

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:

DATE APPROVED BY CGS: