Combined BS in Exercise Science & MS in Exercise Science and Sport Studies

From a Concentration in Clinical and Pre-professional Studies or Sports Conditioning

The combined B.S./M.S. in Exercise Science is an accelerated pathway to earning a Bachelor's and Master's degree in five years for students in either exercise science concentration. The program is well suited for students interested in developing a greater depth of expertise in exercise science under an expedited timeframe. This is especially the case for students seeking admission into doctoral programs or employment in clinical exercise physiology and upper level positions involving exercise training. In the combined program students take nine credit hours of required "swing courses" at the graduate level in their fourth year, in place of nine credit hours of undergraduate electives. The remaining 24 credit hours of graduate requirements are completed during the fifth year, which may include some coursework during the summer between the 4th and 5th year.

Students benefit from the reduced cost and time for the combined degree, allowing them to embark on their career more expeditiously. Reasons to enroll in the combined program are provided below.

- **Graduate early** – take graduate courses during your senior year that will count towards both your Bachelor's and Master's degrees.
- **Significant tuition savings** – on average, students save as much as $7,000 in pursuing a combined degree.
- **Early opportunities for mentored research training** – students can become more involved with active lines of research pursued by Exercise Science Faculty in the Human Performance Laboratory.
- **Expedited application process for acceptance to 5th year** – letters of recommendation and application fee are not required.

Admission Information

- Candidates may enter the program:
  - As a H.S. senior or transfer student through undergraduate admissions
  - As an MSU Exercise Science student with under 90 credits through a combined program change of major form

- Students in the BS/MS program complete an expedited admission process to the 5th year by submitting an online application, personal essay, and internal MSU transcripts.

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