

Milken Institute School of Public Health

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Exercise

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Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Exercise Science (EXSC) program is to advance the scientific basis of the benefits of regular physical activity and proper nutrition to health and function throughout the life-span. The BS in EXSC program trains students in the science and practice of exercise, physical activity, and health in the greater context of public health and human performance by developing critical thinking skills and fostering life-long learning.

Goals/Competencies of the BS Program in Exercise Science at GW

The goals of this program in Exercise Science are to ensure that the graduates are able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of systems and functions underlying physical activity, exercise, and health across levels of the human organism.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of human responses and adaptations to physical activity and exercise.
3. Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate, interpret, and synthesize physical activity, exercise, and health related interventions, outcomes, and research.
4. Utilize oral and written communication skills to summarize, critically evaluate, and discuss scientific evidence on key physical activity, exercise, and health related topics.
5. Develop and apply physical activity, exercise, and behavioral interventions to improve human health, function, and performance.
6. Translate physical activity and exercise science principles across public health settings.

Careers

The BS in Exercise Science prepares students for professional careers in the field and for entrance into professional graduate programs:

- Medicine (Physician Assistant, Nursing, Physician)
- Physical Therapy
- Nutrition
- Corporate Fitness and Wellness Programs
- Personal Training

Career, continued

- Strength and Conditioning
- Exercise Rehabilitation
- Coaching
- Sport Psychology
- Health Promotion
- Other health and public health professions

Degree Requirements

All students accepted to the BS with a major in Exercise Science **complete 124 credit hours and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average in the core Exercise Science courses**. In addition, **students must earn a minimum of a C- in each exercise science core course**. There are four levels of requirements for the BS with a major in Exercise Science: University general education requirements, Exercise Science core requirements, guided electives, and general electives. General education requirements are taken by all University undergraduate students and form the liberal arts education component of the BS degree with a major in Exercise Science. Students with a declared concentration must meet the requirements for the concentration in addition to the four levels of requirements listed above.

Effective for students entering Fall 2023: SPH will only double count courses that are required by an SPH major or minor and required by another major or minor. Courses that may be counted as electives in either major or minor may not be double counted toward any SPH major or minor. There is an exception for the Health Equity Micro Minor. Students may double count courses taken for the Health Equity Micro Minor towards an SPH major or minor if those courses are either required by the SPH major or minor or are on an approved elective list for an SPH major or minor.

Core requirement rule: Students are expected to complete all core courses at GW. Under special circumstances, students may petition their program director for an exception.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE
2023-2024 DEPARTMENT OF EXERCISE and NUTRITION SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in EXERCISE SCIENCE

University General Education Requirements (GenEd) Courses <i>(See University Bulletin for GenEd's under University Regulations)</i>		<i>Credits</i>
University Writing	UW 1020 UNIVERSITY WRITING OR HONR 1015	4
WID	TWO WID COURSES; These may also be counted in another category	6
Humanities	ONE COURSE IN HUMANITIES http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/	3
Mathematics or Statistics*	ONE COURSE IN EITHER MATH OR STATISTICS <i>Can be satisfied with STAT 1051 or STAT 1053 or STAT 1127 (required for the BS in Exercise Science)</i>	3
Science*	ONE NATURAL OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSE WITH LABORATORY EXPERIENCE <i>Can be satisfied with BISC 1111 which is required for the BS in Exercise Science</i>	4
Social Science*	TWO COURSES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/	6
TOTAL GenEd		26

*Specific course selection may count for both GenEd and Exercise Science Core.

Prerequisite Requirements: Please note that these are prerequisites for required core courses, rather than prerequisites to apply to the program.

