

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KINESIOLOGY CORE AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES

KINESIOLOGY HONOR CODE

A UTEP Kinesiology Major does not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do.

If you have evidence of behavior by a Kinesiology major that violates the honor statement, please report it to your instructor. Your instructor will take action as outlined in the [UTEP policy in the Handbook of Operating Procedures](#)

INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING

The UTEP Department of Kinesiology does not require that students undergo a criminal background check or drug screening for admission into the program. Be advised that some agencies may require students to pass a criminal background check or to take drug screenings or other medical tests as a prerequisite to internships and or professional program admissions.

KINESIOLOGY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of the admission process is to identify students who are committed to achieve high academic performance; a healthy, physically active lifestyle; display a commitment to integrate physically activity and exercise in their personal lives; and are dedicated to be role models and transformative change agents for their peers, family, and community. The Admission Requirements are designed to ensure optimal probability of success in the major. Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply to the major. Appropriate adaptations will be implemented based on the needs and disability of the individual student.

- Students can declare Kinesiology as their major any time after they enroll at UTEP, or transfer from another institution of higher learning.
- Prior to admission to the Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses, a Kinesiology major must successfully complete BIOL 2311 and all Program Pre-requisite courses.
- The minimum *cumulative UTEP GPA* requirement for admission is 2.5 (4.0 scale). Transfer students must submit the cumulative GPA from the last institution they attended, and attain a cumulative UTEP GPA of 2.5 in their first semester.
- Students with a cumulative UTEP GPA lower than 2.5/4.0 will not be considered for admission to the Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses until they meet the required minimum cumulative UTEP GPA.
- Kinesiology majors who have been admitted to the Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses must maintain a minimum cumulative UTEP GPA of 2.5.
- If the cumulative UTEP GPA drops below 2.5, the student will have one semester to raise the GPA. Should the student not be successful in raising the GPA, the student will be required to change majors and the Student Support Center may assist them with that process. For information on majors and/or career paths, students can visit the [University Career Center](#).
- Withdrawals from courses will not be considered in calculation of the cumulative UTEP GPA.

Planning When to Take University Core and Program Prerequisite Courses

1. With permission from a UTEP advisor students can enroll in KIN 3303 while finishing the **last** of BIOL 2311 and the Program Prerequisite courses.
2. Students need to obtain permission to enroll in KIN 3303 during the **prior semester**, showing the advisor that they have completed, or will complete all of the BIOL 2311 and Program Prerequisite courses while enrolled in KIN 3303.
3. While enrolled in KIN 3303, students will complete all admission requirements for admission to the Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses but cannot concurrently enroll in other KIN classes.
4. While enrolled in KIN 3303, students may enroll in some or all of the remaining university core courses if they completed all of BIOL 2311 and Program Prerequisite courses prior to KIN 3303. They may also enroll in non-KIN elective courses.
5. Upon successful completion of all admission requirements and passing KIN 3303 with a “C” grade or better. students will be allowed to enroll in any KIN courses if they meet the specific prerequisites for each course.
6. While enrolled in KIN 3303 and after successful application, students will meet with a Kinesiology faculty advisor who may provide departmental approval to allow the students to enroll in KIN Core and Professional Courses.

If students complete KIN 3303 with a grade less than “C,” they will **not** be allowed to enroll in any other Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses. Students who receive less than a grade of “C” in KIN 3303 will have one opportunity to repeat KIN 3303 and improve their grade to a “C” or better. Should they fail to raise the grade to “C” on their second attempt at KIN 3303, they will not be allowed to enroll in any of the Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses. The student will be required to change majors and the Student Support Center may assist them with that process. For information on majors and/or career paths, students can visit the [University Career Center](#).

THE ADMISSION APPLICATION

Students who want to switch to the new degree plans must complete an Admission Application and submit it by the deadlines shown below.

Students who transfer to UTEP in fall 2018 or later must submit the completed application by the deadlines shown below.

- **Fall 2018, August 15 deadline** for students who have already completed KIN1303 at EPCC and transfer, or UTEP students who want to switch degree plans. *If applications are not submitted by August 15, students will be dropped from any KIN course registration for Fall 2018.*
- **Spring 2019: October 1 deadline**
- **Summer/Fall 2019: February 15 deadline**
- **Starting in Fall 2019** students will submit the completed application to the instructor of KIN 3303. KIN 1303 or similar courses will no longer substitute for KIN 3303 but may count towards the elective courses.

Students enrolled in KIN 3303 will complete the Admission Application for admission to the Kinesiology Core and Professional Courses.

How to Submit Your Application

1. Make sure your Application is complete and includes all required documents in the order shown below. Incomplete Applications or Applications with documents out of order will not be considered.
2. Convert all documents to a **single** PDF file. No other formats will be accepted.
3. Email the PDF file to Ms. Martha Losoya at mlosoya@utep.edu before the deadlines shown above.

The Application includes the following documents (use this list as a checklist when completing your packet):

1. ____ A completed [Application Form](#)
2. ____ A personal statement providing reasons why the student wants to pursue a BS in Kinesiology; the role and importance of physical activity and exercise in their lives; personal qualifications and experiences that have prepared him/her for this degree; and their hopes and aspirations for their professional career.
3. ____ Current transcript(s) attached to the application form.
 - a. Copy of most up-to-date transcripts from all 2- and/or 4-year institutions the student has attended (e.g., UTEP, EPCC, etc.). Up-to-date unofficial transcripts will be accepted.
 - b. If not shown in the transcripts, students must add the grades for the semester they just completed, and list courses in progress for the current semester.
4. ____ Resume: Students must attach a resume to the application form. The resume should show work and volunteer experiences in public or private organizations and/or events (school, community, university, professional organization) related to exercise, sport, recreational physical activity, physical education, or other health-related fitness activities. The University Career Center can assist in developing the resume <http://sa.utep.edu/careers/>. The lists on the resume should include:
 - i. Employment:
 1. Name and contact information of employer;
 2. if employment is/was full or part time;
 3. the number of years/months in each job;
 4. the roles and responsibilities in each job.
 - ii. Volunteer activities completed:
 1. The organization or event for which the student volunteered;
 2. Contact information of the person in charge of the organization/event who supervised the student;
 3. The responsibilities and tasks performed as volunteer;
 4. The number of volunteer hours completed for each event/activity.

Decisions about Admission

When enrolled in KIN 3303, students will complete the Admission Application *no later than end of the third week of classes during the long semesters, and no later than the end of the first week of any other part of term when KIN 3303 is offered*. The faculty will evaluate each application based on (1) Cumulative GPA; (2) completeness of the application; (3) student accomplishments; and (4) quality and substance of the Personal Statement. Students will be informed of their admission status *at minimum two weeks prior to the advising dates for the following semester*. Students who are admitted will be advised for the subsequent semester under the assumption that they will pass KIN 3303 with a “C” or better. Students who are

admitted to the program will receive notification of times and dates to be advised for the next semester.