Department of Kinesiology

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Mission
The mission of the Department of Kinesiology is to advance students’ understanding of relationships among movement, exercise, and skill that occur in the contexts of development, learning, rehabilitation, production, and training. The Kinesiology programs seek to prepare future professionals for movement-related fields such as athletic training, teaching, coaching, sport management, and careers in the fitness and wellness industries. Learning occurs through the study of movement, exercise processes, and/or sport industry settings within a framework that emphasizes the clinical and practical implications of theory and research.

Highlights
- Nationally recognized (CAEP-SHAPE America) teacher certification double major program
- New Masters of Athletic Training 3+2 program allows students to earn two degrees in 5 years (Pursue the BS in Kinesiology - Clinical Exercise Science).
- Outstanding faculty with experience working in their respective fields related to their academic expertise
- The Department of Kinesiology is now located on the first floor of the Lee Drain Building and has 4 brand new research labs and 1 teaching lab.
- The research labs include:
  - a Motor Behavior/Biomechanics Lab,
  - a Human Performance Lab,
  - a Muscle Physiology/Exercise Biochemistry Lab, and
  - a Strength Training Lab.
  - The Exercise Science Teaching Lab is adjacent to a Wellness Center and seats 20 students with access to bikes, treadmills, plyometrics equipment, etc...

Suggested Minors and Elective Blocks
- BS in Kinesiology students can choose any content area for a minor (except for KINE).
- Clinical Exercise Science and Human Performance and Wellness Management majors do not have to choose a minor, but can if they are interested in one.
- Clinical Exercise Science students interested in Physical Therapy recommended to take PHYS 1302, PHYS 1102, and PSYC 3374 and may need 1-3 hours of medical terminology.
- Clinical Exercise Science students interested in Occupational Therapy recommended to take SOCI 1301, PSYC 3331 PSYC 3374, and PSYC 3333 may need 1-3 hours of medical terminology.
- Applied Exercise Science students interested in Occupational Therapy recommended to take SOCI 1301, PSYC 3331 PSYC 3374 and PSYC 3333 may need 1-3 hours of medical terminology.
- Human Performance and Wellness Management students interested in Occupational Therapy recommended to take SOCI 1301, PSYC 3331 PSYC 3374 and PSYC 3333 may need 1-3 hours of medical terminology

Career Opportunities
- Corporate fitness specialist
- Commercial fitness specialist
- Hospital-based wellness coordinator
- Allied health pre-professional graduate programs in Occupational Therapy (masters level degree) and Physical Therapy (doctoral level degree)
- Cardiac rehabilitation specialist
- Physical therapy assistance and chiropractic assistant
- Recreational specialists in camps, communities and YMCA’s
- Personal trainer - with completed certification
- Athletic trainer (with successful completion of the MSAT degree)
Program Specific Requirements

1. Those seeking Teacher Certification must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (includes transfer and SHSU hours) and must earn a “C” or better in their Kinesiology and Education courses. Additionally, the degree program is now an Education/Kinesiology (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/bs-education-and-kinesiology/) double major. Please, visit BS in Education and Kinesiology (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/bs-education-and-kinesiology/) to learn more about the program.

2. All Kinesiology majors must earn a “C” or better in their KINE and ATTR courses.

3. Sam Houston State University offers three paths for students seeking entrance into the Master of Science in Athletic Training program (http://www.shsu.edu/academics/health-sciences/kinesiology/graduate/athletic-training.html):

   If you are currently enrolled at SHSU in either the BS in Kinesiology with Concentration in Clinical Exercise Science (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology-and-msat-athletic-training/#text) or BS in Health Sciences (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/population-health/bs-health-sciences-and-msat-athletic-training/) program, you are eligible to apply to the MSAT upon completion of the prescribed 95-96 credit hours on the associated 3+2 MSAT degree plan:

   In the 3+2 degree options, students must apply to the graduate MSAT program (https://www.shsu.edu/academics/health-sciences/) and be accepted to the MSAT program to complete the dual degree. Students who are not accepted to the MSAT should complete the associated BS degree. Students who complete the MSAT 3+2 dual degrees are awarded both the BS and MSAT degrees upon completion of the 3+2 degree requirements. Applications can be submitted once the prescribed courses and application requirements are completed.

