

**EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL 2009**

**Degree Title Change & Prefix Change**

**REQUEST:**

The Kinesiology and Sports Studies Department proposes to the Council on Academic Affairs that the name of the B.S. and M.S. degree titles be changed from Physical Education to Kinesiology and Sports Studies and the prefix to all classes be changed from PED to KSS.

**RATIONALE:**

A departmental ad hoc committee voted 8 to 3 to change the name of the Department of Physical Education to the Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies based on rationale which also apply to a change in degree title.

1. The name Kinesiology and Sports Studies provides a better indicator of the different Physical Education fields of study which include: athletic training, exercise science, physical education, and sports management.
2. The majority of similar university programs nationwide use the term Kinesiology within their degree title. A similar degree title change at EIU would be more consistent with other universities throughout the state and nation.

Therefore, a change in degree title to Kinesiology and Sports Studies and class prefix to KSS would be consistent with the change in departmental name, more accurately reflect the different degree options provided within the department, and be consistent with similar degrees offered nationwide.

- B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies: Exercise Science Concentration
- B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies: Sport Management Concentration
- B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies: Physical Education: Teacher Certification Option  
K-12 Special Certificate
- M.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies

**APPROVALS**

**Date approved by the department or school: October 17, 2008**

**Date approved by the college curriculum committee: November 10, 2008**