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Re: Executive Action Item

Request for Executive Action to Re-instate Prerequisites for the Master's Program in the Exercise Science option in the Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies.

Current Catalog Copy:

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 an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 with a Kinesiology focus, three letters of recommendation, a resume, and a statement of purpose. KSS 4760, KSS 4764, and KSS 4765 or equivalents are required for admission into the sports administration field of study. KSS 2440, KSS 4340, and KSS 4470 or equivalents are required for the pedagogy/coaching field of study. Admission is competitive and meeting GPA requirements does not guarantee admission.

New Catalog Copy:

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 an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 with a Kinesiology **or related field** focus, three letters of recommendation, a resume, and a statement of purpose. KSS 4760, KSS 4764, and KSS 4765 or equivalents are required for admission into the sports administration field of study. **KSS 4340, KSS 4440, and KSS 4450 or equivalents are required for the exercise science field of study.** KSS 2440, KSS 4340, and KSS 4470 or equivalents are required for the pedagogy/coaching field of study. Admission is competitive and meeting GPA requirements does not guarantee admission.

Rationale for Change: Successful completion of the MS in Exercise Science program requires students to have a thorough background in the prerequisites listed. The Master of Science program builds on the concepts from those foundational courses in the BS degree and requires students to apply those concepts throughout the MS degree program. Students who enter the MS program without those courses, or related field background or experiences, struggle to progress successfully. Adding these prerequisites will ensure that the best possible students are recruited and admitted and that those students effectively progress through the program.