



Department of Kinesiology

Graduate Admissions Guidelines

The following items are required in applying to master's degree programs in the Department of Kinesiology:

1. A completed MSU Graduate School application form.
2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended since high school.
3. Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test scores.
4. Three professional letters of recommendation, at least one of which should comment specifically about the applicant's academic capabilities.
5. A written statement of purpose, which should reflect a strong sense of career direction and highlight the applicant's qualifications, skills, and professional experience. Also, please clearly indicate the specific program to which you are applying (i.e., Exercise Science, Sport Administration, or Teaching & Coaching).

Admission to graduate programs in the Department of Kinesiology is a competitive process. Positions within the programs are limited, and more individuals apply than are able to be accepted. Competitive applicants will usually have a GPA of 3.0 or better in their final 60 undergraduate hours as well as GRE scores of 900 or greater (verbal + quantitative) and 3.5 (analytical writing). An applicant's statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, and professional experience will also be considered in the admission process.

Deadlines for application to master's degree programs in the Department of Kinesiology are as follows:

Fall/Summer admission:	March 1
Late application deadline for fall:	June 1
Spring admission:	October 15

Applications are reviewed periodically each semester, and applicants should generally expect to receive a reply within 30 days of the application deadline. Because of the competitive nature of admissions, it is recommended that individuals apply as far in advance of the deadline as possible. Students who wait until the late application deadline to apply may find there are no remaining spaces available in the program.

All application materials must be submitted through the MSU Office of the Graduate School (<http://www.grad.msstate.edu>).