Department of Kinesiology and Health Science  
**KINE 5190-001 THESIS WRITING**  
Fall 2020

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**Credits:** 3 hours

**Prerequisites:** KINE 5389

**I. Course Description:** (brief paragraph)
Completion of thesis and submission of final draft to departmental committee and graduate dean.

KIN 590 “Thesis Writing” (3 credits) meets as needed weekly for 15 weeks. Students responsibilities range from reading and writing assignments to research data collection. These activities average approximately 10 hours of work each week to adequately prepare for completion of the agreed upon project.

James I. Perkins College of Education Diversity Statement is found at the following link:  
[http://coe.sfasu.edu/about-us/](http://coe.sfasu.edu/about-us/)

**II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):**

This course links with COE goal #1: Provide programs/courses based on sound clinical practice/research.  
This course links with COE goal #2: Prepare leaders and industry professionals.  
This course links with COE goal #4: Provide a variety of teaching venues incorporating the latest technologies to a range of diverse student interests, backgrounds, and aspirations.  
This course links with COE goal #8: Conduct research to advance knowledge, to contribute to the common good.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**
1. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to read and make critical analysis of original research.  
2. The student will demonstrate advanced knowledge of anatomical, physiological, psychological and developmental aspects of physical activity as it relates to human well-being and issues of exercise and sport performance.  
3. The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of a variety of research methods employed in the subdisciplines in Kinesiology.  
4. The student will demonstrate the ability to apply their Kinesiology-related knowledge and skills to think critically and ethically in examining issues and solving problems associated with their chosen subdiscipline.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**
1. Develop an expert knowledge, understanding, and application of the chosen topic (PLO# 1,2,4)  
2. Locate and evaluate relevant current research (PLO# 1,3)  
3. Perform proper analysis on thesis data (PLO #3,4)  
4. Present findings of thesis research (PLO# 1-4)

**III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:**
All work is individualized, and agreed upon the student and thesis chair/advisor. Credit may be gained by completion of all agreed upon work, as it relates to the initiation of the thesis project, preliminary and final drafts of the thesis, other preliminary work (e.g. pilot data collection and reporting), defense to the thesis committee, and submission of final draft for approval by the graduate school.

You will be required to access and utilize the Internet and library for research purposes. Please note that this researching process can be lengthy and arduous, so be prepared to put in the time to produce quality work. Any assignments or work you hand in should be of professional quality, including formatting and grammar.

Further instructions and details, including expectations and timelines of completed work, will be provided in one-on-one meetings with the professor.
Please communicate effectively and frequently with the graduate school to meet all requirements and important dates regarding your thesis and graduation.

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

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<td>Data Collection</td>
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<td>Properly Analyze Data</td>
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<td>Prepare Final Thesis Document</td>
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<td>Committee Defense</td>
<td>Student must register for 589 and/or 590 each semester or summer session until the thesis is completed; however, a student may not register the first time for KIN 590 until the thesis prospectus has been approved.</td>
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V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

See PCOE and SFASU Graduate school websites for official/incongruous deadlines.

VI. Readings (Required and recommended—including texts, websites, articles, etc.):

Readings will be accommodated by completing the project. Additional readings might be assigned.

VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including:

1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation;
2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and
3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

In the Perkins College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

Attendance and Participation:
Completion of the initial meeting of the project details with the professor will be used to confirm your class attendance and participation for financial aid purposes. If you do not complete this requirement, you will be counted as a not attending the course, and will be dropped from financial aid for this course.

Class Attendance and Excused Absence (Policy 6.7)
Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation, as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (Policies 6.1 and 6.6)
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the
accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

**Student Academic Dishonesty (Policy 4.1)**
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- Falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- Helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one's own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- Submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- Submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from Internet or another source; and/or,
- Incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving author credit.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty**
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

**Student Appeals**
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

**Withheld Grades (Policy 5.5)**
At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Student Code of Conduct (Policy 10.4)**
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call office at 936-468-2703.

Masks (cloth face coverings) must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times in this class and appropriate physical distancing must be observed. Students not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be asked to leave the class. All incidents of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students who are reported for multiple infractions of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing may be subject to disciplinary actions.


Additional Information:

To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:

1. Undergo criminal background checks for field or clinical experiences on public school campuses; the public school campuses are responsible for the criminal background check; YOU are responsible for completing the information form requesting the criminal background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may not be allowed to complete field or clinical experiences on public school campuses. At that point, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, drivers license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/). YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

3. Successfully complete state mandated a fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

For further information concerning this matter, contact Katie Snyder 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

Make-Up Policy: Make-up assignments/activities/exams/labs will NOT be given. Consideration will be made with proof of anomalous circumstances. Late assignments will earn a zero. Revisions/corrections will not be allowed after the assignment is due. Prior arrangements must be made in critical cases. Plan appropriately and communicate responsibly on these issues.

Extra Credit: No extra credit opportunities will be provided, unless otherwise noted. Be proactive with your grades, participation, and effort.