

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Kinesiology

KINE 370. 003 – Measurement and Evaluation of Physical Fitness
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Prerequisites/Corequisites

BIOL 124 and 125, ATEP 300, KINE 310

University Catalog Course Description

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop understanding of the assessment and evaluation process used in exercise science. This is a designated writing intensive course.

Course Overview

Lecture focus will include understanding, practicing, and applying information related to exercise testing in healthy populations. Topics covered will include benefits of exercise, risk stratification, exercise responses, metabolic calculations, data collection and analysis, and performing screenings, assessments and measurements related to exercise testing (flexibility, body composition, cardiovascular, etc.).

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered using a lecture and lab format.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. Apply basic statistical analysis of data collected in the assessment process.
2. Develop health-related fitness assessment plans for clients in recreational and rehabilitation settings.
3. Develop sport/motor fitness assessments for work performance programs or clinical setting.
4. Identify fitness related testing protocols.
5. Interpret and apply assessment information by identifying formative and summative fitness, skill, cognitive, and affective measurement and evaluative techniques

Professional Standards

This course meets the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) requirements and covers the following American College of Sports Medicine's Knowledge-Skills-Abilities (KSA's):

KSA	Description	Lecture, Lab, or both
	GENERAL POPULATION/CORE: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND RISK FACTORS	
1.2.2	Knowledge of cardiovascular, pulmonary, metabolic, and musculoskeletal risk factors that may require further evaluation by medical or allied health professionals before participation in physical activity.	Lecture
	GENERAL POPULATION/CORE: HEALTH APPRAISAL, FITNESS AND CLINICAL EXERCISE TESTING	
1.3.2	Knowledge of the value of the health/medical history.	Lecture
1.3.3	Knowledge of the value of a medical clearance prior to exercise participation.	Lecture
1.3.4	Knowledge of and the ability to perform risk stratification and its implications towards medical clearance prior to administration of an exercise test or participation in an exercise program.	Lecture
1.3.5	Knowledge of relative and absolute contraindications to exercise testing or participation.	Lecture
1.3.6	Knowledge of the limitations of informed consent and medical clearance prior to exercise testing.	Lecture
1.3.7	Knowledge of the advantages/disadvantages and limitations of the various body composition techniques including but not limited to: air displacement plethysmography (BOD POD [®]), dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA), hydrostatic weighing, skinfolds and bioelectrical impedance.	Lecture/Lab
1.3.8	Skill in accurately measuring heart rate, blood pressure, and obtaining rating of perceived exertion (RPE) at rest and during exercise according to established guidelines.	Lab
1.3.9	Skill in measuring skinfold sites, skeletal diameters, and girth measurements used for estimating body composition.	Lab
1.3.11	Ability to locate the brachial artery and correctly place the cuff and stethoscope in position for blood pressure measurement.	Lecture/Lab

1.3.12	Ability to locate common sites for measurement of skinfold thicknesses and circumferences (for determination of body composition and waist-hip ratio).	Lecture/Lab
1.3.13	Ability to obtain a health history and risk appraisal that includes past and current medical history, family history of cardiac disease, orthopedic limitations, prescribed medications, activity patterns, nutritional habits, stress and anxiety levels, and smoking and alcohol use.	Lecture
1.3.14	Ability to obtain informed consent.	Lecture
1.3.15	Ability to explain the purpose and procedures and perform the monitoring (HR, RPE and BP) of clients prior to, during, and after cardiorespiratory fitness testing.	Lecture
1.3.16	Ability to instruct participants in the use of equipment and test procedures.	Lecture/Lab
1.3.17	Ability to explain purpose of testing, determine an appropriate submaximal or maximal protocol, and perform an assessment of cardiovascular fitness on the treadmill or the cycle ergometer.	Lecture
1.3.18	Ability to describe the purpose of testing, determine appropriate protocols, and perform assessments of muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility.	Lecture
1.3.19	Ability to perform various techniques of assessing body composition.	Lecture/Lab
1.3.21	Ability to identify appropriate criteria for terminating a fitness evaluation and demonstrate proper procedures to be followed after discontinuing such a test.	Lecture
1.3.23	Ability to identify individuals for whom physician supervision is recommended during maximal and submaximal exercise testing.	Lecture/Lab
	GENERAL POPULATION/CORE: PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE, AND OUTCOME ASSESSMENT	
1.11.13	Knowledge of the importance of tracking and evaluating health promotion program results.	Lecture
	CARDIOVASCULAR: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND RISK FACTORS	
2.2.1	Knowledge of cardiovascular risk factors or conditions that may require consultation with medical personnel before testing or training, including inappropriate changes of resting or exercise heart rate and blood pressure, new onset discomfort in chest, neck, shoulder, or arm, changes in the	Lecture

