

Graduate Student Handbook

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Welcome to UNLV

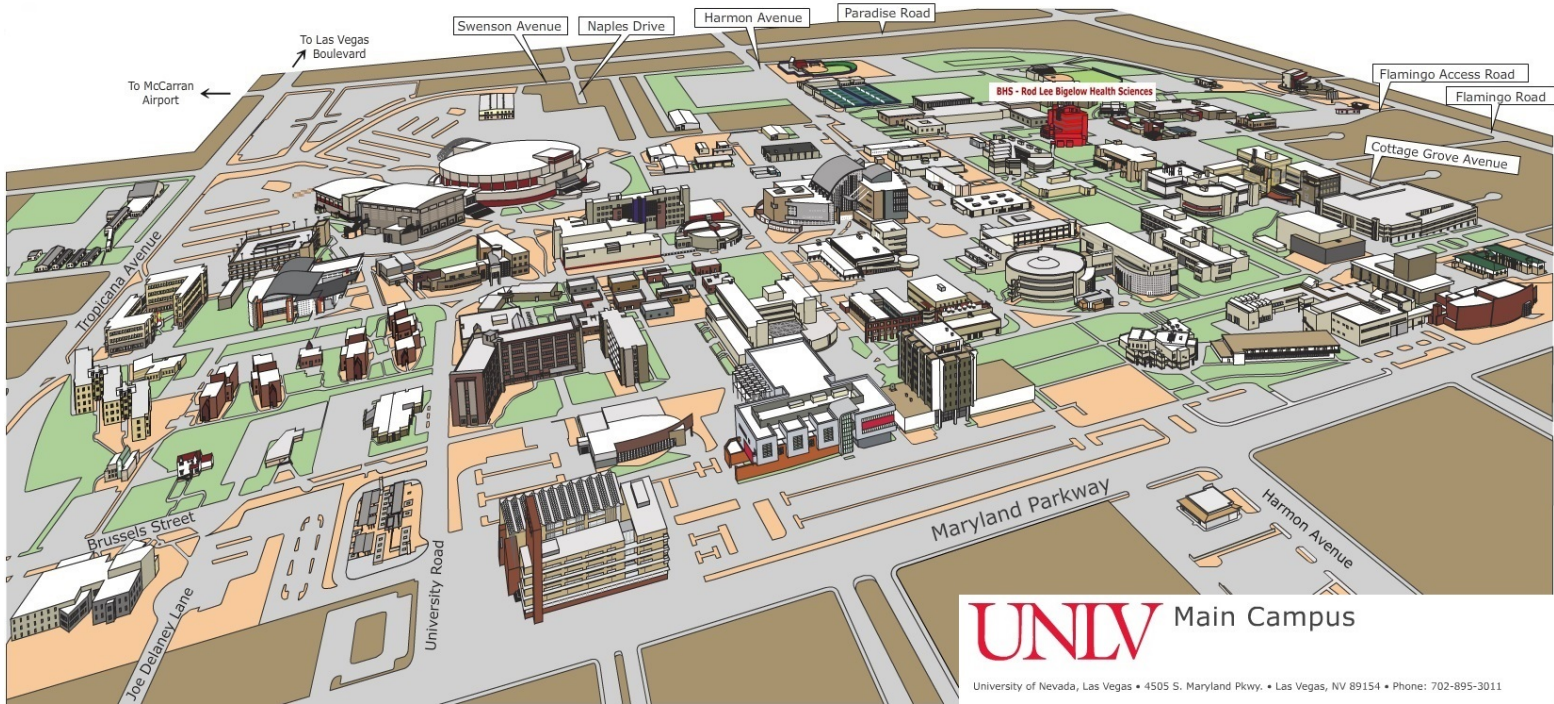
Congratulations on beginning your graduate education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and welcome to the Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences. We hope that you will have many positive experiences and interactions during your time with us, and we hope that we can effectively assist you in your growth and development.

For information and helpful links, visit the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences' admissions page at:

<http://www.unlv.edu/kns/kinesiology/admissions>

Our Mission

The Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is committed to an interdisciplinary approach to professional preparation within the field of Kinesiology. We strive to create an environment that supports excellence in basic and applied research. Our mission is to provide the students and citizens of the state of Nevada with an academic unit that provides a program of study in the science of human movement for students interested in the allied health professions.



Bigelow Health Sciences is located on the Northwest side of campus.

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Graduate Study Information

Graduate education can provide an exciting learning experience, providing thought-provoking challenges during your coursework and through collaborative interactions with your peers and instructors.

To ensure your graduate education is a positive experience, read the rules and regulations pertaining to your graduate studies.

It is your responsibility to know and observe all regulations and procedures relating to your graduate program, the Graduate College, and UNLV. Regulations and deadlines will not be waived or altered based on a plea of ignorance, nor an assertion that your graduate program, the Graduate College, or UNLV did not inform you about the regulations or procedures necessary for progression and commencement.

Using the links copied below, familiarize yourself with the student conduct code. As a graduate student, the university expects you to set the bar at a high level, and to be an example for others to emulate.

Office of Student Conduct:

<http://studentconduct.unlv.edu/conduct/>

Student Conduct Code:

<http://studentconduct.unlv.edu/conduct/student-conduct-code.html>

Role of the Advisor

Prior to being accepted into the program, you will be assigned a graduate advisor who will help plan your graduate program. With this advisor, you are responsible for developing your graduate program of study and selecting an advisory committee. The committee must consist of a committee Chair, two additional faculty members from Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences, and one faculty member from any department at UNLV.

Your advisor will evaluate your progress at the end of each semester. You may, at any time, request a meeting with your advisor to discuss any issues, problems, or concerns. We strongly encourage you to communicate with your advisor on a regular basis.

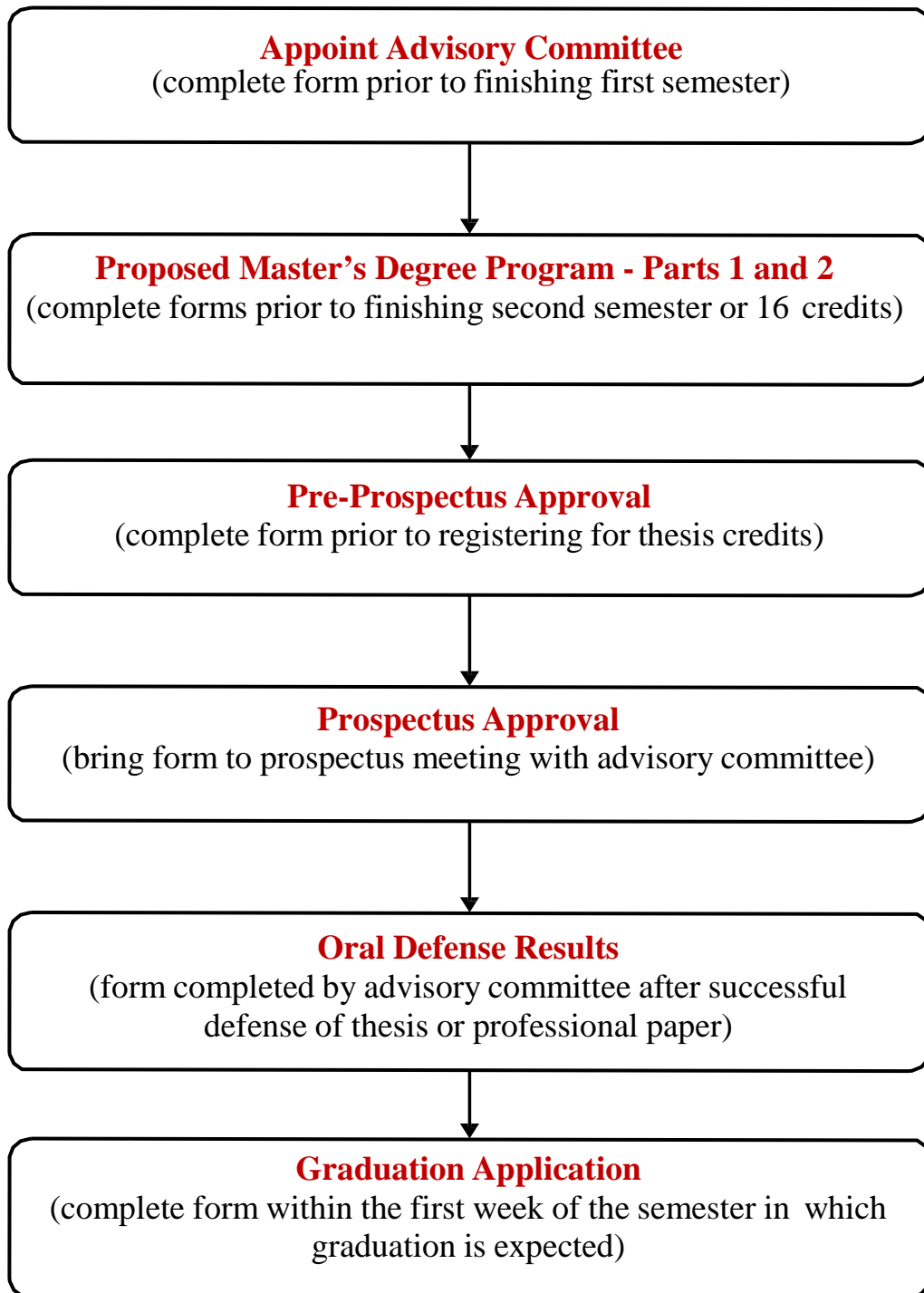
Opportunities

Many exciting opportunities are available through your graduate coursework that will enhance your educational experience. Be sure to discuss these opportunities with your advisor, faculty, and your peers. The more involved you become, the more enhanced your graduate experience will be.

