The Department of Kinesiology offers the master of arts degree in human performance with courses focusing on the following areas:

- sport management (two options: non-certification or Class A Sport Manager certification)
- exercise science
- general human performance (coursework options from exercise science, sport pedagogy, and sport management)
- sport pedagogy (traditional Class A and Alternative Class A certification in physical education)

The latter three programs are available under Plan I (thesis) and Plan II (nonthesis). The sport management program involves completing a “Capstone experience” project. In addition, there is a sport management program that leads to Class A Sport Manager certification. The degree with an emphasis in sport pedagogy offers a non-traditional approach to certification for those with an undergraduate degree in a non-teaching field and leads to Alternative Class A certification in physical education.

There are admission requirements specific to the department in addition to those in the Graduate Catalogs on Admission Criteria. Please pay special attention to the Degree Requirements section of this catalog for important information on transfer of course work, time limits, plan of study, admission to candidacy, etc.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

For the College of Education, note the sections on General Admission, Master’s, Professional Certification, and Doctoral earlier in this catalog.

**Traditional Class A Physical Education Certification Program**

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to meeting admission requirements for the Graduate School and the College of Education, applicants must hold appropriate prior certification in physical education (P-12) or the approved equivalent.

**Alternative Class A Physical Education (Nontraditional) Initial Teacher Certification Program**

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to meeting admission requirements of the Graduate School, applicants must complete specified undergraduate prerequisite courses. A transcript evaluation is required. Applicants should contact the Office of Student Services & Certification to request a transcript evaluation.

For admission to the Alternative Class A (non-traditional) program in physical education (sport pedagogy), applicants must meet the following requirements:

- An appropriate bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 OR a master’s degree with a GPA of at least 3.0
- Applicants must meet current basic skills requirements of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP). Effective September 1, 2017, passing scores on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests of mathematics, reading and writing are required (or passing scores on all components of the previously accepted Basic Skills assessment before 9/1/17).

Information about the Praxis Core Tests is available online at https://www.ets.org/praxis/al/al_teacher_ed or in the Office of Student Services & Certification (104 Carmichael Hall).

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**Class A Sport Management Certification Program**

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to meeting admission requirements for the Graduate School and the College of Education, applicants to the Class A Sport Management program must hold appropriate prior certification in a teaching field.

Effective July 1, 2017, two full years of full-time, acceptable professional educational work experience will be required for admission to Class A instructional support programs, including sport management.