<i>Required Course</i>	<i>Prerequisite(s)</i>
EXNS 2111	EXNS 1110, 1111
EXNS 2112	EXNS 2111
EXNS 2113	EXNS 1110 or ANAT 2181 or BISC 2581
EXNS 2116	PSYC 1001
EXNS 2119	BISC 1111; or BISC 1115 and BISC 1125
EXNS 3110	EXNS 2111 (co-requisite)

Exercise Science Core

Exercise Science Core Courses (same for all concentrations)						
PUBH 1010	First Year Experience Course	1				
EXNS 1103	Professional Foundations in Exercise Science	1		EXNS 3110	Field Experience	2
EXNS 1110	Applied Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4		EXNS 3111W	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences Research Methods	3
EXNS 1111	Applied Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4		PUBH 1101	Introduction to Public Health	3
EXNS 2111	Exercise Physiology I & Lab	4		PSYC 1001	General Psychology	3
EXNS 2112	Exercise Physiology II & Lab	4		BISC 1111* ^G	Intro Biology: Cells & Molecules	
EXNS 2113	Kinesiology	4		STAT* ^G or PUBH	STAT 1051 or 1053 or 1127 or PUBH 2142	
EXNS 2116	Exercise and Health Psychology	3		COMM* G	1040 or 1041 (Satisfies Social Science & Oral Communication requirement)	
EXNS 2119	Introduction to Nutrition Sciences	3		ANTH* ^G	1002, 1003, 1004 (Satisfies Social Science & Global/Cross Cultural Perspective requirement)	
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (*G = excluding GenEd requirements)						39
Students must maintain/earn a minimum of 2.5 GPA in the Exercise Science Core Courses and earn a C- or better in each core course to graduate						

Concentration Requirements:

No Concentration

BS Exercise Students-No Concentration-Must Fulfill the Following Degree Requirements	
➤ All General Education Requirements (GenEd) & WID Courses	26 Credits
➤ All Core Exercise Science Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C- or better required in core Exercise Science courses 	39 Credits
➤ Guided Electives Planned with Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see the “Guided Electives” worksheet for a list of approved courses 	41 Credits
➤ General Electives	18 Credits
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)	124

Pre-Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Concentration

Pre-Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Concentration Requirements					
EXNS 2110	Injury Prevention and Control	3	EXNS 3119	Therapeutic Exercise	4
EXNS 2121	Orthopedic Taping and Bracing	1	EXNS 3121	Medical Issues in Sports Medicine	3
EXNS 3117	Injury Assessment	4	EXNS 3123W	Psychology of Injury and Rehabilitation	3
EXNS 3118	Therapeutic Modalities	4	EXNS 3125	Athletic Training Practicum	3
Total Concentration Requirements					25

BS Exercise Students-Pre-Athletic Training/Sports Medicine-Must Fulfill the Following Degree Requirements	
➤ All General Education Requirements (GenEd) & WID Courses	26 Credits
➤ All Core Exercise Science Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C- or better required in core Exercise Science courses 	39 Credits
➤ Pre-Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Concentration Requirements	25 Credits
➤ Guided Electives Planned with Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see the “Guided Electives” worksheet for a list of approved courses 	16 Credits
➤ General Electives	18 Credits
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)	124

Pre-Medical Professionals Concentration

Pre-Medical Professionals Concentration Requirements						
BISC 1112	Intro Biology: The Biology of Organisms/Lab	4	MATH ≥1220* ^G	Calculus with Precalculus I (or higher-level MATH)	3	
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I	4		PHYS 1011	General Physics I	4
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry II	4		PHYS 1012	General Physics II	4
CHEM 2151	Organic Chemistry I	3				
CHEM 2153	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1				
CHEM 2152	Organic Chemistry II	3		* <i>G</i> = excluding GenEd requirements		
CHEM 2154	Organic Chemistry II Lab	1				
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)					31	

Additional Courses Recommended for Pre-Medical Professionals		
English or Writing ^a	Required/Strongly Recommended	6
PUBH 2142 or STAT 1051, 1053, or 1127 ^b	Required/Strongly Recommended	3
BISC 3261 or CHEM 3165: Intro to Biochemistry or Biochemistry 1 ^c	Required/Strongly Recommended	3
BISC 2202: Cell Biology ^c	Helpful/Not Required	3
BISC 2207-8: Genetics ^c	Helpful/Not Required	3-4
BISC 2322: Human Physiology ^c	Helpful/Not Required	3
BISC 2337W: Intro Microbiology ^c	Helpful/Not Required	4
Total PMP Additional Recommended Courses		25-26

