The Department of Kinesiology is dedicated to preparing its graduates to play important leadership roles in numerous fields associated with physical activity. The Department’s academic programs strive to provide up-to-date, in-depth, interdisciplinary study of human movement at all levels of analysis. The faculty are committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service as we strive to understand human physical activity including individual motor behavior, exercise, and sport across the lifespan and its relation to society and to public health.

Faculty
Chair: B. Hatfield (Prof & Chair)

Professors: D. Andrews, J. Clark, J. Hagberg (Director of Graduate Studies), S. Iso-Ahola, S. Roth

Associate Professors: S. Jette, S. McDaniel, M. Rogers, J. Shim, J. Smith

Assistant Professors: R. Gentili, S. Kuzmiak-Glancy, R. Miller, S. Prior, S. Ranadive, J. Roberts

Instructors: E. Brown, M. Scott (Undergraduate Program Coordinator)


Assistant Research Professor: T. Kiemel (Honors Director)


Programs
Major
- Kinesiology Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/public-health/kinesiology/kinesiology-major)

Advising
Kinesiology students do not have an assigned advisor, rather the advisors work as a team to serve the students. Some students choose to meet with the same advisor every time and some choose the advisor based on which meeting time works for their schedule. Either way works!

We strongly encourage students to meet with an advisor regularly to discuss course requirements, benchmarks, academic plans, internships, schedules, and career planning.

Advising appointments can be made online at the website at (http://appointments-sphl.umd.edu/ramonline/). Advisors are not assigned to individual students, although certain advisors will handle issues related to policy exceptions, academic difficulties, change of major, study abroad, internships, athletes, and other special cases. The department works closely with the staff in the Center for Academic Success and Achievement (CASA) to provide some of these services.

Advisors will assist with registration procedures, program updates, University resources, career guidance, and related issues. Students are strongly encouraged to follow their approved academic plan for timely progress throughout the degree program. Changes in the academic plan should be discussed with an academic advisor.

Walk-in hours are available each semester and advertised through the KNES listserv. Students are encouraged to use the online advising appointment process or email an advisor at advisingknes@umd.edu.

Opportunities
Undergraduate Research Experiences
Undergraduate research experiences are strongly encouraged.

Research internships are available from 1 to 3 credits and are recommended at the junior or senior level, following the completion of most Kinesiology core courses but request can be made to participate earlier.

Additional information is available on the UMD Undergraduate Research website (www.ugresearch.umd.edu/) or by contacting Director of the Undergraduate Programs (301 405-2480).

Internships
Internships are strongly encouraged to assist students in connecting and applying academic and conceptual knowledge to the real world.

Most students consider internships during their junior and senior years (or earlier in certain situations) following the completion of related kinesiology core and options courses.

From a practical perspective, internships are invaluable in helping students focus on career options, gain experience, establish professional contacts and, perhaps most importantly, deciding whether a particular field is truly a good fit both professionally and personally. Students can take up to 15 credits of internship credits.

Additional information is available on the department website (http://sph.umd.edu/department/knes/internships) or by contacting a member of our advising team.

Honors Program
The Department of Kinesiology Honors Program provides an opportunity for students to engage in challenging educational experiences related to the study of human movement, sport, and exercise. Students with strong intellectual interests and the ability to pursue those interests at a high level are eligible for this program. The goal of the Honors Program is to nurture these students and encourage them to pursue their interests in a range of intellectual topics. The Honors Program in the Department of Kinesiology is primarily designed for junior and senior level students to encourage them to engage in scholarly independent study and discussions.

Admission to the Honors Program is based on a multifaceted set of criteria and administered through the Departmental Honors Committee.

Students interested in entering the Honors Program should visit the following website: https://sph.umd.edu/department/knes/honors-program
Admission to the Honors Program is based on a multifaceted set of criteria and administered through the Departmental Honors Committee. Students interested in entering the Honors Program should submit a written request to the Chair of the Honors Program, described below in detail. Each application will be treated on an individual basis; therefore the Honors Committee may take work experience, leadership, motivation and maturity into consideration. Contact the Director for more information. The applicant must meet the following minimum requirements and is expected to participate in the Honors Program for a minimum of 3 semesters:

1. An overall GPA of 3.50 on a minimum of 45 credits. (Exception: Students who are close to achieving a 3.50 GPA may submit additional materials to the Honors Committee for consideration.)
2. Have a 3.50 GPA in courses taken within the Department of Kinesiology, to include at least 9 credits from the following courses: KNES287, 293, 300, 350, 360, 370, 385.

**Student Societies and Professional Organizations**

**Kinesiology Student Organization (KSO)**

The mission of this Kinesiology Student organization is to increase networking within the department (students, faculty, alumni), expose members to a variety of resources to help them succeed, and to enhance the overall sense of community through social events and community service. This is a student run organization that values opinions and ideas from everyone in the Kinesiology community.

E-mail ksoumd@gmail.com to subscribe to the group's list-serve.

**Scholarships and Financial Assistance**

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: www.financialaid.umd.edu or www.scholarships.umd.edu

For information on departmental scholarships, please visit the department website: https://sph.umd.edu/department/knes/financial-support.