



Sports Sciences (M.S.)

Admission Requirements

1. An upper-division undergraduate GPA of at least **3.0** on a **4.0** scale. The same scale applies for graduate-level work.
2. A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited university; **you must have a related degree (e.g. Athletic Training, Sports Sciences, Kinesiology, Exercise Science, etc.) in order to be eligible for this program.** This is not a Physical Therapy (PT), Sports Psychology, or Sports Management program.
3. Prerequisites must be completed before you enter the program. Please visit individual program pages for prerequisite requirements. As of fall 2017, Exercise Physiology prerequisite (PET3361) may be taken as a leveling course the first semester of the graduate program.
4. Students admitted to this program will be working directly with elite collegiate athletes. To have a competitive application, you should have experience working with athletes in a training or strength and conditioning setting as well as a certification from an accredited organization (NSCA or CSCCa).
5. A competitive **Graduate Record Examination revised General Test (GRE)** score; recommended score of above the 50th percentile (approximately 150) in both verbal and quantitative sections with a 4.0 or higher on the writing section. Please note that it can take up to ten (10) days after sitting for the GRE for an official score report to be sent to the university.
6. International students must have an official **TOEFL** score of at least 550 (paper-based) or 80 (Internet-based) to meet university requirements. Our department does not accept other English proficiency examinations (i.e. IELTS).
7. Dr. Mark Kasper, Director of the Sports Sciences program, requests prospective students to first speak with him about the program and their goals. You may reach him at 850.644.4796 or mkasper@fsu.edu. If Dr. Kasper determines a visit is in order, he will coordinate with the college admissions office which will then contact the prospective student regarding the visit schedule.

Attainment of these minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Admission decisions are based on assessments of all aspects of the student's application materials. The department reserves the right to increase standards if warranted by enrollment limitations and by the number and quality of applicants. Financial aid is a separate process from the admission to a graduate program. Other requirements, outside of the admissions application, must be met to qualify for an assistantship.

Application & Required Documents Deadline

Only complete applications will be reviewed. This program admits only in the **fall (April 1 application deadline)** semesters. **All application materials must be received by the deadlines posted above.** However, in order to be considered for an assistantship, admissions applications should be completed earlier (February 1).

1. Apply Online and pay the application fee.
 - Upload a personal statement (a.k.a. statement of purpose) outlining your research and/or program interests and career goals. Include how your background and prior training make you a good candidate; why Florida State University is a good fit for you. We strongly encourage applicants to familiarize themselves with the research interests of the faculty in their area of specialization. In the statement, please indicate your top choices of faculty members with whom you would like to work.

- Upload a resume or vita (information should be current).
 - Upload contact information for three recommenders. The recommenders should be professionals you have worked for who are familiar with your academic performance and can speak directly about your qualification for this degree. Academic recommendations are preferred and relevant professional recommendations will be accepted. No personal recommendations or letters from peers will be accepted. **Recommender letters must be received by the posted deadline.**
2. Submit official test scores (GRE and, if required, TOEFL) to the FSU Office of Admissions. The school reporting code for test scores is 5219; no department code is required.
 3. Submit official transcripts (with translations if necessary) to the <http://admissions.fsu.edu/graduate/>. We require transcripts from EVERY post-secondary institution you attended (even if those courses are posted to another institution's transcript).

Please allow a minimum of ten (10) business days for the Office of Admissions to process your incoming materials.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us at nfes_gs@fsu.edu.

Note: All admitted master's students are assigned to the non-thesis track. If after the first semester you are in good academic standing and have the support of your temporary advisor, you may apply to be switched to the thesis track.