California State University Long Beach

Department of Kinesiology

Graduate Program

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Dear Prospective Kinesiology Graduate Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science (M.S.) and Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree programs in Kinesiology at California State University, Long Beach. The Graduate Program in Kinesiology is aggressively recruiting focused, highly motivated, and high achieving post-graduate students who seek a traditional college experience, while maintaining its mission of providing access and opportunity for non-traditional students, including first generation, reentering part-time, and historically under-represented groups.

The Graduate Program in the Department of Kinesiology features an exemplary faculty trained at the finest American universities and with established reputations for scholarship and leading-edge teaching techniques. During the past several years, the Kinesiology Department has acquired nearly one million dollars of new research/instructional equipment and has added several new laboratories, including a state-of-the-art instructional computing center. The Department also operates a fully equipped fitness facility where both graduate and undergraduate students may seek employment and gain valuable professional experience while obtaining their education.

CSULB, a vibrant, comprehensive, urban university with an enrollment of over 30,000 students, is one of the largest campuses in the 23-member California State University system. Located 3 miles from the Pacific Ocean in Long Beach, the fifth largest city in California, the 320 acre campus offers a beautifully landscaped, garden-like setting, an excellent physical plant and outstanding instructional facilities enhanced by an attractive, aesthetically pleasing architecture and design in 80 permanent buildings. The Long Beach weather is pleasant year round and the campus receives relatively little rain.


Graduate students are encouraged to seek employment related to their course of study. The Kinesiology Department employs some graduate students as Graduate Assistants during the academic year, as well as part-time instructors in the physical activity program. Some graduate faculty members have research grants that also provide employment for qualified students. In addition, there are many employment opportunities nearby for students at one of the many local fitness clubs, public schools, hospitals, and collegiate and professional sports organizations.

Admission requirements for both the M.S. and M.A. degree programs include the following: (1) GPA of 2.75 over the last 60 units of upper-division undergraduate course work; (2) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a 450 minimum for the verbal portion; 450 minimum for the quantitative portion, and a minimum 3.5 for the analytical writing portion; (3) three letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability to succeed in graduate school; (4) a letter of intent; (5) resume, and (6) a set of transcripts from all college/university baccalaureate and graduate institutions attended.
Financial aid is available to all qualified students. The University also provides a small number of non-resident tuition waivers for out-of-state and international graduate students; these fee waivers are provided on a competitive basis to the most qualified students entering the university. Individuals interested in this fee waiver should contact me directly.

If you are interested in applying for admission to the Graduate Program in Kinesiology, mail your Request for an Application Form (attached) to CSULB. Submit the application and official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions to the Office of Enrollment Services at CSULB. Send your letter of intent, transcripts from all undergraduate/graduate institutions, record of GRE scores, and three (3) letters of recommendation to Dr. Grant Hill. If you are interested in graduate assistantships/teaching associate opportunities, please submit the Graduate Assistant Application Form that is available on the Kinesiology Department website.

For further information please contact me at 562-985-8856 or by email at ghill@csulb.edu or visit our Web Page at www.csulb.edu/kin. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Grant Hill

Grant Hill, Ph.D.
Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and Academic Planning
Department of Kinesiology
Department of Kinesiology
Admissions Checklist

Please forward the following materials to:
Office of Enrollment Services
California State University
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840

CSULB Graduate Application (or apply online at www.CSUmentor.com)
Official transcripts from all undergraduate/graduate institutions

Please forward the following materials to:
Dr. Grant Hill
Associate Chair of Graduate Studies
Department of Kinesiology
California State University
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-4901

Letter of Intent
Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions
3 letters of recommendation
Recommendation 1
Recommendation 2
Recommendation 3
GRE scores
Application for Graduate Assistantship (optional)
Resume
California State University, Long Beach
Department of Kinesiology

Thank you for your interest in our Graduate Program in Kinesiology at CSULB. After you have reviewed the following materials, please feel free to contact me at ghill@csulb.edu if you have questions or concerns regarding the application process.

Sincerely,

Grant Hill
Dr. Grant Hill
Associate Chair of Graduate Studies
Department of Kinesiology

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Applicants to the Graduate Program must qualify for admission to the University and be accepted for graduate study by the Department of Kinesiology.

