Exercise Physiology

In the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences
In the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

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Associateships and Assistantships
Graduate teaching associateships are available for a limited
number of qualified students. These provide essential education,
technical training, and creative experience necessary for future pro-
fessional and scholarly activity or college-level teaching. Graduate
associateships are also available in some cases to aid faculty
research. Application blanks and additional information on graduate
programs may be obtained from the School of Exercise and Nutritional

General Information
The School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences offers graduate
study leading to the Master of Science degree in exercise physiology
and a concurrent graduate program leading to a Master of Science
degree in nutritional science and M.S. degree in exercise physiology.
The major objective of the concurrent graduate program is to offer
preparation in the interrelated fields of nutritional science and exercise
physiology.

The Master of Science degree in exercise physiology has strong
theoretical and practical components that provide a basis for students
who anticipate employment in the field of rehabilitative and/or
preventive exercise, as well as for those who intend to pursue a
doctoral degree in exercise science. The faculty includes researchers
who are professionally active in areas of study such as thermoregula-
tion, nutrition and metabolism, exercise and aging, cardiac and
metabolic pathophysiology, and environmental physiology. The school
provides the students an opportunity to gain exercise-related
experience under the close supervision of faculty. Graduate students
learn pragmatic skills, such as physiological testing, exercise training,
and participant education in the field of preventive and clinical
exercise programming.

Admission to Graduate Study
Students applying for admission should electronically submit the
university application available at http://www.csumentor.edu along
with the $55 application fee.
All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to
SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the School of Exercise and
Nutritional Sciences.

Graduate Admissions
The following materials should be submitted as a complete
package directly to:
Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

(1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all
postsecondary institutions attended;
Note:
• Students who attended SDSU need only submit trans-
scripts for work completed since last attendance.
• Students with international coursework must submit both
the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents
are in a language other than English, they must be
accompanied by a certified English translation.
(2) GRE scores (http://www.ets.org, SDSU institution code 4682);
(3) TOEFL score, if medium of instruction was in a language other
than English (http://www.ets.org, SDSU institution code 4682).

Master of Science Degree in Exercise Physiology
Master of Science Degree in Nutritional Science and
Master of Science Degree in Exercise Physiology

The following materials should be mailed or delivered by February
1 for admission for the fall semester to:
School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences
(Attention: Graduate Adviser)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-7251

(1) Two letters of recommendation;
(2) Statement of purpose (1-2 pages describing applicant’s
background, research interests/experiences, and goals).

Admission to the Degree Curriculum
All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to
the university with classified graduate standing as described in Part
Two of this bulletin. In addition, a student applying for admission to the
graduate program in exercise physiology must meet the following
requirements.

1. A bachelor’s degree in kinesiology. Applicants who do not have
an undergraduate major in kinesiology may be admitted to con-
ditionally classified graduate standing on the recommendation
of the graduate adviser of the school. Students will be required
to complete or have equivalent preparation in Biology 212, 336,
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 303, 304, 304L, and an
undergraduate statistics course in addition to the minimum 36
units required for the Master of Science degree.

2. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in the last 60 units of
coursework.

3. A minimum score of 475 on each of the verbal and quantitative
sections of the GRE General Test.
Students will be admitted ONLY in the fall semester. Submit appli-
cations no later than February 1.

Advancement to Candidacy
All students must satisfy the general requirements for
advancement to candidacy, as described in Part Four of this bulletin.
Nine units of coursework in the official program must remain after
advancement to candidacy.
Exercise Physiology

Specific Requirements for the Master of Science Degree
(Major Code: 08355) (SIMS Code: 666521)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing, the student must satisfy the basic requirements for the master's degree, described in Part Four of this bulletin. The 36-unit program includes a minimum of 30 units in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences. The remaining units must be selected from courses listed in this bulletin as acceptable for master's degree programs. At least 27 units of the 36-unit program must be in 600- and 700-numbered courses. Also, students complete their degree by choosing either Plan A or Plan B. If students select Plan A, Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 799A (thesis) is required for completion of their degree, accompanied by a final oral examination on the field of the thesis and on the implications of the thesis research for the broader field of exercise physiology. If students select Plan B, Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 790 (Directed Readings) is required for completion of the degree.

Students are required to develop and sign a formal plan of study which must be approved by both a faculty adviser and the graduate adviser. This official program of study is developed when the student has completed between 12 and 21 units of study, and must be filed with the Division of Graduate Affairs as a prerequisite for advancement to candidacy.

The school expects a student to complete the degree within seven years. Failure to complete the degree requirements within seven years will result in dismissal from the program.

Required courses (36 units):
- ENS 601 Experimental Methods in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
- ENS 602 Research Evaluation in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
- ENS 632 Physiological Chemistry of Exercise (3)
- ENS 659 Exercise Cardiology and Pathology (3)
- ENS 661 Seminar in Advanced Physiology of Exercise (3)
- ENS 662 Advanced Exercise Physiology Laboratory (3)
- ENS 666 Adult Fitness: Exercise Prescription (3)
- ENS 668 Adult Fitness: Exercise Leadership and Administration (3)
- ENS 796 Exercise Specialist Internship (3) Cr/NC
- ENS 799A Thesis or Project (3) Cr/NC/RP
- ENS 790 Seminar in Directed Readings (3) Cr/NC

Electives (6 units): Electives to be selected with approval of graduate adviser.

Master of Science Degree in Nutritional Science and Master of Science Degree in Exercise Physiology

Admission to the Degree Curriculum

All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the university with classified graduate standing as described in Part Two of this bulletin. In addition, a student applying for admission to the concurrent program in nutritional science and exercise physiology must meet the following requirements.

1. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in the last 60 units of coursework.
2. A bachelor's degree in foods and nutrition, exercise science, kinesiology, physical education, or related fields. Students will be required to complete or have equivalent preparation in Biology 212, 336, Chemistry 100, 130, 160, Nutrition 201, 302, 302L, and Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 303, 304, 304L, and an undergraduate statistics course.
3. A minimum score of 475 on each of the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE General Test. Students will be admitted ONLY in the fall semester. Submit applications no later than February 1.

Advancement to Candidacy

All students must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy, as described in Part Four of this bulletin.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Science in Nutritional Science and Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
(Major Code: 08356) (SIMS Code: 662990)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the master's degree as described in Part Four of this bulletin, the student must complete an officially approved course of study of not less than 48 units as outlined below. Also, students complete their degree by choosing either Plan A or Plan B. In Plan A, all students will include Nutrition 799A (thesis) or Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 799A (thesis) for completion of their degree, accompanied by a final oral examination on the field of the thesis and on the implications of the thesis research for the broader field of exercise and nutritional sciences. If students select Plan B, Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 790 (Directed Readings) is required for completion of the degree.

- ENS 601 Experimental Methods in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
- ENS 602 Research Evaluation in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
- ENS 632 Physiological Chemistry of Exercise (3)
- ENS 659 Exercise Cardiology and Pathology (3)
- ENS 661 Seminar in Advanced Physiology of Exercise (3)
- ENS 662 Advanced Exercise Physiology Laboratory (3)
- ENS 666 Adult Fitness: Exercise Prescription (3)
- ENS 668 Adult Fitness: Exercise Leadership and Administration (3)
- ENS 796 Exercise Specialist Internship (3) Cr/NC
- ENS 798 Special Study (2) Cr/NC/RP
- NUTR 600 Seminar: Foods and Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 607 Child Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 608 Geriatric Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 610 Nutrition and Energy (3)
- NUTR 700 Seminar in Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 798 Special Study (1) Cr/NC/RP

Plan A
- NUTR 799A Thesis or Project (3) Cr/NC/RP
- OR
- ENS 799A Thesis or Project (3) Cr/NC/RP

Plan B
- ENS 790 Seminar in Directed Readings (3) Cr/NC

If a student, after entering the concurrent program leading to a Master of Science degree in nutritional science and a Master of Science degree in exercise physiology returns to a single degree program, all the requirements for the single degree program must then be met. The school expects the student to complete the degree requirements within seven years. Failure to complete the degree requirements within seven years will result in dismissal from the program.
Courses Acceptable on Master's Degree Programs (ENS)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSE
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences Course

ENS 596. Selected Topics in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (1-3)
Selected topics in exercise and nutritional sciences. May be repeated with new content and approval of instructor. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

GRADUATE COURSES
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences Courses

ENS 601. Experimental Methods in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
Prerequisite: Undergraduate statistics course. Experimental methods in exercise and nutritional science.

ENS 602. Research Evaluation in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
Prerequisite: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 601. Techniques in designing, conducting, and reporting research in exercise and nutritional science. Qualitative and quantitative paradigms examined. Ethical consideration of human research.

ENS 632. Physiological Chemistry of Exercise (3)
Prerequisite: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 661. Biochemical and metabolic responses of the human body to acute and chronic exercise. Neuroendocrine control of fuel regulation during exercise.

ENS 659. Exercise Cardiology and Pathology (3)
Prerequisites: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 304 and 304L. Interpretation of resting and exercise electrocardiograms with cardiopulmonary pathologies that skew interpretations.

ENS 661. Seminar in Advanced Physiology of Exercise (3)

ENS 662. Advanced Exercise Physiology Laboratory (3)
Nine hours of laboratory. Prerequisites: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 304, 304L, and admission to program in Exercise Physiology. Laboratory course designed to develop competency in respiratory metabolism, pulmonary function, gas analysis, blood chemistry, and ergometry. Experience in the application of exercise procedures with human subjects and analysis and interpretation of results.

ENS 666. Adult Fitness: Exercise Prescription (3)
Prerequisites: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 304 and 304L. Physical conditioning programs for the prevention, rehabilitation, and control of diseases associated with aging adults. Topics include disease etiology, health/disease evaluation, and exercise prescription for apparently healthy and diseased adults.

ENS 668. Adult Fitness: Exercise Leadership and Administration (3)
One lecture and six hours of laboratory. Prerequisite: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 666. Administration of and role of exercise programs in preventive medicine, corporate fitness, and Phase I, II, and III of cardiac rehabilitation, and other disease rehabilitation. Development of skills in exercise leadership in traditional and experimental exercise programs for the apparently healthy and diseased adult.

ENS 696. Advanced Topics in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (3)
Intensive study in specific areas of exercise and nutritional sciences. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

ENS 790. Seminar in Directed Readings (3) Cr/NC
Prerequisites: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 602 and advancement to candidacy. Preparation for comprehensive examination for students pursuing either an M.A. or an M.S. degree under Plan B.

ENS 796. Exercise Specialist Internship (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 659, 662, 668. Supervised application of exercise laboratory testing, test interpretation, exercise prescription and exercise leadership in adult fitness, corporate fitness, preventive medicine and/or hospital disease rehabilitation setting.

ENS 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair. Individual study. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

ENS 799A. Thesis or Project (3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy. Preparation of a project or thesis for the master’s degree.

ENS 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis or Project 799A with an assigned grade symbol of RP. Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis or project is granted final approval.

ENS 799C. Comprehensive Examination Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in degree program courses. Registration required of students whose only requirement is completion of the comprehensive examination for the master’s degree. Registration in 799C limited to two semesters.

Finance
Refer to “Business Administration” in this section of the bulletin.