

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A MASTER OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN EXERCISE
AND SPORT SCIENCE**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new degree program, the Master of Science with a major in Exercise and Sport Science, effective Fall 2020.

Background

The Master of Education with a major in Kinesiology and a concentration in exercise and sport science will be transitioned into a Master of Science with a major in Exercise and Sport Science. The name change is in keeping with increasing emphasis on professional degree orientation in similar programs and it reflects current trends at peer universities such as Temple University that has a major in Exercise and Sport Science.

The Master of Science degree is better aligned to the program and its outcomes than the Master of Education degree. Currently, our program provides students advanced knowledge in contemporary theories, procedures, and research in their specialization in exercise science for a more scholarly-focused academic degree. There will be no curriculum changes and no students will be impacted. Students will either complete their existing program or be moved into the new program as full majors in Exercise and Sport Science.

Approvals

The proposal was approved by the Division of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Studies, the College of Education Assembly, Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost.