

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs</b>		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
<b>Department</b> Exercise Science and Health Promotion <b>on</b> <b>College</b> Science		<b>Effective Date</b> <small>(TERM &amp; YEAR)</small> Fall 2022	
<b>Program Name</b> B.A. with Major in Health Science to M.S. with Major in Exercise Science and Health Promotion Degree Program		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b>	
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>We are increasing the number of graduate courses that can be taken as undergraduate from 9-12. This allows our students to complete both a bachelors and masters in five years. Students will now be permitted to take the courses during their senior year, instead of waiting until their last semester. The pre-requisite course list required for admission has been removed. Further, we are requesting to raise the cumulative GPA for entry from 3.0 to 3.25. Thus, a 3.25 GPA is now the only requirement. For a full description, please see the memo titled Memo of Changes for BA to MS Combined Program.</p>			
<small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small>			
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> Christopher Boerum/cboerum@fau.edu/954-892-8001		<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b>	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair _____ College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean <i>William David Kulis</i> _____ UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____			<b>Date</b> 2-21-22 2-28-2022 03/21/22 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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### B.A. with Major in Health Science to M.S. with Major in Exercise Science and Health Promotion Degree Program

This accelerated program leads to both a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree. Students enrolled in the B.A. Major in Health Science may only enter the combined program through the Health Promotion concentration. Students apply to the B.A./M.S. program in their senior year and begin taking graduate courses during the their senior year; those courses would apply to both the B.A. and M.S. degrees. The combined degree program is 138 credits, regardless of thesis option. That is, 120 for the undergraduate degree and 18 for the additional credits in the health promotion graduate area within Exercise Science and Health Promotion (ESHP).

Students complete the undergraduate degree first. Up to 12 credits of graduate work taken in the senior year can be counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students wishing to apply to the accelerated M.S. program may do so in semester 10 of their undergraduate program. Students must have a 3.25 cumulative GPA in their academic work. This program may be useful for students wishing to enter a profession that requires a master's degree; however, the department generally does not advise obtaining a B.A., if the goal is to obtain a Ph.D. eventually.

#### Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree program from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

#### Requirements and Eligibility

In addition to the University and Charles E. Schmidt College of Science requirements, students seeking a B.A. in Health Science and M.S. in Exercise Science and Health Promotion (Health Promotion Track) must complete the following courses.

#### Undergraduate Health Science Core Curriculum

To meet University degree requirements, students in ESHP must also have completed required credits in courses outside the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

B.A./M.S. candidates must complete all core courses listed in the [Bachelor of Science with Major in Health Science](#) section of this catalog, along with the requirements for their specific track within Health Science.

Substitutions for required courses within the B.A. in Health Science program are allowed with prior approval from the department's undergraduate advising committee. Graduate courses are listed below.

<b>Required Courses:</b> <b>18 hours</b>			
-	<a href="#">Needs Assessment &amp; Program Planning</a>	<a href="#">HSC 6248</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Research &amp; Eval</a>	<a href="#">PET 6505C</a>	<a href="#">3</a>

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Core courses requiring a "B" or higher as an undergraduate

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-	<a href="#">Health Behavior, Hlth Ed &amp; Hlth Promo</a>	<a href="#">HSC 6585</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Evaluation of Health Promotion/Ed</a>	<a href="#">HSC 6115</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Personal &amp; Community Health</a>	<a href="#">HSC 5203</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Epidemiological Basis of Health</a>	<a href="#">HSC 6505</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
<b>Electives: 12 hours</b> (required courses for other tracks may be used for electives and/or the student may choose from the following.)			
-	<a href="#">Drug Abuse behavior</a>	<a href="#">HSC 5156</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Exercise Neuroscience</a>	<a href="#">PET 5077</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Advanced Exercise Physiology 2</a>	<a href="#">PET 6356</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Advanced Exercise Physiology 1</a>	<a href="#">APK 6111</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Advanced Sports Nutrition</a>	<a href="#">HUN 6247</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Chronic Stress &amp; Population Health</a>	<a href="#">HSC 5177</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Advanced Concepts in HP</a>	<a href="#">HSC 5587</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Skeletal Muscle Physiology</a>	<a href="#">PET 6382</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Advanced Exercise Testing and Prescription</a>	<a href="#">PET 5521</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Strength &amp; Conditioning Program Design</a>	<a href="#">PET 5391</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Human Obesity</a>	<a href="#">HSC 5178</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
-	<a href="#">Direct Independent Study</a>	<a href="#">PET 6905</a>	<a href="#">1 to 5</a>
-	<a href="#">Special Topics</a>	<a href="#">PET 5930</a>	<a href="#">1 to 4</a>
-	<a href="#">Practical Applications</a>	<a href="#">PET 5947</a>	<a href="#">1 to 3</a>
<b>Thesis Option: 6 hours</b>			
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Total of 30 Hours

**Read the following information thoroughly.**

1. MS Degree is a minimum of 30 hours
2. If choosing the thesis option there is a minimum of 6 additional thesis hours
3. Up to 3 credits of Directed Independent Study (PET 6905) may be counted toward this degree
4. FAU students who applied through the accelerated BS/MS program may carry in 12 graduate credits from U
6. Thesis student must adhere to thesis deadlines. See ESHP graduate coordinator and thesis chair.
7. All students must turn in graduate application according to FAU calendar.

**Deleted:** Beginning in the last semester of their senior year, students will be conditionally admitted into the M.S. program. Students then may take 9 credits of graduate coursework, which will count toward both the graduate and undergraduate degrees if a "B" or higher is received in all courses taken. This plan gives a total of 9 credits, which will be counted toward both the graduate and undergraduate degrees. If a "B" or higher is not received in all three courses, then the student will graduate with their B.A. The ESHP graduate track in Health Promotion has been listed below so students can choose courses from that track in which they will seek study.¶

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## **Memo of Changes for BA to MS Combined Program**

### Overview

When originally designed, the combined program was limited to nine credit hours of graduate work they could be taken during the last semester of the student's senior year. Additionally, there were course and GPR pre-requisites for entering the program. The proposed changes aim to align the combined program with concurrent changes to the traditional graduate program.

Furthermore, the additional credits and our proposed 30-hour graduate program allow our undergraduates to be in a 4 + 1 program, allowing them the potential to graduate with both a bachelors and masters in five years. The proposed changes are outlined below:

- Students now only need a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to begin taking graduate courses instead of a 3.25 GPA and specific courses.
  - The removal of these specific courses aligns with the removal of pre-requisites from the traditional graduate program.
  - Due to the removal of these courses we are raising the cumulative GPA for entry to 3.25.
- Students may now register for graduate courses beginning in the senior year instead of their last semester.
- Students can now take a total of 12 graduate credit hours during their senior year.
- Students must apply for the graduate program before graduation to use graduate courses towards a master's degree.

Students majoring in the B.A. Health Sciences degree program can only enter the combined program selecting the Health Promotion Concentration. If a student in this major is interested in the Exercise Physiology track, it will be handled on a case-by-case basis by an exercise science graduate student advisor to ensure the student has enough academic or pre-requisite knowledge to succeed in the program.