	pattern of discomfort during rest or exercise, fainting or dizzy spells, and claudication.	
	PULMONARY: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND RISK FACTORS	
3.2.1	Knowledge of pulmonary risk factors or conditions that may require consultation with medical personnel before testing or training, including asthma, exercise-induced asthma/bronchospasm, extreme breathlessness at rest or during exercise, bronchitis, and emphysema.	Lecture
	METABOLIC: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND RISK FACTORS	
4.2.1	Knowledge of metabolic risk factors or conditions that may require consultation with medical personnel before testing or training, including obesity, metabolic syndrome, thyroid disease, kidney disease, diabetes or glucose intolerance, and hypoglycemia.	Lecture

Required Texts

American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), *ACSM's Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription*, 9th Ed., Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2013.

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Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

- **Assignments and/or Examinations**

Midterm Examination – 20%

Final Examination – 25%

Participation – 10%

Assignments and Labs – 45%

- **Grading**

A	= 94 -100	B+	= 88 – 89	C+	= 78 – 79	D	= 60 – 69
A-	= 90 – 93	B	= 84 – 87	C	= 74 – 77	F	= 0 – 59
		B-	= 80 – 83	C-	= 70 – 73		

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

Attendance – Show up on time to class and pay attention. If you cannot attend a class for a legitimate reason, please notify the instructor ahead of time. If you have to unexpectedly miss a class due to something out of your control, contact the instructor within 24 hours to notify them what happened and to see if there is anything you need to do to make up your absence.

Participation – Participate in class discussions and activities. Demonstrate that you have an interest in the subject matter.

Attendance and Participation Evaluation - Attendance will be documented for all classes.

Communication – When communicating with the instructor and classmates, either face-to-face or via the assigned George Mason University email address, students should address the other person appropriately, use appropriate language and maintain a pleasant demeanor.

Responsibility/Accountability – Professionals take responsibility for their actions and are accountable. This can occur at multiple levels but generally consists of completing assignments on time, submitting work that is of the appropriate quality, honoring commitments and owning up to mistakes.

Honesty/Integrity – Students are expected to be honest with the instructor, classmates, and themselves. Professionals keep their word when committing to something and act in an ethical manner.

Self-Improvement/Self-awareness – One should be aware of their strengths/weaknesses and constantly seek to improve. Professionals regularly seek out opportunities to increase their knowledge and improve their current skill set.

Communication, Responsibility/Accountability, Honesty/Integrity, and Self-Improvement/Self-awareness Evaluation: Violations will be documented and student will be notified. Each violation will result in the loss of 1 point from final grade.

Class Schedule

WEEK OF		TOPIC	READINGS/ASSIGNMENT DUE
January	24-26	Review syllabus, Benefits and risks of exercise; health pre-assessment	Chapter 1 ACSM
January	31-Feb2	Health Screening, Risk Stratification Selection	Chapter 2 ACSM/ 5&6 RM
February	7-9	Data Collection/ Measures of Central Tendency/Variability/Validity Test	
February	14-16	Physical Fitness Testing (MSK/FLEX)	Chapter 3 ACSM
February	21-23	Physical Fitness Testing and Interpretation	Chapter 4 ACSM
February	28-Ma2	Clinical Exercise Testing/ Cardiovascular	Chapter 5 ACSM/14&19 RM
March	7-9	Clinical Exercise Testing/ Midterm Exam	Chapter 5 and 6 ACSM/20&21 RM
March	14-16	No Class Spring Break	
March	21-23	Work Performance/Job Task Analysis/Paper discussion	Research Topic
March	28-30	Cardiovascular Response to Exercise	Chapter 6 ACSM/12 RM
April	4-6	Testing Aerobic Capacity Submaximal	Chapter 5&6 ACSM/22 RM
April	11-13	Testing Aerobic Capacity Maximal	
April	18-20	Body Composition	Chapter 7 ACSM
April	25-27	Exercise Prescription Lab BOD POD Assessment	Chapter 8 ACSM/12 RM
May	2-4	Complete Post Fitness Testing	Paper Due (hard copy)
May	16	Final Exam (10:30-1:15)	

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursesupport.gmu.edu/>.
- The Writing Center provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing (see <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>).
- The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs)

to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (see <http://caps.gmu.edu/>).

- The Student Support & Advocacy Center staff helps students develop and maintain healthy lifestyles through confidential one-on-one support as well as through interactive programs and resources. Some of the topics they address are healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use, and sexual health (see <http://ssac.gmu.edu/>). Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone at 703-993-3686. Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community by going to <http://ssac.gmu.edu/make-a-referral/>.

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