Curriculum

The curriculum integrates the physiological, biomechanical, and psycho-social bases of movement. Students develop their own movement skills, which transition into a focus on movement analysis, physiological function, and skill assessment. Students gain greater depth as they consider problems related to exercise, fitness, and motor skill development within the context of lifestyle physical activity (i.e. play, games, sport, and other forms of human motor behavior). Students finish the program with strong theoretical and problem solving skills based on a comprehensive knowledge of movement and exercise science. It is expected that graduates will be able to apply their knowledge and skills to a wide variety of movement-related problems and career possibilities.

- Bachelor of Science, Major in Human Performance and Wellness Management (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-human-performance-and-wellness-management/)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Kinesiology (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology/)
- Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Education and Kinesiology (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/bs-education-and-kinesiology/)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Kinesiology (Clinical Exercise Science) (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology-clinical-exercise-science/)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Kinesiology (Clinical Exercise Science), 3+2 MSAT (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology-and-msat-athletic-training/#text)
- Minor in Kinesiology (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/minor-kinesiology/)

Student Organizations

KHRASH — Kinesiology, Health, & Recreation of Sam Houston (https://shsu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/khrash/) — Serves to promote opportunities for networking with professionals in sought-after careers in Kinesiology and Health; open to all SHSU students.

Athletic Training Student Organization (https://shsu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/1876/) — Serves to further the education and professional development of Pre-professional and Professional Athletic Training students interested in the field of Athletic Training.

Internships

Students completing the Clinical Exercise Science and Human Performance and Wellness Management degree plans complete a 6-credit (KINE 4394 and KINE 4395), 400-hour internship at a site which is aligned with their career aspirations under the instruction and supervision of a qualified and experienced professional in the field.

Scholarships

Please, visit SHSU Scholarships (https://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/scholarships/) for more information on available scholarships for Kinesiology students.
Athletic Training

ATTR 2110. Taping and Bandaging. 1 Hour.
This skills-based course explores the appropriate utilization and application of preventative, therapeutic, and rehabilitative taping and bandaging used in the athletic training profession. The wrapping and bandaging of various extremities susceptible to injury in sport and activity are emphasized in this course.

ATTR 2300. Intro to Athletic Training. 3 Hours.
This course is an introduction to the profession of Athletic Training. Topics include methods of care, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. Laboratory experiences are provided to assist the student with athletic injury scenarios.
Prerequisite: Department Approval.

ATTR 3370. Prevention & Care of Injuries. 3 Hours.
This course includes instruction and laboratory work in the care and prevention of injuries. It is designed to meet the needs of the athletic coach and physical education teacher.
Prerequisite: BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2403, KINE 1331 or ATTR 2330, and 45 Credit Hours.

ATTR 4369. Therapeutic Exercise Interventions. 3 Hours.
This course will focus on therapeutic exercise for a variety of injuries and conditions common in sport and exercise settings. Emphasis will be placed on timing and healing phases as indicators of appropriate interventions. Indications, contraindications, and precautions of various interventions will be included.
Prerequisite: ATTR 3370 and BIOL 2403 or BIOL 2401.

Kinesiology

KINE 1110. Racquet Sports. 1 Hour.
Instruction is provided in skills, knowledge, and strategies in one or more of the racquet-related activities listed in the class schedule.

KINE 1113. Basketball and Soccer. 1 Hour.
This course will offer skills, knowledge, and techniques presented at either the beginning or intermediate level in each of these activities. Enrollment limited to Kinesiology majors and minors.

KINE 1114. Rhythmic Activities & Dance. 1 Hour.
This course introduces kinesiology majors to the skills, concepts and knowledge necessary for teaching development and performance sequences in various rhythmic activities (creative rhythms, routines with small hand apparatus, and novelty dances) and dance forms (folk, social, square, contra, and line).

KINE 1115. Track & Field-Gymnastics. 1 Hour.
The student will gain proficiency in fundamental skills in gymnastics and track and field events, as well as an understanding of basic terminology associated with judging and spotting. Enrollment limited to Kinesiology majors and minors.

KINE 1116. Student-Athlete Affairs. 1 Hour.
This course is based upon the National Collegiate Athletic Association CHAMPS/Life Skills Program and is designed to assist the student-athlete in developing skills in the areas of academics, personal growth, career choice, and commitment to service. Enrollment is limited to members of athletic teams. Substitution of this class for the University’s activity requirement is not permitted. No more than four hours of KINE 1116 can be counted toward the degree. Approval for enrollment must be obtained from the student's coach prior to registration.

