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Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion
KIN 691 Directed Study – 2 units
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Course Description: A thorough investigation and research of a theme or subject selected by the student in consultation with the faculty. The scholarly research should be undertaken by the initiative of the student but with general guidance and advice for the faculty. 2 units of credit.

Course Prerequisites: Completion of the required courses in the Master's of Kinesiology program. Student should have less than 3 courses left to take prior to the start of their thesis or project.

Text: None required. However, current literature related to the student's research topic will be used.

Course Objectives:

At the completion of the 40 direct study hours the student is expected to:

1. Select a topic for their research thesis or project.
2. Determine if they will be conducting a research thesis or a research project.
3. Complete the review of literature for their research thesis or project.
4. Complete the draft of the pilot study if one will be conducted as part of the research thesis or project.
5. Follow the guidance of the faculty member and complete as much as possible towards the first steps of the research thesis or project.
6. Meet with the graduate faculty member at least 3 times during the quarter either in person or by e-mail.

Grading System: This is an independent self-directed graduate course in which the student initiates the research and works

closely with a graduate faculty member. Grading will be completed on an individual basis according to how much the student has written, including the depth of the work, organization of the research, and the critical analysis conducted by the student.

Academic Integrity: It is expected that all students are aware of the university policy on academic integrity as outlined in the university catalog.