of graduate coursework.
2. Coursework taken prior to acceptance for final candidacy does not automatically become part of the final degree plan (i.e., classes taken through another department or university.)

### Degree Requirements

Both the sport administration and sport science emphases are intended for physical education teachers and current or prospective sports coaches. Other roles that the degree options would support include athletic directors, athletic trainers, and strength and conditioning coaches. For those students wishing to prepare for possible doctoral study a thesis is strongly suggested.

A minimum of 36 hours of graduate credit must be satisfactorily completed to meet degree requirements for graduation. Each student must complete 18 hours of core curriculum, 9 hours of graduate coursework in the student's area of emphasis (sport administration or sport science), and 9 hours of approved electives. The student must satisfactorily complete a written exam (which may be in the form of a thesis) and an oral comprehensive examination. The comprehensive exams and the thesis defense are designed to cover all graduate coursework. For guidelines concerning comprehensive examinations, please refer to the section on Graduate Examinations on p. 22 of this catalog.

**Core Curriculum (18 hours)**

HPE	501	Research in Physical Education .....	3
HPE	503	Professional Writing.....	3
HPE	510	Psychosocial Aspects of Sports.....	3
HPE	533	Management and Leadership in Sport .....	3
HPE	538	Sport Law.....	3
HPE	542	Program/Curriculum Design.....	3

**Emphasis Areas (Approved Courses)****Sport Administration (9 hours)**

HPE	526	Finance of Sport.....	3
HPE	532	Facilities and Event Management.....	3
HPE	548	Sport Marketing .....	3

**Sport Science (9 hours)**

HPE	511	Motor Behavior .....	3
HPE	521	Physiology of Sport and Exercise .....	3
HPE	525	Applied Biomechanics .....	3

**Approved Electives (9 hours)**

Not all the electives listed will be available in a 2-year rotation. No guarantee of specific electives can be given, but sufficient electives will be offered to complete 2-year degree plans.

HPE	516	Coaching of Sport .....	3
HPE	527	Applied Sports Psychology.....	3
HPE	528	Motion Analysis for Coaches.....	3
HPE	534	Public Relations in Sport .....	3
HPE	535	Exercise Prescription .....	3
HPE	537	Ethics in Sport.....	3
HPE	540	Scientific Principles of Strength and Conditioning.....	3
HPE	575	Women's Sport/Wellness Issues .....	3
HPE	589	Internship .....	3
HPE	599	Thesis .....	6
STAT	513	Statistical Analysis II .....	3

\*\*Electives from other graduate programs may be approved upon consultation with the student's advisor and the department graduate coordinator.

**NOTE:** Three credits for an internship may be included on the degree plan as an elective. No practicum credits may be included on the degree plan.

**Graduate Assistantships in the Department of Health and Physical Education**

Graduate assistantships are available for outstanding students who wish to broaden their professional experience while pursuing a master's degree in physical education. Assistantships are available in a number of areas of expertise including teaching, intramural/recreation supervision, athletic training, athletic administration with the athletic director, and coaching. Individuals interested in being considered for an assistantship should forward an application and the names of three current professional references to the Graduate Coordinator of Health and Physical Education, ENMU Station 17, 1500 S. Ave. K, Portales, NM 88130.

Individuals who have been formally admitted to the Graduate School and who meet the eligibility guidelines established by the Graduate School regarding graduate assistantships will be given consideration for an assistantship. Final selections will be based upon academic preparation, professional experience, recommendations and the specific needs of the department. Ordinarily, appointments as graduate assistants are not granted to the same student for more than two years of full-time assistantship equivalency (see Page 29).