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Curriculum Change. List program involved, and justification for the change.



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Attach the proposed wording change. The changes must be shown exactly as they are to appear in the *Bulletin*. A two-column format showing both the old wording (on the left) and the new wording (on the right) is required. Please indicate the current page(s) of the *Bulletin* where the old wording appears.

Requested **Effective Term** for addition to database.

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Master of Science (M.S.)

The M.S. degree is designed to provide in-depth, scientific, and research-based study in physical education. There are two options: the thesis and the project. Both are designed for specialized study in a subdiscipline of physical education. The thesis program emphasizes expansion of research competence and is a 33-hour program. The project program focuses on professional/clinical aspects of a subdiscipline and requires 36 hours of study. Areas of research emphasis include athletic training, developmental foundations of motor skill learning, and pedagogical aspects of motor skill programs.

In addition to The Graduate School's application requirements, applicants must submit a sample of expository writing to include future goals and specific research interests.

General degree requirements for the M.S. degree in physical education include: successful completion of a minimum of 18 graduate hours in physical education, successful completion of 9-12 hours in a research emphasis in physical education (athletic training, developmental foundations of motor skill learning, or pedagogical aspects of motor skill programs), successful completion of at least one course in two of the three areas of research emphasis within physical education, successful completion of an approved program of study of 33 thesis or 36 project graduate credit hours, satisfactory completion of PEDU 798 (project) or PEDU 799 (thesis), and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Additional requirements include 9 hours in qualitative/quantitative research methodology. These requirements include: 3 hours in research methods (PEDU 770 or EDRM 700), 3 hours in statistics (EDRM 710 or STAT 515 or BIOS 700), and 3 additional hours in methodology from EDRM 711, STAT 516, BIOS 757, EDRM 724, or EDRM 740. Additional required and elective courses will be determined by the faculty advisor.

Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.)

The M.S. degree is designed to provide in-depth, scientific, and research-based study in athletic training physical education. There are two options: the thesis and the project. Both are designed for specialized study in a subdiscipline in physical education athletic training. The thesis program requires a thesis emphasizes expansion of research competence and is a 33-hour program. The project program also emphasizes research, requires a data based research project, and the professional/clinical aspects of athletic training and requires 36 hours of study. Areas of research emphasis include athletic training, developmental foundations of motor skill learning, and pedagogical aspects of motor skill programs.

In addition to The Graduate School's application requirements, applicants must submit a sample of expository writing to include future goals and specific research interests.

General degree requirements for the M.S. degree in physical education athletic training include: successful completion of a minimum of 18 graduate hours in physical education, successful completion of 9-12 hours in a research emphasis in physical education (athletic training, developmental foundations of motor skill learning or pedagogical aspects of motor skill programs)–successful completion of 9-12 graduate hours in athletic training (from PEDU 734, 735, 736, 737), successful completion of at least one course in two of the three areas of research emphasis within physical education physical education pedagogy, motor behavior or exercise science, satisfactory completion of PEDU 798 (project) or PEDU 799 (thesis), and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Additional requirements include 9 hours in qualitative/quantitative research methodology. These requirements include: 3 hours in research methods (PEDU 770 or EDRM 700), 3 hours in statistics (EDRM 710 or STAT 515 or BIOS 700), and 3 additional hours in methodology from EDRM 711, STAT 516, BIOS 757, EDRM 724, or EDRM 740. Additional required and elective courses will be determined by the faculty advisor.

The Department of Physical Education is in the process of realigning the focus of our graduate programs to better serve the needs and interests of our students. In addition, we hope the changes we propose will allow us to better market and advertise our programs to potential students. We are proposing 2 changes to the Master of Science degree in Physical Education.

1. We wish to delete the pedagogy and motor behavior concentrations in the Master of Science degree.

Justification

Several years ago, the faculty made the decision to use departmental funds to support doctoral students and not support masters students. This resulted in a drop in the number of students pursuing the pedagogy and motor behavior concentrations in the master of science degree. We have not encouraged students in these concentrations in the last 5 years. The students who have pursued the master of science degree have chosen the concentration in athletic training. Because we have not had pedagogy or motor behavior students in this degree for a considerable period of time, we wish to delete these concentrations from the degree. Certified teachers can pursue advanced studies in physical education (pedagogy and motor behavior courses) within the existing Interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Teaching Physical Education. Thus, we will still be able to serve students interested in obtaining a masters degree with these interests.

2. We wish to change the name of the Master of Science degree from a MS in Physical Education to a MS in Athletic Training.

Justification

After we delete the pedagogy and motor behavior concentrations from the degree, the athletic training concentration will be the only concentration remaining. In our opinion, our students would be best served if we re-name the degree a Master of Science in Athletic Training. We have not changed the curriculum for the degree. The curriculum remains the same. We are only requesting to change the name of the degree to more accurately reflect the specialization in athletic training. The current name of the degree, a Master of Science in Physical Education, would not accurately reflect the more narrow specialization and concentration of courses that remain in the degree. Changing the name of the degree will more accurately reflect the intent and content of the program. For these reasons, we hope that you will approve our request to rename the degree a Master of Science in Athletic Training.