EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE MAJOR, B.A.–FITNESS PROFESSIONAL

The goal of the fitness professional program is to prepare students to assume roles as leaders in the fitness field and the area of fitness research. The blend of theoretical coursework and practical experience will assist the student in preparing for career opportunities and national fitness certifications.

For more information, interested students can also access the fitness professional website (https://exss.unc.edu/undergraduate-program/fitness-professional/) or contact Professor Alain Aguilar (alaguila@email.unc.edu).

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Exercise and Sport Science program (fitness professional track), students should be able to:

- Apply curriculum learning to pass fitness-related accredited certifications
- Efficiently and independently demonstrate accurate fitness testing methods to create comprehensive fitness programs for healthy and clinical populations
- Explain, correct, and modify exercise techniques to healthy and clinical populations
- Explain general nutritional concepts for specific fitness goals
- Comprehend the basic administrative duties of fitness management
- Critically analyze fitness-related research, blog posts, and other outlets of information

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must

- earn a minimum final cumulative GPA of 2.000
- complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses
- take at least half of their major core requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the major core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for major or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/).

Students seeking the major in exercise and sport science–fitness professional (EXSS–FP) must complete the following departmental requirements in addition to required General Education courses:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 175</td>
<td>Human Anatomy</td>
<td>F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 220</td>
<td>Fitness Management</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 276</td>
<td>Human Physiology</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 360</td>
<td>Sports Nutrition</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional Requirements

- BIOL 101 & 101L: Principles of Biology and Introductory Biology Laboratory H, F
- CHEM 101 & 101L: General Descriptive Chemistry I and Quantitative Chemistry Laboratory I ¹, F

Total Hours: 42

¹ Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

F FY-Launch class sections may be available. A FY-Launch section fulfills the same requirements as a standard section of that course, but also fulfills the FY-SEMINAR/FY-LAUNCH First-Year Foundations requirement. Students can search for FY-Launch sections in ConnectCarolina using the FY-LAUNCH attribute.

Special Opportunities in Exercise and Sport Science

Honors in Exercise and Sport Science

The senior honors program provides exercise and sport science majors the opportunity to pursue an independent, two-semester research project. A student must have an overall grade point average of 3.3 or above prior to acceptance into the departmental honors program and must maintain an overall average of 3.3 or above to remain in the program. Students complete EXSS 693H and EXSS 694H. Honors study involves the completion of a substantial piece of original research and the formal oral presentation of the results. Those successfully completing the program are awarded their degree with either honors or highest honors. Previous senior honors thesis topics and more information can be found on the EXSS department web page. Please contact Dr. Claudio Battaglini (claudio@email.unc.edu) by email if you are interested.
Departmental Involvement
In addition to its academic offerings, the department houses many research laboratories, and the campus recreation program. Both provide experiences outside the classroom. Students may also affiliate with the Carolina Sports Business Club and the Carolina Sport Administration Club.

Experiential Education/High-Impact
The following courses satisfy the experiential education requirement in the Making Connections curriculum and some satisfy the high-impact experience requirement in the IDEAs in Action curriculum.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 51</td>
<td>First-Year Seminar: Entrepreneurship in Human Performance and Sport</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 207</td>
<td>Coaching Principles</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 393</td>
<td>Sports Medicine Clinical</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 395</td>
<td>Undergraduate Research Course</td>
<td>1-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 420</td>
<td>Program Planning in Recreation Services</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 493</td>
<td>Field Experience in Sport Administration</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 593</td>
<td>Practicum in Physical Fitness and Wellness</td>
<td>1-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 693H</td>
<td>Senior Honors Thesis</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXSS 694H</td>
<td>Senior Honors Thesis</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Laboratory Teaching Internships and Assistantships
The fitness professional students serve a practicum with local fitness organizations.

Study Abroad
The Department of Exercise and Sport Science offers summer study abroad programs depending on faculty availability. Refer to the department’s website and the study abroad website for more information. For other study abroad experiences the department will gladly work with its majors in advance of the experience to determine appropriate credit.

Undergraduate Awards
The Patrick F. Earey Award, named in honor of a longtime faculty member, is given annually to the outstanding senior major in the department. The award signifies exemplary leadership, academic achievement, and extracurricular involvement by a senior exercise and sport science major.

The Ronald W. Hyatt Scholarship, named in honor of the late Dr. Hyatt, one of Carolina’s “priceless gems” and a faculty member in the department, is a merit-based scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding full-time undergraduate exercise and sport science major with junior status.

Undergraduate Research
Students are encouraged to explore research interests by taking EXSS 395, completing independent research studies, or writing senior honors theses. Please review the EXSS website under the research laboratories tab to determine where your research interest lies. Contacting individual faculty in your area of interest is encouraged, or reach out to Claudio Battaglini (claudio@email.unc.edu), the EXSS director of undergraduate research.

Department Programs
Majors
- Exercise and Sport Science Major, B.A.–General (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/exercise-sport-science-major-ba-general/)
- Exercise and Sport Science Major, B.A.–Fitness Professional (p. 1)
- Exercise and Sport Science Major, B.A.–Sport Administration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/exercise-sport-science-major-ba-sport-administration/)

Minors
- Coaching Education Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/coaching-education-minor/)
- Exercise and Sport Science Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/exercise-sport-science-minor/)
- Sports Medicine Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/sports-medicine-minor/)

Graduate Program
- M.A. in Exercise and Sport Science (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/exercise-sport-science/)

Contact Information
Department of Exercise and Sport Science
Visit Program Website (http://exss.unc.edu)
209 Fetzer Hall, CB# 8700
(919) 962-2021

Alain Aguilar
alaguila@email.unc.edu

Chair
Darin A. Padua

Director of Undergraduate Studies
Meredith Petschauer
mbusby@email.unc.edu