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**Description**
The Ph.D. in health and kinesiology degree program prepares students for university teaching and research positions. Also, the degree prepares students for research careers in industry and medicine that include the study of health, exercise, and sports/recreation. The program has three emphasis areas: 1) exercise science; 2) health behavior; and 3) sports/recreation. In addition to their emphasis areas, students can choose an analytics* cognate.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 57**

**General Education Requirements**
All Ph.D. students must complete a minimum of 63 credits beyond a master's degree program in directed research, professional seminar, research methods and statistics, and specialization course work.

**Course Requirements**

- Directed Research (24 credits)
  - HK 797. Dissertation 18
  - HK 751. Advanced Independent Study 3
  - HK 752. Advanced Independent Study 3
  - Professional Seminar 6
  - HK 750. Seminar in Health and Kinesiology 6
  - Research Methods & Statistics 12
  - Course credits to be selected in consultation with adviser

*Analytic cognate requires students to take HK 710, HK 711, and HK 752 and participate in the Health and Sports Analytics lab (e.g., biweekly meetings, statistical workshop, statistical consulting, etc.) for a minimum of 21 hours.

**Other Academic Requirements**
The student also must complete written and oral comprehensive exams before undertaking the prospectus and dissertation.

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The emphasis in health behavior and promotion prepares students for university teaching and research, and positions in public, private, and international health.

**Course Requirements**
The course requirements are 21 hours in the health behavior emphasis area [all four of the core courses (HP 665, HP 675, HP 685, HP 695) must be taken]; 12 hours of research methods and statistics; 6 hours of professional seminar; and 24 hours of directed research (18 of which must be dissertation hours).

**Other Academic Requirements**
Additional course work will be required for students who do not enter the program having completed a master's-level degree in health promotion, health education, public health, or closely related discipline.