

## Graduate Degree Outline

### *Degree Audit Report (DAR)*

The Graduate College will make a DAR available online to each graduate student in ESS after the student has been accepted for admission into the Graduate College. Following admission, this degree outline is available through CatsWeb. **Once the DAR has been generated, the student should meet with the Graduate Mentor.** The student is responsible for reading, interpreting, and following the DAR as well as following the **Graduate Mentor's** recommendation for the completion of his/her degree requirements.

### *Background/Leveling Courses*

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in Exercise Science or related field may be required to complete specific background/“**leveling**” courses (10-12 semester hours) in conjunction with the graduate courses required for his/her specialization or major. The student must take these courses before taking the required courses and earn a “B” or better in each of the leveling courses. These leveling courses vary from student to student, depending on the student's undergraduate major and graduate degree program. A list of the required leveling courses will appear on the student's DAR.

### *Independent Study*

ESS 5347 is an independent study and is intended to keep the student aware of current issues, practices, and applications in the fields of exercise science, physical education, and human performance. Registration for ESS 5347 requires approval from the teacher of record. Students interested in pursuing ESS 5347 must meet with the instructor of record prior to registration as some instructors may require the student to submit a proposal before permission to enroll is granted. In addition to enroll in ESS 5347 the graduate student must be in good academic standing and have completed 18 hours of coursework.

### *Internship*

ESS 5398 is an internship course intended to be a capstone experience that requires the application of many concepts already learned by the student in graduate school. ESS 5398 should be taken during the student's last semester before graduation. If the student chooses to complete ESS 5398, then he/she must receive approval for an internship one semester prior to enrolling in ESS 5398. In addition to enroll in ESS 5347 the graduate student must be in good academic standing and have completed 18 hours of coursework.