KINE 1117. Lifetime & Individual Sports. 1 Hour.
Each class will have skills, knowledge and techniques presented at either the beginning or intermediate level in one or more of the lifetime and individual sports.

KINE 1120. Martial Arts. 1 Hour.
This course will introduce the student to basic martial arts concepts, principles, terminology, safe practices, and applied execution of skills and strategies. An emphasis will be placed on teaching the student basic self-defense techniques and their application in a variety of situations. The student will improve their general physical fitness and skill performance.

KINE 1331. Foundations of Kinesiology. 3 Hours.
This course serves as a base for all kinesiology courses. Units will include historical development, philosophical implications, physical fitness, scientific bases of movement, and educational values of kinesiology and career path options.

KINE 2110. Scuba/Diving. 1 Hour.
This course will be offered for all levels of swimming (beginning through advanced), diving, synchronized swimming, or scuba diving. For advanced life saving and water safety instructors see KIN 232.

KINE 2111. Golf & Recreational Activities. 1 Hour.
This course presents rules, knowledge and skills in golf, archery and another leisure time activity selected on a rotational basis. Half a semester is devoted to golf, with equal time allotted to archery and the other named activity. Enrollment limited to Kinesiology majors and minors.
KINE 2113. Softball and Volleyball. 1 Hour.
The student will gain skills, knowledge, and techniques of softball and volleyball at the beginning level. Enrollment limited to Kinesiology majors and minors.

KINE 2114. Wgt Train & Phy Conditioning. 1 Hour.
Experiences in this course will include skills, knowledge and techniques of weight training and physical conditioning at the beginning level.

KINE 2115. Lifetime Health and Wellness. 1 Hour. [TCCN: PHED 1164]
Students will gain an understanding of physical conditioning and wellness pertaining to the five components of health-related fitness. Students will develop an understanding of lifestyle related diseases and behavior modification techniques. In addition, there will be opportunities to participate in a variety of movement experiences related to fitness.

KINE 2119. Kinesiology Activities. 1 Hour.
Activities can include special or unique areas as instructors are available. This will include those activities which are not offered on a regular basis including aerobic dance, aquatic exercise, etc.

KINE 2330. First Aid & CPR - Am Red Cross. 3 Hours.
A course for those who wish to acquire a knowledge of Red Cross emergency and preventive measures. Successful completion leads to CPR and first aid certification. Students may become instructors through additional American Red Cross training. (Also listed as HLTH 2330.)

KINE 2365. Coaching-Track,Baseball,Softball. 3 Hours.
This course includes a study of the skills and techniques used in coaching baseball/softball and track and field in the schools. The skills and techniques are demonstrated and performed on the baseball/softball field and track.

KINE 2366. Coaching of Football. 3 Hours.
The latest techniques of offensive and defensive football are stressed with emphasis on the problems that will confront high school coaches. Some techniques are demonstrated and performed on the football field.

KINE 2367. Coaching of Basketball. 3 Hours.
A study is made of the fundamental preparation, operation, expertise and management necessary to coach and conduct a basketball program.

KINE 2368. Coaching of Volleyball. 3 Hours.
A study is made of the individual fundamentals, strategy, scouting, practice preparation and administrative duties associated with coaching a volleyball program.

KINE 2388. Officiating Sports. 3 Hours.
This course includes a study of the rules, interpretations, and the mechanics of officiating. The course is designed to develop the skills and knowledge required in the officiating of football, basketball, baseball, soccer, track and field, and other interscholastic sports.

KINE 3117. Competency in Motor Skills. 1 Hour.
This basic skills course is designed to equip prospective physical education teachers with the motor skill competencies necessary to teach physical education in EC-12 schools. Prospective physical education teachers will be assessed on skills in tennis, volleyball, soccer, and other sports.

KINE 3173. Exercise Physiology Laboratory. 1 Hour.
Students apply content knowledge of exercise physiology through various lab-based assessments. Each of the components of health-related fitness (cardiovascular endurance, body composition, flexibility, muscle strength, and muscle endurance) will be addressed.
Prerequisite: KINE 2115 Co-requisite: KINE 3373.

KINE 3320. Foundations of Sport Coaching. 3 Hours.
Students in this course focus on sport science principles associated with the coaching profession. Course material adheres to the objectives created by the National Standards for Athletic Coaches.
Prerequisite: 45 credit hours.

