Prospective Students - Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1 - What are the different degrees and programs offered?
We offer specialized programs under the M.S. (thesis and non-thesis) and Ph.D. degrees with a major in Kinesiology. The graduate major in Kinesiology includes specializations in Exercise Science (Athletic Training, Biomechanics, Clinical Exercise Physiology, Exercise Physiology, Exercise Psychology, and Strength, Conditioning and Fitness), Physical Education (Sport Pedagogy and Motor Behavior) and Sport Management (Sport Management and Policy).

Question 2 – Where can I find more detailed information about each of the programs offered?
Information about each of our specializations, including faculty contacts, can be found on our website at the links below. At each site scroll down to the Academics/Curriculum section, select the appropriate concentration, and select the desired specialization from the PDF documents listed to the left.

MS degree program
PhD degree program

Question 3 - How do I apply?
Application to the graduate program in Kinesiology essentially has two key steps: 1) applying to the UGA Graduate School and 2) sending additional application materials to our department. Each step is fully described on our website:

MS Degree Application
PhD Degree Application

Question 4 - Are there application deadlines? Are the deadlines important?
Application deadlines are crucial.

To be fully considered for an assistantship, a complete application for admission and an assistantship application must be received by the department by January 10.
For applicants not applying for an assistantship, a complete application must be received by the department by April 1 for summer admission by June 1 for fall admission. International applicants should have their applications completed at least two months prior to the above dates.

**Question 5 - Can I start my graduate program in the spring semester?**

Currently, only the MS non-thesis degree program in Sport Management & Policy accepts students for spring semester admission. Applicants to this program can contact the Graduate Coordinators office at kins@uga.edu to have their enrollment date changed to the spring semester if desired.

**Question 6 - Which entrance tests are required?**

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for all applicants and the scores should be sent directly to the UGA Graduate School (ETS school code for UGA = 5813). If your scores are more than five years out of date, you will be asked to re-take the GRE. Applicants who possess a PhD/MD/JD degree should contact the Graduate Coordinators office (kins@uga.edu) to determine if they are eligible for a GRE waiver.

International applicants whose primary language is not English must also arrange to take either the TOEFL or IELTS language proficiency examinations. The TOEFL English speaking score is required if applying for an assistantship. Have your scores sent directly to the Graduate School.

**Question 7 – What are the minimum GRE scores required for admission?**

Typical GRE scores for successful applicants vary across degree programs and specialization areas. GRE scores are only one factor considered when evaluating an application for admission. Their importance depends upon the program you apply to and, more importantly, the strengths and weaknesses of other parts of your application. If other areas of your application are not strong (such as GPA and experience), higher GRE scores will be more important.

**Question 8 – What are the minimum TOEFL scores required for admission?**

The Graduate School minimum requirements are as follows: TOEFL (internet-based) – 80 total with at least a 20 on both the speaking and writing sections; TOEFL (paper version) – 550 total; TOEFL (computer version) – 213 total; IELTS – 6.5 total with no band/subscore below 6.0.

To be eligible for an assistantship which involves teaching or instruction, a TOEFL speaking score of 26 or higher is required. A program of additional English language instruction is available for students not meeting the speak score requirement. See http://www.ctl.uga.edu/pages/ta-policy.

**Question 9 – What are GPA requirements for admission?**

A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.6 (master’s) or 3.0 (doctoral) is required; although some programs may have higher minimum standards (see FAQ #2 for how to obtain detailed information for your program of interest). A graduate grade point average of 3.5 is typical for admission to the doctoral program.
Question 10 – What prerequisite courses are required for admission?

Acceptable undergraduate training and prerequisite courses vary substantially across specialization programs. Please refer to the information posted on our website for your program of interest (see FAQ #2 for links).

Question 11 – Can I transfer graduate credits from another institution into my program at UGA?

For master’s degree applicants, up to 6 semester hours may be transferred. Courses must be relevant to your UGA program of study, taken at an accredited institution, have been taken within the past 6 years, not used to fulfill requirements for another degree, and received a grade of B or better.

For doctoral degree applicants, no courses taken prior to admission are eligible to be transferred.

Question 12 – What is the tuition for graduate programs in Kinesiology?

Tuition and fee information can be found on the Bursar’s website: http://www.reg.uga.edu/tuition

Question 13 – Are assistantships available?

A variety of assistantship opportunities are available on a competitive basis. To receive full consideration, applications for admission – along with a Departmental Assistantship Application Form – should be submitted by January 10. Complete information is available on the departmental website:

MS Applicants

PhD Applicants

Question 14 – Is funding available for students through student loans?

Yes, please refer to the Office of Student Financial Aid’s home page at www.uga.edu/osfa/index.html

Question 15 – What do I do after my application is complete?

Nothing is needed from applicants once both the UGA Graduate School and Departmental applications are complete. Once a decision is made, students will be mailed a letter from the Graduate School describing the admission decision and any further actions you may need to take. You will also receive a letter from the Kinesiology Department containing information regarding orientation and course registration procedures.