

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN EXERCISE SCIENCE, PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY CONCENTRATION

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The bachelor of science in exercise science with a pre-physical therapy concentration program offers students the chance to acquire knowledge and skills in the scientific basis of the benefits of regular physical activity and proper nutrition to sports medicine and athletic training. The pre-physical therapy program trains students in the science and practice of exercise, physical activity, and health in the greater context of public health by developing critical thinking skills and fostering life-long learning.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/exercise-science-bs/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Information on the admission process is available on the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

Current GW students who wish to declare one of the SPH majors should visit the school's undergraduate admissions (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/>) website.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 total credits, including 26 credits in University General Education Requirement courses, 39 credits in exercise science core courses, 26 credits in concentration courses, 15 credits in approved guided elective courses, and 14 credits in additional general elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
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SPH University General Education Requirement

One course in critical thinking in the humanities.

Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.

For exercise science and nutrition majors, this requirement must be fulfilled with one of the following: ANTH 1002, ANTH 1003, or ANTH 1004.

For public health majors, students are encouraged to take ECON 1011 as a General Education social science course, as it is a prerequisite for PUBH 3130.

One course that has an approved oral communication component .

For exercise science and nutrition majors, this requirement must be fulfilled with either COMM 1040 or COMM 1041.

For public health majors, students can chose any of the following pre-approved oral communication courses: AMST 2450, AMST 2620, ANTH 1004, ANTH 2502, CHEM 2118W, COMM 1040, COMM 1041, EAP 1010, ECON 4198W, ENGL 1365, ENGL 3918, GTCH 2003, GTCH 3101, HSSJ 4195, PHIL 2124 or PHIL 2124W, PHIL 2134, SLHS 1011, SOC 4195 or SOC 4195W, SUST 2004, WLP 1020

One course in quantitative reasoning.

For exercise science and nutrition majors, this requirement must be fulfilled with one of the following: STAT 1051, STAT 1053, or STAT 1127.

Public health majors should avoid taking STAT 1051, STAT 1053, STAT 1111 or STAT 1127.

One course in scientific reasoning with laboratory experience.

For exercise science and nutrition majors, this requirement must be fulfilled with BISC 1111.

For public health majors, this requirements must be fulfilled with one of the following: BISC 1005, BISC 1006, BISC 1007, BISC 1008, BISC 1111, BISC 1112 or HONR 1033 Biology.

UW 1020 University Writing

or HONR 1015 (Origins and Evolution of Modern Thought)

After successful completion of UW 1020 or HONR 1015, 6 credits distributed over at least two different Writing in the Disciplines (WID) courses taken in separate semesters (summer counts as one semester) are required. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

Approved courses can be found under University General Education Requirement (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/>).

Required exercise science core courses

39 credits in core exercise science courses are required. Students must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 2.5 in the exercise science core requirements with a minimum grade of C- in each core course.

Code	Title	Credits
EXNS 1103	Professional Foundations in Exercise Science *	
EXNS 2116	Exercise and Health Psychology	
EXNS 2119	Introduction to Nutrition Science	
EXNS 2210	Applied Anatomy and Physiology I	
EXNS 2211	Applied Anatomy and Physiology II	
EXNS 3110	Field Experience in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences (2 credits)	
EXNS 3111W	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences Research Methods	
EXNS 3311	Exercise Physiology I	
EXNS 3312	Exercise Physiology II	
EXNS 3313	Kinesiology	
PSYC 1001	General Psychology	
PUBH 1010	First-Year Experience in Public Health	
PUBH 1101	Introduction to Public Health and Health Services	

* Students who have taken EXNS 1109 Professional Foundations in Nutrition should not take EXNS 1103. EXNS 1109 will count toward the EXNS 1103 requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Required concentration courses		
26 credits in required concentration courses.		
BISC 1112	Introductory Biology: The Biology of Organisms	
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry II	
MATH 1220	Calculus with Precalculus I (or higher)	
PHYS 1011	General Physics I	
PHYS 1012	General Physics II	
PSYC 2011	Abnormal Psychology	
or PSYC 2013	Developmental Psychology	

Electives

29 credits in elective courses, including 15 credits in guided electives (see below) selected in consultation with the advisor

and 14 credits in general electives. General electives can be selected from the list of guided electives or they can be any other undergraduate course taken at GW.

Note: No more than 3 credits of Lifestyle, Sport, and Physical Activity (LSPA) courses can count toward the 120 credits required for the bachelor's degree.

EXERCISE SCIENCE GUIDED ELECTIVES

The courses listed below have been identified as highly relevant to the BS in exercise science curriculum. Guided elective courses must be selected from this list. Courses on this list also can be used as general electives.