University Criteria

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college or the equivalent academic preparation at a foreign university as determined by the appropriate campus authority (i.e., the Office of International Education).

2. Good standing at the last institution attended.

3. Grade point average of 2.5 or above in the last 60 semester (or 90 quarter) units attempted, independent of when the baccalaureate was granted, excluding lower-division courses or courses taken in extension (except in adjunct enrollment at CSULB in the upper-division level) after obtaining the baccalaureate degree.

Department Criteria

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a major in Kinesiology or the equivalent (e.g., Physical Education). Students with a baccalaureate degree in another field may be admitted into the graduate program provided they have the foundation (i.e., coursework and/or work experience) appropriate for the selected Option, as determined by the Option Coordinator. Students without such foundation may be required to take additional units of upper-division undergraduate coursework. All foundational coursework must be completed before Advancing to Candidacy, which is a major step in the graduate school process.

2. A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 and a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 in upper division coursework in Kinesiology.

3. A minimum cumulative score of 450 on the verbal test, 450 on the quantitative test, and 3.5 on the analytical writing test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical skills unrelated to any specific field of study. The verbal test measures the ability to analyze and evaluate written material and recognize relationships between words and concepts. The quantitative test measures basic mathematical skills and understanding of elementary mathematical concepts. The analytical writing test measures the ability to present in writing: 1) your perspective on an issue and 2) your critique of an argument.

Most students take the computer-based test because it is offered more times during the year. At the start of the test, test questions of moderate difficulty are presented. As each question is answered, the computer scores that question to determine which question is presented next. As long as each question is answered correctly, questions of increasing difficulty are presented. Once a question is answered, the test-taker cannot go back and change the answer.

A student can prepare for the GRE in several ways. GRE power prep software ($45.00) includes test preparation for the general test and can be downloaded from the website @ ets.org/store.html or by calling 1-800-537-3160 (ask for Department P68). The GRE practice book: GRE Practicing to take the General Test, 9th Edition ($15.00) is also available from the website. There are also review courses: 1) Kaplan--www.kaptest.com; phone (800-KAPTEST); and 2) Princeton Review--www.review.com; Phone: (800-2REVIEW)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

There are two degree programs available:

Master of Arts (MA) Degree

Students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 30 units with at least 21 units of 500 and/or 600-level courses and 24 units at CSULB, including KIN 590, 696, and 698 (Thesis), and an oral examination over the thesis, or a minimum of 36 units with at least 27 units of 500 and/or 600-level courses and 30 units at CSULB, including KIN 590, 695, and 696, and a written and oral comprehensive examination;

2. Complete all required courses in one of the seven degree Options; and

3. Maintain a minimum overall 3.0 (B) grade point average in all upper division undergraduate and graduate courses taken at CSULB after completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Master of Science (MS) Degree

Students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 33 units with at least 24 units of 500 and/or 600-level courses and 30 units at CSULB, including KIN 580, 590, 696, and 698 (Thesis), and an oral examination over the thesis; or, a minimum of 39 units with at least 30 units of 500 and/or 600-level courses and 33 units at CSULB, including KIN 580, 590, 695, and 696, and a written and oral comprehensive examination;
2. Complete all required courses in one of the three degree Options; and

3. Maintain a minimum overall 3.0 (B) grade point average in all upper division undergraduate and graduate courses taken at CSULB after completion of the baccalaureate degree.

After students are admitted to the Graduate Program and have decided on the Option they wish to pursue, they begin taking courses in their chosen Option area.

