BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)  
KINESIOLOGY

General Education Requirements

Foundation Studies (12)
COMS 100

Required Grade of “C” or better
ENGL 103

or ENGL 203A, 203B, 203C, or 203D

or ENGL 204 (if placed into ENGL 204)

MATH 101, 155, 206, 210, 211, or 229

or MATH 110+STAT 208

Knowledge Domain Studies (21)
There is a required minimum of 21 semester hours in the three General Education Knowledge Domains that cannot include more than two courses in any one department. A minimum of 6 semester hours in each domain area and one additional 3 hour course from any knowledge domain area.

Creativity & Critical Analysis (6)
See catalog for entire list of Creativity & Critical Analysis Courses.

ANTH 102, 210
ARCH 282, 292, 294, 340, 350
COMS 203, 220, 230, 356, 480
ENGL 110, 115, 116, 117 310, 315, 340, 350
EPFE 321, 400, 410, EPS 300, 430
FLCL 271, FLFR 371, FLIT 272, FLRU 261
HIST 110, 111, 112, 140, 141, 171, 260, 261
IDSP 225, ILAS 100
MUHL 220
PHIL 101, 105, 231
POLS 150, 251
TH-D 222, THEA 203
WGST 202

Nature & Technology (6)
BIOS 103 (3) [Major requirement]

CHEM 110 (3) [Major requirement]

(General Ed Credit)

BIOS 105 (1) [Major requirement]

OR CHEM 111 (1) Chemistry Lab

[Major requirement] (General Ed Credit)

Society & Culture (6)
PSYC 102 (3) [Major requirement]

OR PSYC 219 (3)

See catalog for entire list of Society & Culture Courses. Recommended courses:

KNPE 303 (5) or KNPE 310 (3)

[Writing Infused Courses]

Knowledge Domain Elective (3)
Complete 3 credit hours from one of the areas above.

See catalog for entire list of Knowledge Domain Studies Courses.

Kinesiology Requirements (73-74)

Kinesiology majors are required to earn a “C” or better in all Kinesiology required courses

Professional Core (31)

KNPE 300 Field Exp Kinesiology (1)

[CRQ: KNPE 301]

KNPE 301 Intro to Kinesiology (3)

[CRQ: KNPE 300]

KNPE 305 Psych and Soc Aspects of Exer and Phy Act (3)

[PRQ: PSYC 102 or PSYC 219]

(Writing Infused Course)

KNPE 310 Psych Aspects of Sport and Exer (3)

[PRQ: PSYC 102]

[Writing Infused Course]

KNPE 350 Principles and Techniques of Resist Training (3)

KNPE 443 Exer Therapy for Acute and Chronic Conditions (3)

[PRQ: BIOS 311 or BIOS 357]

KNPE 445 Measurement & Evaluation (3)

[PRQ: KNPE 452, PRQ: MATH core “C” or better]

KNPE 461 Exer and Physical Activity across the Lifespan (3)

[PRQ: KNPE 443, CRQ: KNPE 493]

[Human Diversity Course]

KNPE 464 Scientific Basis of Exer Prescription and Prog (4)

(Writing Infused Course)

KNPE 469 Professional Prep in Kinesiology (3)

[PRQ: Senior status or department consent]

KNPE 493 Clinical Experience Exercise Gerontology (2)

[PRQ: KNPE 443, CRQ: KNPE 463]

NUTR 306 Nutr in Rel to Health and Exer (3) (Spring Only)

OR

NUTR 306 Nutr in Rel to Health and Exer (2) (Spring Only)

KNPE 306 Sports Nutrition (1)

Scientific Basis (16)

BIOS 357 Human Anat & Phys (5)

[PRQ: BIOS 103 & BIOS 105 or BIOS 208 & BIOS 210 + CHEM 110]

KNPE 314 Appl Kinesiology (4)

[PRQ: BIOS 357 and MATH core]

KNPE 452 Exercise Physiology (4)

[PRQ: KNPE 357 and MATH core]

KNPE 486 Prin of Motor Learn and Performance (3)

[JR. Standing or department consent]

CHOOSE three of the following four courses (10-11)

KNPE 461 Phys Activity and Wellness (3)

[PRQ: JR. Standing or department consent]

KNPE 462 Clinical Exercise Physiology (4)

KNPE 471 High Performance Training (4)

[PRQ: KNPE 350]

LESM 438 Sport Fitness Mgmt Strategies (3)

[JR. Standing or department consent]

INTERNSHIP (6)

KNPE 494 Internship in Kinesiology (6)

[PRQ: Complete ALL of the Kinesiology program requirements above with a “C” or better]

Requirements:
1. Minimum GPA 2.5
2. Liability insurance
3. Final semester coursework
4. Internship site agreement
5. Current First Aid/CPR certificates
6. Internship dossier

Writing Infused Graduation Requirement
Students entering NIU with 30 or fewer credit hours, excluding credits awarded through NIU’s Credit by Examination Program, must earn credit in two upper-division courses that are designated as: “writing-infused.”

Human Diversity Requirement
All undergraduate students must complete the human diversity baccalaureate requirement either through a designated human diversity course, OR a non-course based experience that is designated as “human diversity.”

Suggested minors: Nutrition, Sport Management, Business
KINESIOLOGY PROGRAM

The Northern Illinois University Kinesiology program provides rigorous classroom, laboratory, and field experiences. Through our program of study, students closely examine exercise and fitness principles related to the wellness and performance of the human body. These unique opportunities prepare students to transition into the health and fitness industry. Typical employment settings include clinical, corporate, commercial, governmental, community and educational settings.

Furthermore, many NIU Kinesiology students are interested in preparing for graduate or additional education in areas such as Exercise Physiology, Exercise and Sports Psychology, Sports Management, Athletic Training, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Cardiac Rehabilitation. Students are encouraged to research subsequent educational requirements in order to incorporate additional coursework if necessary.

For additional information, please visit some of the following websites:

www.americankinesiology.org/ - click career center
www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm
http://nscap.com/
https://www.shapeamerica.org/
http://acsm.org/
https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/

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General Tutoring (ACCESS)  
www.niu.edu, A-Z index, T, tutoring

NIU Information Technology  
(Questions about blackboard, NIU Email account, reset password)  
https://www.niu.edu/doit/help/index.shtml  
815-753-8100

NIU Writing Center  
http://www.niu.edu/uwc/  
815-753-6636

Disability Resource Center (DRC)  
Health Services, 4th Floor  
https://niu.edu/disability/  
815-753-1303