

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) with a major 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 in conjunction 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 according to the criteria listed above by the HPE graduate coordinator. 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.

Degree Requirements

The sport administration emphasis is designed for current and prospective coaches, teachers and athletic directors. It is intended as a practicum-based program; therefore, a thesis is not required. A graduate student who chooses this option may elect to write a thesis, however. The sport science emphasis is intended for athletic trainers, strength and conditioning coaches, clinical exercise physiologists, or as preparation for doctoral study, and a thesis is strongly suggested although a graduate student may choose to substitute an internship.

Each student must complete 18–21 hours of core curriculum and 9 hours of graduate coursework in the student's area of emphasis (sport administration or sport science). The student must satisfactorily complete a written and an oral comprehensive examination over all graduate coursework. For guidelines concerning comprehensive examinations, please refer to the section on Graduate Examinations on p. 23 of this catalog. A minimum of 36 hours of graduate credit must be satisfactorily completed to meet degree requirements for graduation.

Core Curriculum (18-21 hours)

HPE	501	Research in Physical Education	3
HPE	503	Professional Writing	3
HPE	510	Psychosocial Aspects of Sports	3
HPE	533	Management/Organization in Sport/Physical Education	3
HPE	538	Sport Law	3
HPE	589	Internship, or	3
HPE	599	Thesis	6

Emphasis Areas (Approved Courses)

Sport Administration (9 hours)

HPE	532	Facilities and Event Management	3
HPE	542	Program/Curriculum Design	3
HPE	548	Sport Marketing	3

Sport Science (9 hours)

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

Approved Electives (6-9 hours)

HPE	516	Coaching of Sport	3
HPE	528	Motion Analysis for Coaches	3
HPE	535	Exercise Prescription	3
HPE	540	Scientific Principles of Strength and Conditioning	3
HPE	575	Women's Sport/Wellness Issues	3
STAT	513	Statistical Analysis II	3

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

Total Hours	
Core Requirements	18–21 hours
Emphasis Hours	9 hours
Electives	<u>6–9</u> hours
Minimum Graduation	36 hours

NOTE: Requirements for graduation: In addition to completion of all coursework and internship (if any), students must complete a comprehensive examination (with written and oral components) covering the major areas of study.

NOTE: Three credits for an internship may be included on the degree plan—either as part of the core requirements or 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 athletic director and coaching. Individuals interested in being considered for an assistantship should forward a letter of application, official transcripts and three current professional letters of recommendation 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 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 30).