^a May be fulfilled with UW20/WID courses; also meets GenEd requirements

^b This course is also required for BS Exercise Science major

^c This course is a guided elective for BS Exercise Science major

BS Exercise Students-Pre-Medical Professionals Concentration Must Fulfill the Following Degree Requirements	
➤ All General Education Requirements (GenEd) & WID Courses	26 Credits
➤ All Core Exercise Science Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C- or better required in core Exercise Science courses 	39 Credits
➤ Pre-Medical Professionals Concentration Requirements	31 Credits
➤ Guided Electives Planned with Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see the “Guided Electives” worksheet for a list of approved courses 	10 Credits
➤ General Electives	18 Credits
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)	124

Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration

Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration Requirements						
BISC 1112	Intro Biology: The Biology of Organisms/Lab	4		PHYS 1011	General Physics I	4
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I	4		PHYS 1012	General Physics II	4
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry II	4		PSYC 2013 or PSYC 2011	Developmental Psychology OR Abnormal Psychology	3
MATH => 1220* ^G	Calculus or pre-calculus I (or higher-level math)	3		*G = excluding GenEd requirements		
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)						26

BS Exercise Students-Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration Must Fulfill the Following Degree Requirements	
➤ All General Education Requirements (GenEd) & WID Courses	26 Credits
➤ All Core Exercise Science Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C- or better required in core Exercise Science courses 	39 Credits
➤ Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration Requirements	26 Credits
➤ Guided Electives Planned with Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see the “Guided Electives” worksheet for a list of approved courses 	15 Credits
➤ General Electives	18 Credits
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)	124

Strength & Conditioning Concentration

Strength & Conditioning Concentration Requirements					
EXNS 1117	Principles of Coaching	3	EXNS 3103	Training & Conditioning Program Design & Application I	4
EXNS 2118	Sport and Nutrition	3	EXNS 3104	Training & Conditioning Program Design & Application II	4
EXNS 2117	Sport Psychology	3	EXNS 3123W	Psychology of Injury and Rehabilitation	3
EXNS 2128	Scientific Principles of Strength & Conditioning	3	EXNS 3110	Strength & Conditioning Field Experience	4
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)					27

BS Exercise Students-Strength & Conditioning Concentration Must Fulfill the Following Degree Requirements	
➤ All General Education Requirements (GenEd) & WID Courses	26 Credits
➤ All Core Exercise Science Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C- or better required in core Exercise Science courses 	39 Credits
➤ Strength & Conditioning Concentration Requirements	27 Credits
➤ Guided Electives Planned with Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see the “Guided Electives” worksheet for a list of approved courses 	14 Credits
➤ General Electives	18 Credits
Total Exercise Science Core Requirements (not including GenEd requirements)	124

Note: No more than 3 credits of Lifestyle, Sport, and Physical Activity (LSPA) courses may count toward the 124 credits required for the bachelor's degree.

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EXERCISE SCIENCE GUIDED ELECTIVES 2023-2024

The courses listed below have been identified as highly relevant to the BS in Exercise Science curriculum.

Guided elective credits are required to be selected from this list.

General electives can also be selected from this list, or any other undergraduate course at the University.

NOTE: Courses offered online may only be taken in the summer term.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH 1005	Biological Bases of Human Behavior	4
ANTH 2502	Anthropology of Science and Technology: Twenty-First-Century Brave New Worlds	3
ANTH 3413	Evolution of the Human Brain	3
ANTH 3504	Illness, Healing, and Culture	3

BIOCHEMISTRY

BIOC 3261	Intro Medical Biochemistry	4
BIOC 3262	Biochemistry Lab	2
BIOC 3560	Diet, Health, & Longevity	3

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

BISC 1112	Intro Biology: The Biology of Organisms	4
BISC 2202	Cell Biology	3
BISC 2207	Genetics	3
BISC 2208	Genetics Laboratory	1
BISC 2213	Biology of Cancer	3
BISC 2214	Developmental Biology	3
BISC 2220	Developmental Neurobiology	3
BISC 2320	Neural Circuits & Behavior	3
BISC 2322	Human Physiology	3
BISC 2336	Introductory Microbiology	3
BISC 2337	Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	1
BISC 2337W	Introductory Microbiology	4
BISC 2581	Human Gross Anatomy	3
BISC 3122	Human Physiology	3
BISC 3123	Human Physiology Laboratory	1
BISC 3165	Biochemistry I	3
BISC 3166	Biochemistry II	3
BISC 3209	Molecular Biology	3
BISC 3208	Molecular Biology Laboratory	1

