REQUIREMENTS FOR THE M.S. NON-THESIS DEGREE IN KINESIOLOGY

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I. Admission

This is a course-based Master of Science (M.S.) program consisting of 32 total credits and is designed for a student to complete within 3 to 4 semesters. This is a self-funded degree program meaning the Kinesiology Department does not offer any financial assistance. Students are accepted into the program by the Kinesiology Graduate Admissions Committee.

Admission Requirements

- **Bachelor’s degree:** Applicants must complete a bachelor’s degree from a U.S. college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association; or complete an international degree that is equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree from a college or university recognized and approved by the Ministry of Education or Commission responsible for higher education in the country where the degree is earned. If you obtained your degree from a university outside of the U.S., please consult the International Applicants page for more information.

- **GPA:** Accepted M.S. students must have an average undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 on a scale of 0.0 – 4.0.

- **Personal statement:** Applicant should indicate why they want to pursue a M.S. degree in Kinesiology

- **English Proficiency:** Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency. Applicants are required to provide an official score report. For more details consult the International Applicants page.

- **Course Requirements** (Pre-Requisites): 1 year of Human Anatomy & Physiology plus lab.

  Note: Acceptable UMass course for Human Anatomy and Physiology is KIN 270 and KIN 272.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER’S NON-THESIS PROGRAM (32 total credits)

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NOTE: Cognate course can be taken in any department on the UMass campus. Students should plan to take at least 1 credit each of Grad Seminar and KIN Journal Club or 2 credits of KIN Journal Club each semester.

**Recommended Pre-requisites**
The Department of Kinesiology requires Master’s students to be well rounded in basic areas within the field. All incoming M.S. students are required to have 1 year of Human Anatomy and Physiology prior to starting the program.

NOTE: Students who have taken an undergraduate course in physics or biomechanics are more likely to succeed in the program.

**Progress evaluation:** Students MUST maintain average GPA of 3.0 or higher to graduate. At the end of each academic year (end of spring semester), students MUST submit a Non-thesis Degree Checklist to chart their progress through the program to the Graduate Program Director. Students who do not have a GPA of 3.0 at the end of the first year will not be invited back for the second year of the program.

**Preparing for Graduation**
- Student turns in completed M.S. Non-thesis Degree Checklist and unofficial transcripts to Graduate Program Assistant at least 3 weeks prior to Graduate School Graduation Deadline.
- Graduate Program Director conducts degree audit at least two weeks prior to Graduate School Graduation Deadline.
- Student turns in completed [Master’s Degree Eligibility Form for Non-Thesis Students](#) with signatures from Department Chair and Graduate Program Director at least 2 weeks prior to graduation deadline.

**Graduate School Requirements**

In addition to Kinesiology requirements, students must satisfy all Graduate School requirements. The University confers degrees three times a year (February, May and September) and sponsors one formal graduation ceremony held in early May. To apply for a February degree, all paperwork must be submitted to the Graduate School by mid-December; for a May degree, by mid-March; for a September degree, by the end of August. **September degree recipients of a preceding year, February degree recipients, and May degree applicants are eligible to participate in the May graduation ceremony.**

[Contact the Graduate Student Service Center at the Graduate School for exact dates.] Other helpful resources are the [Graduate School Handbook](#) and [Graduate School Degree Requirements](#), both found online at the Graduate School web site [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool).