Our department focuses on the interdisciplinary study of physical activity and its complex role in human health and performance. Kinesiology spans from molecular and physiological studies to the examination of sport and societal approaches to physical activity and health throughout the lifespan.

We are in the top third of nationally ranked doctoral programs by the National Academy of Kinesiology. The department is actively engaged in collaborations across the campus in areas such as engineering and robotics, sociology, architecture, computer science, the newly formed Brain Behavior Initiative, Intercollegiate Athletics (Sports Medicine and Sports Performance), and with the School of Medicine on the University of Maryland’s Baltimore campus.

In addition, we partner with the Veterans Administration in Baltimore and Washington DC, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, City of Baltimore Neighborhood Communities and Erickson Retirement Communities. Faculty bring expertise in physiology, psychology, sociology, engineering, education and neuroscience to work on challenging public health problems related to physical activity and health. Being a kinesiology department within a school of public health allows us to make unique contributions.

Some examples of our work:

- Biomechanics to understand and prevent arthritis
- Exercise’s impact on brain health through the lifespan
- Study of blood cells in elite endurance athletes and how this translates to the promotion of cardiovascular health in the general population
- Studying how social, environmental and cultural issues impact physical activity, sport and health
- Study of expertise and ability to perform under mental stress
- Partnership of basic sciences in kinesiology, entrepreneurship and development of health technology

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Graduate Degrees Offered

**MASTER OF ARTS, KINESIOLOGY**
Focus on one of several areas, including cognitive motor neuroscience, exercise physiology or physical cultural studies.

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, KINESIOLOGY**
Prepare to join the next generation of public health professionals by furthering the understanding of the relationship between physical activity and health practices, experiences and outcomes. Select a research focus in cognitive motor neuroscience, exercise physiology or physical cultural studies.

**MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
Prepare for a career that integrates physical activity into public health practice at various levels. This 45-credit degree program is designed to be completed in two years full-time or three-and-a-half or more years part-time (six or fewer credits a semester).

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