BISC 3261	Introductory Medical Biochemistry	4
BISC 3262	Biochemistry Lab	2
BISC 3263	Special Topics in Biochemistry	2
BISC 3320	Human Neurobiology	3

CHEMISTRY

CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry II	4
CHEM 2151	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 2153	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1
CHEM 2152	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM 2154	Organic Chemistry II Lab	1
CHEM 3165	Biochemistry I	3
CHEM 3166 or CHEM 3166W	Biochemistry II	3
CHEM 3262	Biochemistry Lab	2
CHEM 3263W	Special Topics in Biochemistry	2

EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES

EHS 1002	CPR & First Aid	1
EHS 1040	EMT Basic	3
EHS 1041	EMT Basic Lab	1
EHS 1058	EMT Instructor Development	2
EHS 2108	Emergency Medical Clinical Scribe	3
EHS 2110	Emergency Department Critical Care Assessment and Procedures	4

EXERCISE & NUTRITION SCIENCES

EXNS 1112	Current Issues in Coaching	3
EXNS 1113	Medical Terminology	3
EXNS 1114	Community Nutrition	3
EXNS 1117	Principles of Coaching	3
EXNS 2118	Sport and Nutrition	3
EXNS 1119W	Children and Sport	3
EXNS 1199	Topics in EXNS	1-3
EXNS 2110	Injury Prevention and Control	3
EXNS 2117 or 2117W	Sport Psychology	3
EXNS 2120	Assessment of Nutritional Status	3
EXNS 2121	Orthopedic Taping & Bracing	1
EXNS 2122	Food Systems in Public Health	3
EXNS 2123	Nutrition and Chronic Disease	3
EXNS 2124	Lifecycle Nutrition	3
EXNS 2126W	International Nutrition	3
EXNS 3101	Independent Study	3
EXNS 3102	Applied Sport Psychology	3
EXNS 3110	Field Experience in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences (beyond the required credits for graduation)	1-9

EXNS 3117	Injury Assessment	4
EXNS 3118	Therapeutic Modalities in Sports Med.	4
EXNS 3119	Therapeutic Exercise in Sports Medicine	4
EXNS 3121	Medical Issues in Sports Medicine	3
EXNS 3123W	Psychology of Injury and Rehabilitation	3
EXNS 3995	Undergraduate Research	3
EXNS 4199	Metabolism in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	3

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HLWL 1101	Special Topics	1-3
HLWL 1102	Stress Management	3
HLWL 1106	Drug Awareness	3
HLWL 1108	Weight & Society	3
HLWL 1109	Human Sexuality	3
HLWL 1114	Personal Health & Wellness	3
HLWL 1117	Lifetime Fitness	3

HEALTH SCIENCES

HSCI 2100	Writing and Composition in the Health Sciences	3
HSCI 2101	Psychological Aspects of Health (Residential and Online*)	3
HSCI 2102	Pathophysiology (ONLINE* ONLY)	3
HSCI 2110	Disease Prevention/Health Promotion (ONLINE* ONLY)	3
HSCI 2112 or 2112W	Writing in the Health Sciences	3
HSCI 2117	Introduction to Statistics for the Health Sciences (ONLINE* ONLY)	3

PHYSICS

PHYS 1011	General Physics I	4
PHYS 1012	General Physics II	4

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC 2011 or PSYC 2011W	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 2013	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 2014	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 2015	Biological Psychology	3
PSYC 2570	Peer Education	3
PSYC 3128	Health Psychology	3

PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBH 1102	History of Public Health	3
PUBH 2110	Public Health Biology	3
PUBH 2112	Principles of Health Education and Health Promotion	3
PUBH 2113	Impact of Culture Upon Health	3
PUBH 2117	Service Learning in Public Health	3
PUBH 3130	Health Services Management and Economics	3
PUBH 3131	Epidemiology: Measuring Health and Disease	3

PUBH 3135W	Health Policy	3
PUBH 3151W	Current Issues in Bioethics	3

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