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Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion  
KIN 696 Master's Degree Thesis  
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Course Description: Development of a terminal creative research report on a topic selected by the student, approved by the department graduate studies committee and submitted to the faculty as evidence of his/her mastery of the principles of the profession. May be scheduled for a maximum of 9 units. Prerequisite: KIN 591. Advancement to Candidacy required.

Course Prerequisites: KIN 590 and KIN 591 and Advancement to Candidacy

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

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be expected to:

- a. Synthesize research literature into an original research topic;
- b. Develop research topic into a research proposal;
- c. Conduct research project with the guidance of graduate faculty advisor;
- b. Present a thesis, which reflects original research, substantive content, and good writing style;

Course Outline

To be determined by the graduate student and the Thesis Committee Chair through the following:

- a. Request that a department graduate faculty member serve as thesis advisor. (Thesis advisor normally assumes program advising responsibilities.)
- b. Determine specific thesis topic, with advisor's assistance.
- c. Enroll in KIN 696\* and develop proposal (If necessary conduct pilot study in accordance with thesis advisor).
- d. Select thesis committee with advisor's assistance, (thesis committee consists of three members, two (2) members which includes the advisor must be from the graduate faculty in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion). Candidate confers with prospective committee members, explains proposal, and asks them to serve.
- e. Prepare and schedule thesis proposal meeting.
- f. Submit Human Subjects approval form to thesis committee who serves as the human subjects approval board at the proposal meeting.
- g. Collect data after the thesis committee approves the proposed thesis and approves the Human Subjects form.
- h. Continue data collection and write thesis in accordance with current university requirements (Master Thesis Regulations document available from the graduate coordinator).
- i. Submit drafts of thesis to advisor; make changes in thesis as recommended by advisor;

- when advisor gives final approval, then deliver copies of the thesis to committee members and graduate coordinator.
- j. Obtain advisor approval to schedule oral presentation to graduate faculty.
  - k. Schedule oral presentation with the graduate coordinator.
  - l. Complete oral thesis presentation to graduate faculty and interested others.
  - m. Make suggested changes and corrections with advisor approval.
  - n. Obtain committee signature on thesis approval page.
  - o. Schedule appointment with thesis editor in the library who will examine it to determine if the format complies with requirements.
  - p. Submit one approved original copy and a minimum of 6 other copies of your thesis to the Graduate Office no later than Monday of final examination week for the quarter in which you plan to graduate [Distribution: original copy plus 1 copy-library (2); copy to KHP Department (1); copy to each committee member (3); copy for the candidate (1)].
  - q. Pay the thesis binding fee at the Cashier's office. Return the validated receipt to the Graduate Office, which will then process your thesis for binding.

Miscellaneous Note:

Under the supervision of the thesis director and committee, the student follows the approved Department's Procedures for Enrollment for Theses Units (KIN 696 and KIN 699)

Student enrolls in KIN 696 (first time); prepares and presents a proposal to the graduate faculty;

Student enrolls in KIN 696 (second time); collects data; begins to write final document;

Student enrolls in KIN 696 (third time); completes writing the thesis; prepares a formal thesis presentation to the graduate faculty;

If student does not complete writing the thesis; then enrolls in KIN 699 until a formal thesis presentation is made to the graduate faculty;

OR

Student enrolls in KIN 696 (first time); works on a proposal but does not make the deadline for proposal meeting for the quarter

Student enrolls in KIN 696 (second time); student does not make a formal proposal to the faculty.

Student enrolls in KIN 699 until a proposal is presented to the graduate faculty

Student enrolls in KIN 696 (third time); begins to collect data but does not complete data collection;

Student enrolls in KIN 699 until data collection is completed; completes writing the thesis; prepares a formal thesis presentation to the graduate faculty

Submission of the thesis in its final form must adhere to the terms of the University Master's Thesis Regulations.

**Grading System:**

Individualize instruction, consultation, and help between the student and the graduate faculty to ensure that the student completes the following:

- a. Prepare and present a proposal (first quarter)
- b. Develop thesis materials; (second and/or third quarter)
- c. Write a final document; (second and/or third quarter)
- d. Prepare a formal presentation. (second and/or third quarter)

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