EXSC 1120. Introduction to Exercise, Fitness, and Health. 4 Hours.
Explores the fundamental role of exercise and fitness in health. Introduces principles of exercise and various components of fitness and wellness. Discusses the development of basic exercise prescription for cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength, and endurance and flexibility. Includes discussions on a wide range of research topics, including advances and innovations in health and fitness and practices that lead to more healthful living.

EXSC 4500. Exercise Physiology 1. 4 Hours.
Introduces exercise physiology. Covers the muscular, neuromuscular, cardiovascular, ventilatory, endocrine, and metabolic responses to acute exercise and the physiological adaptations to chronic exercise and physical activity. Basic concepts related to physical fitness, body composition, weight control, and training principles are discussed.

EXSC 5220. Advanced Exercise Physiology. 3 Hours.
Covers the advanced study of concepts, principles, and research in the field of exercise physiology. Discusses advanced concepts in the muscular/neuromuscular, cardiovascular, ventilatory, endocrine, and metabolic responses to exercise and exercise training. Specific study of the physiological control mechanisms regulating these systems are also addressed during periods of rest, acute exercise, and following chronic exercise training.

EXSC 5230. Physical Activity and Exercise: Effects on Musculoskeletal Health and Disease. 3 Hours.
Seeks to provide a foundation for understanding the benefits of physical activity and exercise and the detrimental effects of physical inactivity and sedentary behavior on musculoskeletal health. Studies the function/dysfunction of the musculoskeletal systems resulting in common/uncommon disorders and the prevalence, etiology, and benefits of physical activity/exercise. Students apply previously learned exercise physiology principles, such as exercise prescription and neural and motor control adaptations, to physical activity and exercise. Discusses key physiological mechanisms underlying common/uncommon musculoskeletal disorders. Examines the preventive and beneficial effects of physical activity and exercise endorsed by the American College of Sports Medicine. Restricted to graduate students in exercise science and to undergraduate students minoring in exercise science.

EXSC 4501. Lab for EXSC 4500. 1 Hour.
Accompanies EXSC 4500. Offers experiments in the exercise physiology laboratory that introduce concepts related to the lecture content of the course and include techniques such as strength testing, ergometry, graded exercise testing, indirect calorimetry, and body composition assessment.

EXSC 4990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

EXSC 5210. Physical Activity and Exercise: Prescription, Measurement, and Testing. 3 Hours.
Studies the general principles of physical activity and exercise prescription, measurement, and testing. Offers students an opportunity to learn the fundamental concepts and techniques to measure physical activity, exercise, and related testing procedures through a hands-on approach. Topics include the use of questionnaires and activity monitors to measure physical activity; measurement of body composition, fitness, muscular strength, and endurance; and clinical exercise testing. The fundamental concepts of exercise prescription and use of measurement techniques taught in this course are applicable to careers in physical therapy, exercise physiology, and as a physician assistant. Requires prior completion of EXSC 4500 or equivalent undergraduate course or permission of instructor.

EXSC 5222. Exercise in Health and Disease. 3 Hours.
Studies the role of exercise in health and disease, including acute and chronic effects of exercise on individuals with cardiovascular, pulmonary, metabolic, and immunological diseases and disorders. Also explores exercise prescriptions, training guidelines, and therapeutic benefits of exercise intervention and rehabilitation for individuals with heart disease, vascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, obesity, renal failure, cancer, and immunological disorders.

EXSC 6263. Research Design and Methodology. 3 Hours.
Covers research and evaluation methods and techniques commonly used in healthcare and exercise science including problem selection, literature review, instrumentation, methodology, statistical analyses, and the writing of research reports and articles. Includes the interpretation of published research and intensive practice of scientific writing techniques, application of statistical analyses, and application of research methodologies.
EXSC 6300. Internship in Exercise Science. 3 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to obtain practical experience and to synthesize, integrate, and apply skills and knowledge learned in the exercise science curriculum in a professional environment. Field experiences are an important part of graduate education programs in exercise science. The student is expected to complete a minimum of 300 hours of supervised experience in a research or practice setting. May be repeated once.

EXSC 6400. Applied Research Methods. 3 Hours.
Studies how to conduct scientific research in exercise science. Offers students an opportunity to propose a research project and design appropriate methodology to complete the project. Includes discussions on developing research hypotheses, comparing study designs, selecting appropriate statistical analyses, and managing data collection. Incorporates interpretation of published research to support the proposed research. Students present their own research plans through scientific writing.

EXSC 6401. Clinical Exercise Physiology Internship 1. 3 Hours.
Provides a supervised internship experience in a clinical exercise physiology program or a clinical exercise-testing laboratory, providing care to individuals with chronic cardiovascular, pulmonary, metabolic, or musculoskeletal diseases. Affords students the opportunity to participate in clinical exercise testing, exercise prescription and programming, and/or exercise leadership under the supervision of a clinical exercise physiologist. Requires students to present relevant case studies during weekly seminar discussions. Requires 3.000 GPA and B– or better in all professional courses in the first-year curriculum in clinical exercise physiology.

EXSC 6402. Clinical Exercise Physiology Internship 2. 3 Hours.
Continues EXSC 6401. Provides a supervised internship experience in a clinical exercise physiology program or a clinical exercise-testing laboratory, providing care to individuals with chronic cardiovascular, pulmonary, metabolic, or musculoskeletal diseases. Affords students the opportunity to participate in clinical exercise testing, exercise prescription and programming, and/or exercise leadership under the supervision of a clinical exercise physiologist. Requires students to present relevant case studies during weekly seminar discussions.

EXSC 6962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

EXSC 6966. Practicum. 1-4 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for practical experience. May be repeated without limit.

EXSC 7990. Thesis 1. 3 Hours.
Provides initiation to scholarly investigation. Requires students to submit a written research proposal, which includes the first three chapters of the thesis (introduction, review of literature, and methods and procedures) for approval by a thesis committee and to present an oral proposal at a seminar. May be repeated once.

EXSC 7991. Thesis 2. 3 Hours.
Continues EXSC 7990.

EXSC 7996. Thesis Continuation. 0 Hours.
Offers continuation of thesis work with data collection, statistical analysis, presentation of results, discussion, and recommendations for further study. Culminates in an approved written thesis.