DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH STUDIES

The Health Studies doctoral program prepares students to conduct research in health promotion and health education. All Health Studies doctoral students are expected to work with faculty to acquire and develop the skills required to become independent, ethical, and skilled researchers.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required
96-98 semester credit hours.

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<td><strong>Prerequisite - may not count as an elective</strong></td>
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<td>HS 5413</td>
<td>Current Issues in Health Studies (if no degree in Health Education, Health Promotion, Health Behavior, Community Health, or Public Health)</td>
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<td>HS 5003</td>
<td>Practicum in Health Education (if no CHES certification)</td>
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<td>HS 6433</td>
<td>History of Health and Medicine</td>
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**Research Tools**

Level 1 select one of the following: 3-4
- HS 5703 Applied Statistics for Health Educators
- FS 5903 Special Topics
- PSY 5304 Advanced Psychological Statistics I
- KINS 5033 Applied Statistical Principles

Level 2 select one of the following: 3-4
- FS 6893 Multivariate Statistics
- PSY 6204 Advanced Psychological Statistics II
- KINS 6043 Statistical Inference

**Research Methods Tools**

- HS 5013 Data Collection and Analysis 3
- HS 6043 Methods in Health Education Research 3

**Dissertation**

- HS 6983 Dissertation 3
- HS 6993 Dissertation 3

Total SCHs 96-98

Interdisciplinary Studies and/or Transferred Semester Credit Hours
Up to 39 semester credit hours of interdisciplinary study and/or semester credit hours transferred from the master's degree.

**Departmental Required Curriculum**

24 semester credit hours of Health Studies required course work.

**Emphasis/Focal**

9 semester credit hours from one of two focal areas: higher education or population health.

**Research Tools**

6 semester credit hours of research methods and 6 semester credit hours of statistics. Students pursuing research in qualitative research must also take a qualitative research methods course in addition to these 6 semester credit hours.

**Dissertation**

6 semester credit hours of dissertation work with committee chair

**Prerequisites or Co-requisites**

1. A prior degree in health education, health promotion, public health, or community health or HS 5413;
2. HS 5003 must be taken after program required courses are completed or the student must sit for the CHES certification;
3. three semester credit hours of graduate-level research methods; and
4. new doctoral program students will be required to successfully complete an orientation within the first year.

**Qualifying Examination**

Candidates for the doctoral degree must pass a three-part qualifying exam, consisting of:

1. a multiple-choice statistics and research design examination,
2. a written multiple-question essay examination; and
3. an oral examination based on the candidate's written responses in the essay examination.

The written essay and oral portions of the examination will be permitted only when the candidate has successfully completed all coursework and the statistical exam has been successfully completed. The exams may be repeated only once. A student who fails a second qualifying exam will be removed from the Health Studies doctoral program.

**Final Examination**
Successful oral defense of dissertation.

**Minor (if sought by student)**
12 to 18 semester credit hours (Department in which the minor is sought will determine the total hours required)

**Faculty**

**Professors**
BEN-EZRA, VICTOR, Professor of Kinesiology. B.S., City University of New York City College; M.S., Springfield College; Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park.

DAVIS, RONALD W., Professor of Kinesiology. B.S., University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh; M.S., University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University.

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**Associate Professors**
BIGGERSTAFF, KYLE D., Associate Professor of Kinesiology. B.A., Southern Methodist University; M.S., University of North Texas; Ph.D., Florida State University.

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**Assistant Professors**
AMUTA, ANN O., Assistant Professor of Health Studies. M.P.H., Texas A & M University; Ph.D., Texas A & M University.

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ESPINOZA, LUIS ENRIQUE, Assistant Professor of Health Studies. B.S., The University of Texas-Pan American; B.A., The University of Texas-Pan American; M.S., The University of Texas-Pan American; M.P.H., University of North Texas Health Science Center; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University.

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PICARIELLO, MANUELA, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology. B.S., University of San Marino; M.S., University of San Marino, Ph.D., University of Tennessee System: Knoxville.

**Assistant Clinical Professor**
GILLASPY, JESSICA, Assistant Clinical Professor of Kinesiology. B.S., University of North Texas; M.S., University of West Florida.