

**EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL 2015**

**Program Revision Request: M.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies: Sports Administration Field of Study**

**Reason for the Request:**

The curricular changes are designed to increase the rigor of the Sports Administration concentration and improve the professional preparation of Sports Administration students. The proposed changes are also based on recommendations from an external review of the Kinesiology and Sports Studies Graduate Program conducted during the Spring 2014 semester, as well as feedback from graduate student alumni. The proposed changes will provide more course of study flexibility in order for students to meet individualized professional goals.

**Proposed Courses to Add:**

- KSS 5005: Literature Review in KSS – KSS 5000 (Research Methods) focuses on the development of a research topic, data collection, and data analysis. There is not adequate time in KSS 5000 for students to conduct a thorough review of the literature and write a comprehensive literature review paper. The KSS graduate faculty feel it is important for all KSS graduate students to conduct a thorough review of the literature and then present their findings as part of their comprehensive exams.
- KSS 5215: Legal Aspects of Sport – This course was identified as a significant curricular deficiency in the Spring 2014 KSS Graduate Program External Review of the Sports Administration concentration.

**Proposed Courses to Drop:**

- KSS 5001: Statistical Analysis in Kinesiology and Sports Studies – A portion of the content will be covered in KSS 5000 and KSS 5005.
- KSS 5901: Seminar in Kinesiology and Sports Studies – The external review team recommended the deletion of this course.
- KSS 5800: Analytical Readings in Kinesiology and Sports Studies – With the implementation of the new course, KSS 5005 – Literature Review in KSS, there would be duplication of material.

**Other Changes:**

- KSS 5120: Social Psychology and Physical Activity – Remove as a ‘required’ and/or ‘elective’ course as the course will no longer be offered and add KSS 5130 – Exercise Psychology as an ‘elective’ course.
- KSS 5710: Sociological Bases of Sport in America – Remove as a ‘required’ course but retain as an ‘elective’. This course continues to be identified by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) as a common professional component for sport management academic programs.

**Admission Requirements:**

The KSS Department has required an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 with a Kinesiology focus. The addition of this statement in the Admission Requirements will reflect current practice. Change the

prerequisite courses in the Sports Administration Field of Study to KSS 4760, KSS 4764, and KSS 4765 as the KSS 4325 and 4762 are no longer offered.

**APPROVALS:**

**DATE APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT: 1/23/15**

**DATE APPROVED BY CEPS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: 2/9/15**

**DATE APPROVED BY CGS:**

# Kinesiology and Sports Studies

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## Current Catalog Copy:

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**Admission Requirements:** To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)"). Additional requirements include three letters of recommendation, a resume, a statement of purpose, and completion of KSS 2440, KSS 4340, and KSS 4440 for exercise science; KSS 4760, KSS 4325, and KSS 4762 or equivalents for sport administration; and KSS 2440, KSS 4340, and KSS 4470 or equivalents for pedagogy/coaching. Admission is competitive and meeting GPA requirements does not guarantee admission.

**Degree Audit:** The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the *Graduate Catalog*. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

## Degree Requirements

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Degree requirements include those outlined for the master's degree by the Graduate School (see "[Requirements for the Master's Degree](#)").

## Curriculum for the Master of Science in Kinesiology and Sports Studies

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**Total. Credits: 30-32**

- Major Field Courses Selected from the List Below. Credits: 12 to 18
- Electives (Advisor Approval Required). Credits: 6 to 14

Core Courses:

- [KSS 5000 - Research Methods in Kinesiology and Sports Studies](#) Credits: 3
- [KSS 5001 - Statistical Analysis in Kinesiology and Sports Studies](#) Credits: 2

- [KSS 5901 - Seminar in Kinesiology and Sports Studies](#) Credits: 1

## **Major Fields of Study May be Selected from One of the Three Areas that Follow:**

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### **Sports Administration Field of Study**

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Required courses

Credits: 12-15

- [KSS 5211 - Promotions in Sports Administration](#). Credits: 3
- [KSS 5120 - Social Psychology and Physical Activity](#). Credits: 3
- OR
- [KSS 5710 - Sociological Bases of Sport in America](#). Credits: 3
- [KSS 5212 - Finance in Sport](#) Credits: 3
- [KSS 5213 - Sport Facilities and Event Management](#) Credits: 3
- Is not required for 2-year graduate assistants
- [KSS 5980 - Internship in Sports Administration](#). Credits: 3

### **Electives**

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Total credits: 9-14 hours

- [KSS 5010 - Ethical Issues in Sport](#) Credits: 3
  - [KSS 5120 - Social Psychology and Physical Activity](#). Credits: 3
  - OR
  - [KSS 5710 - Sociological Bases of Sport in America](#). Credits: 3
  - [KSS 5210 - Administration of Interschool Athletics](#). Credits: 2
  - [KSS 5214 - Governance in Sport](#) Credits: 3
  - [KSS 5950 - Thesis](#). Credits: 3 or 6
  - [KSS 5980 - Internship in Sports Administration](#). Credits: 3
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## Proposed Catalog Changes

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## Curriculum for the Master of Science in Kinesiology and Sports Studies

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Total. Credits: 30-~~32~~ 33

- ~~Major Field Courses Selected from the List Below. Credits: 12 to 18~~
- ~~Electives (Advisor Approval Required). Credits: 6 to 14~~

Core Courses. Credits: 6

- [KSS 5000 - Research Methods in Kinesiology and Sports Studies](#) Credits: 3
- ~~KSS 5001 - Statistical Analysis in Kinesiology and Sports Studies Credits: 2~~
- ~~KSS 5901 - Seminar in Kinesiology and Sports Studies Credits: 1~~
- KSS 5005 - Literature Review in Kinesiology and Sports Studies Credits: 3

## Major Fields of Study May be Selected from One of the Three Areas that Follow:

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### Sports Administration Field of Study

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Required courses

Credits: ~~12-15~~ 15

- [KSS 5211 - Promotions in Sports Administration.](#) Credits: 3
- ~~KSS 5120 - Social Psychology and Physical Activity. Credits: 3~~
- ~~OR~~
- ~~KSS 5710 - Sociological Bases of Sport in America. Credits: 3~~
- [KSS 5212 - Finance in Sport](#) Credits: 3
- [KSS 5213 - Sport Facilities and Event Management](#) Credits: 3
- ~~Is not required for 2-year graduate assistants~~
- KSS 5215 - Legal Aspects of Sport. Credits 3
- [KSS 5980 - Internship in Sports Administration.](#) Credits: 3

### Electives

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Total credits: 9-~~14~~ 11 hours

- [KSS 5010 - Ethical Issues in Sport](#) Credits: 3
- ~~KSS 5120 - Social Psychology and Physical Activity. Credits: 3~~
- ~~OR~~
- KSS 5130 - Exercise Psychology. Credits: 3
- [KSS 5210 - Administration of Interschool Athletics.](#) Credits: 2
- [KSS 5214 - Governance in Sport](#) Credits: 3
- ~~KSS 5710 - Sociological Bases of Sport in America. Credits: 3~~
- [KSS 5950 - Thesis.](#) Credits: ~~3 or~~ 6
- [KSS 5980 - Internship in Sports Administration.](#) Credits: 3
- STA 5970 - The Sport Industry in the United Kingdom. Credits: 3