KINESIOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM
Culminating Experience (Required Project)

All graduate students will select one of the following five projects as a culminating experience for the Masters degree in Kinesiology. Projects 1 and 2 require extensive reviews of literature. Projects 3 - 5 require extensive reviews of literature that also include data collection and analysis. As you progress through the graduate core classes consider writing on the topic or issue you have identified. That can then form the foundation for culminating project.

1. Synthesis for Kinesiology (1)
This project requires a thorough review of the literature that addresses a particular problem/issue in Kinesiology using a multidisciplinary approach reflecting content from each of the core classes in Kinesiology. This final written project will be 20 to 25 pages in length (excluding academic references) in a format style approved by your advisor. The project will be presented in the Department.

Example, a student is interested in the role of physical activity and strategies for inclusion for special populations (e.g. elderly, blind) using information from the humanities, social/behavioral and life sciences.

2. Synthesis for Community Application (1-4 units)
This project addresses a practical issue of concern to Kinesiology professionals. It requires a thorough review of the literature that addresses a particular problem/issue in Kinesiology, and to the degree appropriate to the issue applies a multidisciplinary approach reflecting content from each of the core classes in Kinesiology. The final written project will be 20 to 25 pages in length (excluding academic references) and a format style approved by your advisor. Project will be presented in the Department. It will include a formal presentation or delivery of document/product for community application.

Examples from past students include a submitted proposal for a college sport psychology course, a comprehensive safety procedures manual for a college athletic facilities operation, and a policy change presentation to a school board.

3. Research Presentation (1-4 units)
This project requires a thorough review of literature, proposal of a research question, and collection and analysis of data. The final written project will be 20 to 25 pages in length (excluding academic references) and a format style approved by your advisor. Project will be presented in the Department. Additionally, this project will be submitted for a presentation at a conference.

Examples from past students include collaboration with a faculty mentor and submission of an abstract for acceptance at a professional conference. Typically the mentor will be an author along with the student and order of authorship will be determined upon formulation of the problem. This project could also include submission to the California State University system-wide research competition.

4. Research Manuscript (1-4 units)
This project requires a review of literature, proposal of a research question, collection and analysis of data. The final written project will be 20 to 25 pages in length (excluding academic references) and a format style approved by your advisor. Project will be presented in the Department. Additionally, this project will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. Page length determined by the journal but typically 25 to 30 pages.

Example from past students include publication of a manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal.

5. University Thesis – (2-6 units)
This requires faculty from both inside and outside the department with a formal proposal and defense. Project will be presented in the Department.

Protocol
- Upon entering the program you should spend time with faculty and discuss your interests in order to find the faculty with interest and expertise in your academic and professional topic.
- Prior to the start of your project,
  - Prepare a one-page document outlining your particular interests for a project and submit to faculty members who have agreed to work with you.
  - The topic needs to be reviewed and approved by a minimum of two faculty members
  - You will schedule a meeting with the faculty to clarify the direction and expectations of the project.
- All students will present their project (in whatever stage of development) in either verbal or poster format in the Leadership in Kinesiology class.
Name ___________________________ Net ID ________________________

e-mail: ___________________________ Phone _________________________

Faculty Advisors Approval ___________________________ _____________________________

Which of the following projects do you intend to pursue for completion of your masters degree?
1. Synthesis for Kinesiology
2. Synthesis for Community Application
3. Research Presentation
4. Research Publication
5. University Thesis

Using the space remaining, describe your particular issue/problem/research question. Provide 2 or 3 key references and clearly explain how you intend to complete this project.