Sports Medicine
M.S.S.M. (Emphasis in Strength Conditioning)

Degree Requirements: 36 Credit Hours

Policies, Requirements and Standards

The Master of Science in Sports Medicine (MSSM) degree at Georgia Southern University prepares leaders for the general field of sports medicine with advanced education in either Strength & Conditioning or Advanced Athletic Training.

The MSSM provides an interdisciplinary scientific background in sport and physical activity with a significant emphasis on work-related concepts and experiences. The educational experiences are designed utilizing evidence-based research to develop leaders in the scientific and clinical aspects of Sports Medicine.

Criminal Background Checks

Clinical agencies utilized by the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology and the Sports Medicine program may require criminal background checks and/or drug testing prior to acceptance of the student into clinical facilities. Students who do not pass the criminal background check and/or drug test may be unable to attend clinical courses and therefore may be unable to complete their Program of Study. Any fees or costs associated with background checks and/or drug testing is the responsibility of the student.

Admissions Standards

For consideration of admission to the MSSM program, the applicant must have completed an application for admission to the College of Graduate Studies at Georgia Southern University, submitted official copies of all academic transcripts related to undergraduate and graduate coursework at the time of program application, submitted official GRE scores, and prepared a formal Statement of Graduate Education Goals. Courses in statistics, research methods, anatomy and physiology are recommended. The applicant must also have:

1. Completed requirements for a baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution;
2. A minimum 2.80 cumulative undergraduate GPA;
3. GRE: No less than 146 Verbal AND 141 Quantitative. See note under Admissions Examinations on page 9 about using revised GRE scores after August 1, 2011.

Note: In lieu of the above requirements, an earned doctorate or masters from a regionally-accredited institution may qualify the student for regular admission.

Standards of Progression and Graduation

A. All degree requirements must be completed within seven years.

B. Students must satisfactorily complete a thesis or research project.

C. Students must satisfactorily complete a comprehensive assessment.

Program of Study

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Strength and Conditioning Emphasis

SMED 5015G Assess/Eval Injury & Illness I           3
SMED 6090 Sport and Exercise Nutrition              3
SMED 7075 Program Design and Advanced Training Techniques 3

Electives

Students can choose two of the following courses as an elective:

SMED 5065G Movement/Posture Assmnt & Exer             3
SMED 5555G Phys Actvty Disease Prev/Treat             3
SMED 5600G Healthy Wght Mgmt & Body Comp             3
SMED 5940G Internship Strength & Condilto             1-3
SMED 7050 Drug & Ergogenic Aids/Spts Med              3
SMED 7080 Applied Sport Science                      3
SMED 7085 Tactical Strength and Conditioning         3
SMED 7225 Internship in Sports Medicine               1-3
SMED 7505 Organizational Leadership in Sports Medicine | 3            |
SMED 7515 Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology, Exercise and Rehabilitation | 3 |
SMED 7520 Psychosocial Issues in Sports Medicine      3
SMED 7700 Self-Directed Student Research in Sports Medicine | 1-3          |

Total Credit Hours 36