Movement Science

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Degree Requirements

PhD in Movement Science

Students in the Movement Science Program complete core course work, electives, original laboratory research, and a dissertation.

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Students must complete 48 credit units:

• 28 units of required course work
• 20 units of elective course work

* Students with master's or doctoral degrees can receive up to 12 units of transfer credit.

The following elements are also required of all students:

• Qualifying examination: Part one of the qualifying exam requires the student to develop a research proposal pertinent to the projected area of dissertation research that is based on a question/problem provided by the student’s mentor(s). Part two of the qualifying exam is an oral examination that consists of a presentation of the proposal by the student followed by a question-and-answer period with the faculty reviewers.

• Laboratory research: Students will develop, implement and complete original laboratory research appropriate for a doctoral dissertation.

• Doctoral dissertation: Students will successfully provide an oral defense of their dissertation proposal, complete a written doctoral dissertation, and defend an oral presentation of the doctoral dissertation.

On average, students complete the degree in four and a half years.