

Motion re the Exercise Science Upper-Division Requirements

Motion:

The Program Academic Regulations section of Section 4100 of the Undergraduate Catalog is deleted and replaced as indicated below.

Text Added:

Enrolling in some upper-level courses offered by the Department of Kinesiology and Health is restricted. These courses are:

- KH 3500 Athletic Training,
- KH 3550 Evaluation and Instrumentation in Exercise Science,
- KH 4280 Psychology of Physical Activity,
- KH 4290 Cardiopulmonary Physiology,
- KH 4300 Neuromuscular Physiology and Plasticity,
- KH 4350 Fitness Program Management,
- KH 4360 Clinical Exercise Physiology,
- KH 4600 Advanced Biomechanics for Exercise Science, and
- KH 4630 Fitness Assessment and Exercise Prescription.

To enroll in these courses, a student must have completed the core curriculum (See Section 1410), completed KH 2220 Anatomy In Kinesiology/Health with a grade of “C” or higher, completed KH 2230 Physiology Kinesiology/Health with a grade of “C” or higher, and have earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher in these two courses.

KH 2220 and KH 2230 may be attempted only twice. The KH 2220/KH2230 GPA will be computed using the last attempt in each course. A WF counts as an attempt. Transfer students who transfer these course(s) into Georgia State, may use the grades in the last attempted transferred course to calculate the GPA or they may attempt them up to two times at Georgia State.

Once a student is eligible to take the restricted KH courses, the student remains eligible to take them as long as the student is eligible to enroll at Georgia State University.

Text Deleted:

Students may not register in the following upper-level courses offered by the Department of Kinesiology and Health if their cumulative grade point average is below 2.50: KH 3500 Athletic Training, KH 3550 Evaluation and Instrumentation in Exercise Science, KH 4280 Psychology of Physical Activity, KH 4290 Cardiopulmonary Physiology, KH 4300 Neuromuscular Physiology and Plasticity, KH 4350 Fitness Program Management, KH 4360 Clinical Exercise Physiology, KH 4600 Advanced Biomechanics for Exercise Science, and KH 4630 Fitness Assessment and Exercise Prescription.

Students should be aware of the following information and responsibilities:

- This regulation will apply in early registration if the current cumulative GPA is below 2.50.
- Students who register for the specified 3000/4000-level KH courses in early registration but whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.50 at the end of the semester must amend their next semester's schedule in regular or late registration. The 3000/4000-level KH course(s) must be dropped. The department's expectation is that students will act in a responsible manner in abiding by this regulation of the KH faculty.
- Students in their first semester at Georgia State are not affected by this regulation for that semester only.
- Having only the specified 3000/4000-level KH courses remaining for degree credit is not justification for an exception to this regulation. The department encourages students to put forth their maximum effort throughout their academic career at Georgia State if they wish to avoid the time and expense involved in taking courses that do not count for degree credit.

When this situation occurs, however, it is the department's position that students can always benefit from any course taken regardless of whether the course is part of the students' program of study.

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses in Area G. A grade of "S" is required in all courses in Area H.

Rationale:

This change is part of GSU's larger project of moving away from using cumulative GPA as a criteria in upper-division admissions. Using cumulative GPA causes there to be students who have declared a major but cannot take courses in that major. It also leads students to seek easy courses to boost their cumulative GPA even if those courses are not relevant to their major.

The proposal, based on the model first adopted by RCB, uses grades in gateway courses (KH 2220 and KH 2230) in place of cumulative GPA. A check of the data indicates that the GPA in these courses is highly correlated with success in the restricted KH courses.