

# Exercise Science and Nutrition

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## Department Information

- **Program Director:**  
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- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Application Deadline:**  
Applications that are complete by March 15 will be given priority for fall semester. Applications completed after March 15 will be reviewed through May 1 for consideration for fall semester.
- **Credential Offered:**  
Ph.D.
- **Test Requirement:**  
GRE
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL ibt 79; IELTS 6.5

## Admission Requirements

Of the qualified PhD applicants we receive, we expect to admit up to five students per year, based on the capacity of our current faculty. In addition to the core faculty members in HNES who will advise students and participate in this program, there are faculty inside and outside of the department whose research interests mesh well with the program.

### Applicants with a Master's degree:

- Completion of a Master's degree from an accredited university in a field closely related to Nutrition, Health, Dietetics, Kinesiology, or Exercise Science.
- Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- GRE exam scores in the upper 50th percentile for the Verbal, Quantitative, and Writing portions are given priority admission.
- At least one graduate course in statistics and one course in research methods, with grades of B or higher in each.
- A completed thesis or research paper.
- Agreement to be advised by current HNES graduate faculty member.

### Applicants without an earned Master's degree:

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in a field closely related to Nutrition, Health, Dietetics, Kinesiology, or Exercise Science.
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- GRE exam scores in the upper 50th percentile for the Verbal, Quantitative, and Writing portions are given priority admission.
- At least one statistics course or research methods course with grades of B or higher.
- Agreement to be advised by current HNES graduate faculty member.

## Financial Assistance

Graduate Assistantships are available for up to 20 hours a week based on faculty need and available funding. Assistantships are renewable on a yearly basis dependent upon student performance. Assistantship awards also include full tuition remission regardless of residency. Students are typically provided shared offices, computers, and access to printers, and support staff. Assistantships typically begin the week before fall semester classes and continue through finals week of spring semester. Summer is not included in most assistantship awards.