To enhance the quality of your graduate education, the Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences suggests that you:

- Consult with your advisor on a frequent basis.
- Volunteer to assist your peers with research projects or theses.
- Volunteer to assist your advisor with research projects.
- Volunteer to assist with university activities and community events.
- Volunteer to assist the **Graduate and Professional Student Association**.
- Attend professional, discipline-related meetings and conferences.
- Join a professional, discipline-related organization.

Program Timeline



Forms

Graduate College Forms

Comprehensive list of forms for graduate study.

Advisory Committee Appointment

Complete prior to submitting Proposed Master's Degree Program - Parts 1 and 2.

Advisory Committee Change of Appointment

Complete if a change to the advisory committee is necessary.

Proposed Master's Degree Program – Part 1

Complete prior to earning 16 graduate credits, and prior to second semester. Part 1 indicates the thesis option.

Proposed Master's Degree Program – Part 2

Complete prior to earning 16 graduate credits, and prior to second semester. Part 2 indicates the coursework.

Proposed Doctorate Degree Program – Part 1

Complete prior to earning 16 graduate credits, and prior to second semester. Part 1 indicates the thesis option.

Proposed Doctorate Degree Program – Part 2

Complete prior to earning 16 graduate credits, and prior to second semester. Part 2 indicates the coursework.

Degree Program Change

Complete if a change to the coursework or degree program is necessary.

Pre-prospectus Approval

(for Thesis Option)

Complete and receive approval before registering for thesis credits.

Prospectus Approval

(for Thesis and Professional Paper Options)

Bring to prospectus meeting with advisory committee.

Oral Defense Results

(for Thesis and Professional Paper Options)

Completed by advisory committee upon successful defense of thesis or professional paper.

Graduation Application

Submit during first week of the semester when thesis or professional paper will be completed.

Leave of Absence Request

Complete in circumstances where a break from the program is needed.

Nevada Residency Status

Review and complete the appropriate form to be registered as a Nevada resident.

UNLV Resources

Rebelmail Login

Rebelmail is UNLV's primary method to communicate with, students. You must login to this email account on a daily basis to receive important information and updates. You should use Rebelmail instead of your personal email account to communicate with your professors.

Webcampus Login

Webcampus will be your professors' primary means of relaying instructional and course-related information to you.

MyUNLV Login

MyUNLV enables you to register for courses interact with various departments at UNLV, and check your graduate student status.

ILLiad Login

ILLiad is the acronym for the Inter-Library Loan service. During your time as a graduate student, you will be required to locate research articles, many of which will only be accessible as loans from other institutions.

UNLV Useful Links

Library	<u>http://www.library.unlv.edu/services/grad_students</u>
Computer Lab	<u>http://oit.unlv.edu/labs</u>
Writing Center	<u>http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/</u>
Media Lab	<u>http://www.library.unlv.edu/media/medialab.html</u>
Rebelcard Activation	<u>http://www.library.unlv.edu/help/pin/</u>
Graduate College	<u>http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/</u>
Graduate Catalog	<u>http://catalog.unlv.edu/index.php?catoid=3</u>
Thesis Preparation	<u>http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/current/thesis/</u>
Campus Map	<u>http://maps.unlv.edu/</u>
Parking Services	<u>http://parking.unlv.edu/</u>
Fitness Center	<u>http://srwc.unlv.edu/</u>
Bookstore	<u>http://www.unlv.edu/maps/bks</u>

Helpful Hints

- Check with your advisor regarding class registration.
- Purchase a parking permit prior to your first day.
- Familiarize yourself with your class locations prior to your first day by using maps, or by walking the campus
- Familiarize yourself with the parking lots and garages.
- Allow yourself sufficient travel time to get to campus.
- Purchase your textbooks and materials prior to the first day of class.
- Get to know your professors and classmates.
- Ask for assistance from your professors when you need it.
- Communicate with your professors at least weekly.
- Help your peers during class sessions, and study together for exams.
- Use the graduate computer lab on the third floor of the library.
- Register your Rebelcard and register for your ILLiad account at the library.
- Use the Student Recreation and Wellness Center's services.
- Attend Rebels' athletic events (students receive free admission).
- Work hard, but enjoy your experience and have fun.

A Final Word

Your graduate education will be challenging, but your experience should be fulfilling and enjoyable. The faculty and staff in the Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences are here to assist you in your endeavors, but you must push yourself to get the most out of the experience. We hope that you will form close bonds with your peers and work together to ensure success for everyone involved. We wish you the best of luck with your future education.