KINE 3362. Functional Kinesiology. 3 Hours.
A study of human motion in two broad areas: the neurological and mechanical aspects of human movement, as well as muscle structure and functions. Application of these two areas to motor skills analysis is emphasized.
Prerequisite: BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2403, KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 45 Credit Hours.

KINE 3363. Assessment in Kinesiology. 3 Hours.
This course presents information on the construction and administration of tests evaluating fitness and motor skills used in sports. Issues in grading and evaluation are also addressed.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300; and 45 credit hours.

KINE 3364. Motor Learning. 3 Hours.
This course is designed for students who are preparing for a variety of professions in which the teaching, training, or rehabilitation of motor skills is involved. The goal of this course is to provide a theory-based foundation about the learning of motor skills to facilitate implementation of appropriate strategies and techniques for instructional, training, and rehabilitation applications.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300; and 45 credit hours.
KINE 3365. Sport Law. 3 Hours.
Students in this course develop a comprehensive and systematic overview of fundamental legal issues in sport. Topics in this course are intended to introduce students to the legal issues that are most critical to the management of sport including liability, gender equity, risk management, tort law, labor law, and collective bargaining.
Prerequisite: 45 credit hours.

KINE 3367. Lifespan Motor Development. 3 Hours.
This course explores the theories of motor development and the applications of these theories to identify continuous processes of motor behavior across the lifespan. The factors mediating human growth and development will be applied. The course focuses on the relationships among growth, gender, maturation, motor performance and the person's context. The critical developmental considerations, with respect to planning and directing movement experiences for individuals across the lifespan, will be emphasized in the course.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 45 credit hours.

KINE 3368. Skill Themes & Mvmnt Concepts. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to help the future teacher of physical education for elementary grade children, understand the "skill theme approach" to children's physical education curriculum, based on skill themes, movements concept and generic levels of skill proficiency.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 45 credit hours.

KINE 3372. Team& Indv/Dual Sprt Skill Anal. 3 Hours.
This course will introduce the instructional process of analyzing and sequencing skill components and performance techniques found within team and individual/dual sports. The course is designed to allow the student to engage in individual and cooperative teaching experiences that utilize multiple instructional strategies. The student will investigate the process of a task analysis and other skill sequencing experiences. Aspects of lesson progression and construction will be incorporated throughout the course while maintaining a focus on motor skill acquisition.
Prerequisite: 45 credit hours.

KINE 3373. Physiology of Exercise. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to develop an understanding of the manner in which the body reacts to the exacting requirements of activity and exercise.
Prerequisite: 45 Credit Hours and BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2403 and BIOL 2404, and KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300.

KINE 3378. Adm of Kinesiology & Sport. 3 Hours.
The purpose of this course will be to examine management theory and practice related to the sport industry. In addition, a variety of specializations associated with the field of sport management will be examined to help the student garner a better understanding of available career opportunities in this sector of business. The application of concepts to scholastic programs will also be discussed.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 45 credit hours.

KINE 3388. Sports in Contemp Society. 3 Hours.
A study is made of sport and its impact upon society.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 45 credit hours.

KINE 3389. Gender and Sport. 3 Hours.
This course offers an introduction to current scholarship and debates surrounding issues of gender in sport. The purpose of this course is to analyze the complex interactions of gender, race, sexuality, and class within sport. A critical perspective will be used to examine sport as a significant social institution and to explore its relationship to the cultural construction and interpretation of gender.
Prerequisite: 45 credit hours.

KINE 4117. Practicum. 1 Hour.
A course in which students serve as interns in a laboratory situation where emphasis is placed upon teaching skills. This provides a qualified student with an opportunity to gain teaching experience.
Prerequisite: Permission of department chair.

KINE 4314. Advanced Strength Training. 3 Hours.
Students in this course focus on the fundamentals of strength and conditioning and are prepared for a career as a certified strength and conditioning specialist. This class prepares students to take the national strength and conditioning certification exam.
Prerequisite: KINE 2114, KINE 2115, KINE 3362, and 75 credit hours.

KINE 4335. Sport and Exercise Psychology. 3 Hours.
This course deals with understanding of the psychological make-up of the athlete. It explores traditional myths, syndromes and stumbling blocks facing the modern day athlete and how these may be overcome. The course will focus on the dynamics of the coach/athlete relationship.
Prerequisite: 75 credit hours.

