

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Graduate Programs in Kinesiology

### **1. What graduate programs are offered in the Department of Kinesiology?**

We offer five different graduate programs: Adapted Physical Education, Cultural Studies, Exercise Science, Physical Education Pedagogy, and Psychosocial/Behavioral Aspects of Physical Activity. Students in each program must take core courses in addition to their research and specialization courses. Whenever you begin your study, you will be surrounded by a supportive cohort of fellow graduate students and Kinesiology faculty.

### **2. How many courses do I have to take to be considered full-time? Part-time?**

Nine credits per semester (6 credits for graduate assistants) is considered full-time. This is also required of international students who must be enrolled full-time until their final semester. At that point, they must request permission for part-time registration. It is also required of all students being supported by graduate or research assistantships. A student (a non-GA) taking fewer than nine credits is considered part-time.

### **3. If I have not applied to the program yet, can I still take graduate courses?**

You can take up to two-fifths (or twelve credits) of degree required course work as a non-matriculating student while your application is being processed. However, after twelve credits, if you are still a non-matriculating student, the courses will not count toward your graduate degree if accepted into the graduate program. Further, graduate students may only transfer up to one-fifth of their total degree requirements (e.g. 6 credits for a 30 credit program).

It's important to note that non-matriculating students do not have the privileges regularly enjoyed by degree candidates. For example, on the Kingston Campus, they cannot register until one week before classes begin, are required to make payment prior to registering, and their enrollment is subject to the accommodation of degree candidates wishing to take these courses. In addition, non-matriculating students are not eligible for financial aid.

**4. When I apply, where do I send my transcripts? Where do I send my letters of recommendation and proof of residency?**

Transcripts, letters of recommendation, and residency forms should be sent to the Department of Kinesiology c/o Dr. Lori Ciccomascolo, Graduate Director.

**5. Are there graduate assistantships available?**

Yes, there are graduate assistantships available although the availability differs from semester to semester. The deadline for applying for an assistantship each year is April 1.

A graduate assistantship is a type of financial assistance to a graduate student that is offered in return for certain services in teaching or laboratory supervision. Traditionally, the responsibilities of a graduate assistant in Kinesiology include, but are not limited to, teaching labs in Exercise Science courses, teaching sport skill courses in Physical Education courses, working in the Human Performance Laboratory, and working with faculty on research and/or service and outreach projects. There is typically a tuition waiver and stipend with each assistantship.

**6. Will the M.S. in Kinesiology specializing in Adapted Physical Education or Physical Education Pedagogy lead to a certification in physical education?**

No, neither the Adapted Physical Education nor the Physical Education Pedagogy programs of study will lead to certification in RI or any other state. If a student wants a degree leading to certification, the Department of Kinesiology offers a Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology with a specialization in Physical Education Teacher Education.

**7. Will I need to take recommended course work prior to taking graduate courses if my background is something other than my program?**

The Kinesiology faculty recommends certain courses to help with your transition into your new field of study. Your advisor and the graduate director will determine which, and if, recommended courses are appropriate for you to take either concurrently or prior to or enrolling in graduate course work. Please see specific information on recommended courses for students with a non-Kinesiology degree on the following page.

**For more specific questions regarding the admission process, tuition, and other graduate school matters, please view the Graduate School FAQ site:**

<http://www.uri.edu/gsadmin/newstudentfaq.htm>

**Recommended Courses for Students  
With a Non-Kinesiology Degree\*:**

**Adapted Physical Education**

- Courses in Adapted Physical Education and Educational Psychology

**Cultural Studies**

- Courses in Cultural Diversity and Sociology

**Exercise Science**

- Courses in Human Anatomy and Physiology (KIN or BIO) and Exercise Physiology

**Physical Education Pedagogy**

- Courses in Physical Education Pedagogy and Educational Psychology

**Psychosocial/Behavioral Aspects of Physical Activity**

- Courses in Exercise Physiology, Psychology, and Behaviors of Physical Activity

\*Courses can be taken concurrently with KIN graduate courses or recommended electives.

\* Students can take course work in Department Kinesiology or take an equivalent in another department.

\*Appropriate course work will be recommended by both the graduate director and KIN faculty advisor.