Overview:
The exercise sport science program is high demand with limited enrollment and thus competitive. Selection into the ESS Major is based on GPA and the quality of the application statement (see below). The deadlines for applications to the ESS Major are typically the third Friday of September and January at midnight.

Minimal Entrance Requirements:
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Areas I-III should be completed (1-2 courses may be in progress).
- Area VI prerequisite courses and KINS 2010 must be completed with a C or better:
  - CBIO 2200; CBIO 2210; CHEM 1211; CHEM 1212; PHYS 1111
  - One class may be in progress; however, this 1 class MUST be completed in the same semester in which application to the ESS Major occurred.

Selection Criteria:
Selection is based on a composite score of the following (maximum score = 100 points):
- GPA in Core Areas I-III (20%)
- GPA in Core Area VI (60%)
- Application Statement (20%)

Application Directions:
- Applications MUST be submitted electronically. The link will be available a minimum of 14 days prior to the application cycle deadline: http://www.coe.uga.edu/apply/program/bsed/exercise-sport-science
- GPA will be calculated from the student academic record as contained on DegreeWorks.
- Applicants will receive notification of acceptance or denial ~three weeks after the application deadline by email with further directions regarding registration, if applicable.
- Following acceptance into the ESS major, students must request the ESS major by logging into Athena.
  - Select the “Student tab; next select "My Programs".
  - Add the ESS major before deleting your existing major.
  - If you have the ESS Minor you are trying to change to the ESS Major, drop the Minor first.
  - Minors and Certificate Programs can be added from this same section in Athena.
  - The ESS major requires approval by COE Students Services personnel.
  - Note that Athena works best in Chrome, Safari and Firefox but has problems in Internet Explorer.
- In completing your application statement, be prepared to enter the following information.
  - Application: Demographic Information
    - Name (full name as registered on the UGA campus)
    - University ID (810 or 811 number)
    - UGA e-mail
    - Race/Ethnic Group (for descriptive and program assessment purposes only)
    - Previous Application Submissions (for descriptive and program assessment purposes only)
    - Major Area of Emphasis (with the following options): Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Med Pre-OT, Pre-Physician’s Assistant, Strength, Conditioning or Fitness Specialist, Pre-Graduate Study in Exercise Science, or Undecided
  - Application: Statement/Essay
    - What is your background with physical activity/exercise/sport and how does this relate to your motivation to join the ESS field? [200 words maximum]
    - What is your ultimate career aspiration? [100 words maximum]
    - List and describe your top 3 “positives” which would predict success as a future ESS professional (e.g. traits, attributes, characteristics, skills, achievements, accomplishments, strengths, etc.) [200 words maximum]
    - Describe your ESS field work to date (e.g. volunteering, shadowing, practicums, internships, employment, etc.) in various settings (e.g. commercial, clinical or research agencies/sites) and include a description of the population (e.g. children, older adults, athletes, etc.), the specific experiences, and how these experiences informed/influenced your interest in the ESS major and your career aspiration [300 words maximum]. You will also be asked to provide the agency/clinic(s), dates of work (e.g. June – August 2014), total experiences hours per agency/site and site supervisor contact information
    - How will the ESS major within the Department of Kinesiology and the College of Education specifically enable you to reach your career goals? [100 words maximum]
  - NOTE: Your responses to the essay questions will also be evaluated for written communication ability (e.g., grammar, sentence structure, etc.) which will contribute to 4% of your total score.