Please see the Department of Kinesiology website for the curriculum for each Option

http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/kin/GraduateDegreePrograms.htm

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Coordinator, Exercise Science  
Dr. Ralph Rozenek

Coordinator, Motor Behavior  
Dr. Douglas Young

Coordinator, Pedagogical Studies  
Dr. Grant Hill

Coordinator, Sport Medicine and Injury Studies  
Dr. Keith Freesemann

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BH-101

Bookstore:  562-985-5091

Business Office:  562-985-5348 
BH-158

Campus Operator:  562-985-4111

Career Development Center:  562-985-4151  
BH-250

Cashier:  Located at BH-148
Disbursements: 562-985-5541
BH-148

Financial Aid: 562-985-8403
BH-101

Grade Check: 562-985-1887

ID Card Services: 562-985-7338

Library: 562-985-4012

Parking: 562-985-4146

Student Health Service: 562-985-4771

Student Account Services: 562-985-8280

Testing and Evaluation Services: 562-985-4007
BH-216

VRR/Registration: 562-985-1789
Letter of Intent

Write a letter of intent and send it directly to:

Grant Hill, Ph.D.
Associate Chair for Graduate Studies
Department of Kinesiology (4901)
California State University
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-4901

The purpose of this letter is to provide me with some information about you so that I may better advise you. Include in your letter the following information:

1. The reason(s) for choosing the M.A./M.S. Program in Kinesiology, and when you plan to enter CSULB.

2. Your major area of interest, (i.e., sports management, pedagogical studies, exercise science, sports medicine/injuries studies, adapted physical education, sport studies, motor behavior, coaching, sport and exercise psychology, or individualized option).

3. Your educational goal(s), (e.g., M.A./M.S. as a terminal degree or a Ph.D. as a terminal degree).

4. Your career goal(s), (e.g., professor, research scientist, director of wellness program, athletic director, coach).

5. Any special training, course work, or practical experience you have related to your goals and area of interest.

6. Whether you plan to write a thesis or take the comprehensive exam.

7. Any interest you may have in working as a Graduate Assistant/Teaching Associate. If so, identify the classes (activity and/or academic) you are qualified to teach.
Reference Form

California State University, Long Beach
Department of Kinesiology
Graduate School

Section to be completed by Applicant

Please complete this section, then ask your reference to return this completed form to you in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the seal, OR have the reference send the completed form directly to the KIN Department at the address below. If the reference sends the letter to you, submit the sealed reference letter in the same packet with all of your application materials.

Applicant Last/Family Name: ____________________________ Applicant First Name: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________ e-mail address: ____________________________

Term for which you are applying: _____ Fall _____ Spring Year _____________

Degree you are seeking: MA MS Option ______________________________________

Applicant Statement of Waiver

I understand that this recommendation will be used only for admission and fellowship decisions, and hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation.

________________________________________
Applicant Signature Date

Section to be completed by Person Submitting the Reference

This Admission Committee would appreciate your judicious evaluation of the applicant. We ask that you return the completed evaluation directly to:

Department of Kinesiology
CSULB
c/o Grant Hill, Ph.D., Graduate Coordinator
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840

OR you may return the completed evaluation directly to the applicant. If you choose to return the evaluation to the applicant, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope to preserve the confidentiality of your response.

Note: If the applicant does not sign the "Applicant Statement of Waiver" above, his/her right of access to this evaluation is not waived.

Name of Reference: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Position/Title: ____________________________ Organization: ____________________________

How long have you known the applicant? ___________ In what capacity? ____________________________

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Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below:

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To further ascertain the applicant’s overall suitability for graduate study and his/her professional aspirations, the Admission Committee would like for you to offer personal comments about the applicant by responding to the questions listed below. If at all possible, please respond to these questions using your organization’s letterhead.

1) What is your estimate of the applicants promise as a graduate student?

2) What are the applicant’s strengths, weaknesses, and potential for independent study and research?

3) What are the applicant’s academic motivations and aspirations; are they reasonable based on his/her abilities and talents?

4) Does the applicant have the ability to organize and express ideas clearly in writing and orally?

5) Are there factors that may not be reflected on the applicant’s scholastic or employment records, including aspects of character and personality that bear on his/her ability to succeed in graduate school and in his/her subsequent career or profession?

Please check one of the following:

- I **strongly recommend** this applicant for the degree program to which he/she is applying.
- I **recommend** this applicant for the degree program to which he/she is applying.
- I **recommend with reservations** this applicant for the degree program to which he/she is applying.
- I **do not recommend** this applicant for the degree program to which he/she is applying.

I _____ would/_____ would not be willing to respond to additional questions by telephone

Signed: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________