Note that courses offered online can only be taken in the summer term.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTH 1005	The Biological Bases of Human Behavior	
ANTH 2502	Anthropology of Science and Technology: Twenty-First Century Brave New Worlds	
ANTH 3413	Evolution of the Human Brain	
ANTH 3504	Illness, Healing, and Culture	
Biochemistry		
BIOC 3261	Introductory Medical Biochemistry	
BIOC 3262	Biochemistry Laboratory	
BIOC 3560	Diet, Health, and Longevity	
Biological sciences		
BISC 1112	Introductory Biology: The Biology of Organisms	
BISC 2202	Cell Biology	
BISC 2207	Genetics	
BISC 2208	Genetics Laboratory	
BISC 2213	Biology of Cancer	
BISC 2214	Developmental Biology	
BISC 2220	Developmental Neurobiology	
BISC 2320	Neural Circuits and Behavior	
BISC 2322	Human Physiology	
BISC 2336	Introductory Microbiology	

BISC 2337	Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	Exercise and nutrition sciences	
BISC 2337W	Introductory Microbiology	EXNS 1112	Current Issues in Coaching
BISC 2581	Human Gross Anatomy	EXNS 1113	Medical Terminology
BISC 3122	Human Physiology	EXNS 1114	Community Nutrition
BISC 3123	Human Physiology Lab	EXNS 1117	Principles of Coaching
BISC 3165	Biochemistry I	EXNS 1119W	Children and Sport
BISC 3166	Biochemistry II	EXNS 1199	Topics in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences
BISC 3209	Molecular Biology	EXNS 2110	Injury Prevention and Control
BISC 3208	Molecular Biology Laboratory	EXNS 2117	Sport Psychology
BISC 3261	Introductory Medical Biochemistry	or EXNS 2117W	Sport Psychology
BISC 3262	Biochemistry Laboratory	EXNS 2118	Sport and Nutrition
BISC 3263	Special Topics in Biochemistry	EXNS 2120	Assessment of Nutritional Status
BISC 3320	Human Neurobiology	EXNS 2121	Orthopedic Taping and Bracing
Chemistry		EXNS 2122	Food Systems in Public Health
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I	EXNS 2123	Nutrition and Chronic Disease
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry II	EXNS 2124	Lifecycle Nutrition
CHEM 2151	Organic Chemistry I	EXNS 2126W	International Nutrition
CHEM 2153	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	EXNS 3101	Independent Study **
CHEM 2152	Organic Chemistry II	EXNS 3102	Applied Sport Psychology
CHEM 2154	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	EXNS 3110	Field Experience in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences (beyond the 2 credits required)
CHEM 3165	Biochemistry I	EXNS 3114W	Cultivating Food Justice in Urban Food Systems
CHEM 3166	Biochemistry II	EXNS 3117	Injury Assessment
or CHEM 3166W	Biochemistry II	EXNS 3118	Therapeutic Modalities in Sports Medicine
CHEM 3262	Biochemistry Laboratory	EXNS 3119	Therapeutic Exercise in Sports Medicine
CHEM 3263W	Special Topics in Biochemistry	EXNS 3121	Medical Issues in Sports Medicine
Emergency health services		EXNS 3123W	Psychology of Injury and Rehabilitation
EHS 1002	CPR and First Aid	EXNS 3328	Scientific Principles of Strength and Conditioning
EHS 1040	Emergency Medical Technician	EXNS 3995	Undergraduate Research **
EHS 1041	Emergency Medical Technician Laboratory	EXNS 4103	Training and Conditioning Program Design and Application I
EHS 1058	EMT Instructor Development		
EHS 2108	Emergency Medicine Clinical Scribe		
EHS 2110	Emergency Department Critical Care Assessment and Procedures		

EXNS 4104	Training and Conditioning Program Design and Application II
EXNS 4199	Advanced Topics in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences (Metabolism in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences only)
Health and wellness	
HLWL 1101	Special Topics
HLWL 1102	Stress Management
HLWL 1106	Drug Awareness
HLWL 1108	Weight and Society
HLWL 1109	Human Sexuality
HLWL 1114	Personal Health and Wellness
HLWL 1117	Lifetime Fitness
Health sciences	
HSCI 2100	Writing and Composition in the Health Sciences
HSCI 2101	Psychosocial Aspects of Health and Illness
HSCI 2102	Pathophysiology
HSCI 2110	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Concepts
HSCI 2112	Writing in the Health Sciences
or HSCI 2112W	Writing in the Health Sciences
HSCI 2117	Introduction to Statistics for Health Sciences
Physics	
PHYS 1011	General Physics I
PHYS 1012	General Physics II
Psychology	
PSYC 2011	Abnormal Psychology
or PSYC 2011W	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 2013	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 2014	Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 2015	Biological Psychology
PSYC 2570	Peer Education
PSYC 2571	Helping Skills

PSYC 3128	Health Psychology
Public health	
PUBH 1102	History of Public Health
PUBH 2110	Public Health Biology
PUBH 2112	Principles of Health Education and Health Promotion
PUBH 2113	Impact of Culture upon Health
PUBH 2117	Service Learning in Public Health
PUBH 2142	Introduction to Biostatistics for Public Health
PUBH 3130	Health Services Management and Economics
PUBH 3131	Epidemiology
PUBH 3135W	Health Policy
PUBH 3151W	Current Issues in Bioethics
PUBH 3995	Undergraduate Research in Public Health **

**Students can apply up to 3 credits in EXNS 3101 Independent Study and/or PUBH 3995 Undergraduate Research in Public Health toward the major. These courses must be taken for a letter grade; if graded on a Pass/No Pass (P/NP) basis, they cannot be counted toward major requirements.