KINE 4361. Managing Health Promotion in the Workplace. 3 Hours.
A course designed to prepare the health educator to establish special programs, which promote health in corporate, occupational, or industrial settings.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300; and 75 credit hours.

KINE 4362. Biomechanical Analysis. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on the quantitative biomechanical analysis of human movement and its relationship to activity, performance, and injury causation and prevention. Students will also explore research methods and investigations in biomechanics.
Prerequisite: KINE 3362 with a minimum grade of C, and (PHYS 1305 and PHYS 1105 or PHYS 1301 and PHYS 1101), and 75 credit hours.
KINE 4363. Elementary Physical Education. 3 Hours.
This course is concerned with a study of fine and gross-motor activities and developmental progressions of pre-school children. Opportunities are given for field-based experiences in teaching children motor skills.
Prerequisite: KINE 3368 with a minimum grade of C.

KINE 4364. Fitness Education. 3 Hours.
Students in this course are introduced to the foundations and components of health-related fitness, appropriate curriculum for children and adolescence (Pre-K through 12) programming, effective teaching principles, and assessment of physical activity and fitness. This course prepares students to sit for the Physical Best Health-Fitness Specialist Certification.
Prerequisite: KINE 3373.

KINE 4365. Directing Wellness Programs. 3 Hours.
Students address the general administrative and daily operational skills required to direct a wellness program in corporate, institutional, and community settings. Emphasis is placed on the collaborative and professional skills that are needed to manage wellness programs.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 75 credit hours.

KINE 4366. Teaching Secondary Physical Education. 3 Hours.
This course examines the designing of physical education programs, teaching of physical education programs, analysis of student performance in a physical education program, and implementation of a physical education program at the secondary level. Opportunities are provided to work with physical education students in the secondary setting.
Prerequisite: KINE 3368 and 60 Credit Hours.

KINE 4369. Adapted Physical Activity. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to provide an introduction to adapted physical activity including sports and leisure for persons with disabilities across school, community, and clinical based programs. This course will provide information and knowledge on how to teach movement skills to persons with disabilities in various physical activity settings. Opportunities are provided to work with individuals with disabilities on-and off-campus.
Prerequisite: KINE 1331 or ATTR 2300, and 60 credit hours.

KINE 4373. Adv Tpcs in Physlgy of Exercis. 3 Hours.
This course bridges the gap between basic undergraduate and graduate physiology of exercise. This course draws upon current research to build upon the basic principles of exercise physiology to develop a more advanced understanding of how exercise affects the body.
Prerequisite: KINE 3373, KINE 3173, and 75 credit hours.

KINE 4375. Kinesiology Research Methods. 3 Hours.
Students in this course focus on basic, clinical, and applied research in kinesiology settings. Particular emphasis is given to understanding the body of work on a topic, experimental design, and the research process. Students participate in a research project related to kinesiology. Credit 3
Prerequisite: KINE 3362, KINE 3364, KINE 3173, KINE 3373, and 75 credit hours.

KINE 4377. Prin Exer Testing/Prescription. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to provide the student with the theoretical background and practical experience necessary for the safe and scientific evaluation of physical fitness, particularly as it relates to health and disease and the development of programs for remediation, maintenance and enhancement of motor and health-related qualities.
Prerequisite: KINE 3362, KINE 3373, and KINE 3173 with a minimum grade of C; and 75 credit hours.

KINE 4392. Problems in Kinesiology. 3 Hours.
A directed individual study of an approved problem related to the field of kinesiology.
Prerequisite: 9 advanced hours in Kinesiology and permission of the department chair.

KINE 4393. Prncples& Prac of Adlt Fit Mgt. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to provide the student with the theoretical background and practical experience necessary for a successful internship experience.
Prerequisite: KINE 2114, KINE 2115, ATTR 3370, KINE 3373, and KINE 3173; and 75 Credit Hours.

KINE 4394. Internship. 3 Hours.
This course provides the study with opportunities to demonstrate competencies developed in previous courses by working in an agency under the supervision of a qualified practitioner.
Prerequisite: KINE 4393, KINE 4377 with a minimum grade of C and senior standing.

KINE 4395. Internship II. 3 Hours.
Students complete an additional 200 hours of an internship experience and serves as the second half of the 400-hour internship for undergraduate students. This course allows students to either gain experience in a new setting, or to delve deeper into the experiences gained in KINE 4394.
Prerequisite: KINE 4393 and KINE 4377.

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