EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE
DOCTORAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

Minimum Credits

Courses included in the program of study are to be selected in consultation with the major professor and doctoral committee. The following requirements must be met:

Research Core: At least 12 credit hours in graduate-level research design, qualitative methods, and/or statistics courses. 12

Area of Concentration: At least 18 credit hours of coursework in one area of concentration (may include coursework outside EXSS). 18

Seminar: EXSS 607 Academic Writing Seminar (1 credit), EXSS 607 Research Seminar (1 credit), and EXSS 607 Professional Development Seminar (1 credit). 3

Pedagogy: EXSS 699 Special Topics - Teaching in the College Classroom. Note that this requirement can be waived if a student completes AHE 553 Adult Learning and Development and AHE 547 Instructional Strategies for Adult Learners. 3/0

Ethics: GRAD 520 Responsible Conduct of Research (1 credit). 1

Public Health: H 523 Foundations of Public Health (4 credits) and H 525 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology (4 credits). Note that this requirement can be waived if a student completes a graduate certificate in public health from OSU or a graduate degree in public health. This requirement can also be waived for one or both courses in the case of students receiving a minor in public health if approval is obtained from instructors responsible for teaching the courses that an equivalent experience has been achieved. 8/0

Preliminary Examination Research Project: EXSS 601 Research (6 credits). Students complete a student-led research project as well as accompanying ready-for-publication manuscript. 6

Thesis: Students are expected to devote at least one year of full-time study (minimum of 36 credits) to research for the thesis. 36

Minimum Total Program Credit-hour Requirement: 87/76

At least 15 credit hours of graduate-level coursework that is graded on a standard basis (A-F) must be within EXSS, and at least 15 credits on the program of study (excluding blanket-numbered courses) must have been completed since admission to the doctoral degree. Hours from the master’s degree can be transferred into a doctoral program, where Graduate School regulations require that the transfer credits have a grade of B or better. OSU master’s thesis credits can be included in a doctoral program (they are not transfer credits), but ungraded thesis credits from other institutions cannot be included. The program of study must satisfy all requirements of the Graduate School; additional, more specific, requirements may apply for selected areas of concentration.

Additional graduate courses to bring total credit hours to the University minimum of 108.

Minor (optional): A minor is an academic area that clearly supports the major and is transcript visible. The minor may be from a different major, from a different area of concentration within EXSS, or an integrated minor (courses from two or more departments). If a minor is included in the Ph.D. program, it must contain at least 18 credits, unless it is an integrated minor, which has a 15-credit minimum. If an integrated minor is designed, EXSS courses cannot comprise the majority of the credits and an EXSS graduate faculty member cannot serve as the minor professor.

Background Coursework: Prior to, or during, the first term of admission, each incoming graduate student will meet with his or her major professor to discuss and evaluate the student’s academic background. At that time, the major professor may require that the student take undergraduate prerequisite courses needed to meet the goals of the expected program of study.