

Student Expectations

Commitment to Mission and Core Values

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and the Master the Science in Kinesiology at Angelo State University are expected to demonstrate a commitment to the mission and core vales of the Department of Kinesiology. [Q:\Student Commitment Statement.doc](#)

Academic Honesty

The Department of Kinesiology upholds the university policy concerning Academic honesty. This policy is found in its entirety in the *ASU Student Handbook*, and it is strongly recommended that each student review it in detail. The Kinesiology faculty will follow the guidelines stated in the *ASU Student Handbook* for sanctions in the event of academic dishonesty. The sanctions are based on the severity of the violation, and examples are the following: assignment of a lower grade with explanation from the instructor, expulsion from the course with failing grade, and possible expulsion from the university.

Professional Attire

The importance of professional attire cannot be overstated. A person's attire is a reflection of not only oneself as an individual, but also a reflection of the organization and/or the profession that he/she represents.

Individual faculty members have the discretion to establish expectations for dress in their respective classes. However, as a way of emphasizing our desire to establish professional expectations, the following items are prohibited in all Department of Kinesiology classes:

- Any item that the instructor considers inappropriate, offensive, or indecent.
- Hats, caps and head covers other than those worn for religious purposes.

All kinesiology students are expected to dress in appropriate professional attire when representing the Department of Kinesiology to the public. During field placements, internships, practicums, and student teaching, kinesiology students are required to meet the expectation of the department and the expectations of the cooperating agency. Instructors may also choose to apply these standards for in-class activities, such as oral presentations and micro-teaching assignments.

Kinesiology professionals have two distinct types of attire: business professional attire and professional physical activity attire. **Business professional attire** is that which is worn for presentations, workshops, conventions, interviews and other similar professional events. While there is a great deal of variety and flexibility, this attire is generally more formal and more conservative than everyday dress. There are some definite dos and don'ts. More specific information regarding business professional attire can be found at the following link: http://www.angelo.edu/services/career/dress_for_success/index.htm.

Professional physical activity attire is that which is worn by kinesiology professionals while providing leadership and service to their students or client. These are *work clothes*

but not *workout clothes*. This attire is functional, comfortable, safe, and allows for ease of movement, but is still professional and conservative. Since physical activity takes place indoors, outdoors, in the water, on courts, on grass, etc., the clothing varies with the setting. Professional physical activity attire includes, but is not limited to, warm-ups, shorts, collared shirts, logo t-shirts, socks and appropriate shoes. Pants or shorts should be worn at the natural waistline. Pants or shorts must be hemmed. Shorts must be at least the length of arms extended. Shirts must be tucked into the pants unless the hem is straight and extends beyond the top of pants. The shirt must have an approved logo (see instructor for approval) and/or an approved name badge.

Prohibited items include:

- Hats, caps, or head covers. Exceptions may be made for outdoor activity where hats are necessary for sun protection (see instructor for approval).
- Jeans of any color.
- For safety reason, jewelry should be limited to stud earrings within the ears and be careful of necklaces, bracelets, and watches. Please consider that others may interpret exposed tattoos and body piercing, and ear piercing in men as offensive.
- Any item that is considered inappropriate, offensive, or indecent by a Department of Kinesiology faculty member, university supervisor, or agency supervisor.

Academic Advising

Students are encouraged to take ownership of their education and are therefore responsible for their academic planning. The quality of a student's academic planning plays a critical role in his/her overall academic success. Meeting with an advisor is only one component of the academic planning process; and given the large number of kinesiology students, the amount of time that advisors can spend with any one advisee is very limited. As the title would imply, advisors advise. Students must do the planning and preparation. All students, even newly admitted students must take the initiative to learn as much about the academic planning process as is possible and be fully prepared before making an appointment with an advisor.

Most of the important information needed for this process is contained within this document, the university bulletin and the university portal- *RamPort*. All students are issued a Campus Identification Number (CID), which provides access to RamPort. Once logged in, students can then access class schedules and their student records.

New Students

Students must be admitted to the university before advising is conducted. All newly admitted students are strongly encouraged to attend one of the *Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR)* events during the summer previous to enrolling at ASU. This is by far the most effective way for students to learn about the various components of the university and to be advised. More information regarding *SOAR* can be found at the following link. If that is not possible, please contact the Department of Kinesiology Office at 325-942-2173 for an

appointment. Do not contact the department head or a faculty member directly. The office staff will assign students to an advisor.

Continuing Students

Academic advising for continuing students is conducted during the three-week, university-wide advising periods during the fall and spring semesters. Typically these advising periods begin in late October and in early April. These are announced through various campus media. It is very important that you meet with your advisor during this three week period. There is no legitimate reason for waiting until later in the semester. Procrastination will make it significantly more difficult to schedule an advising appointment and to get in the classes that you need.

Continuing students are assigned an advisor based on their last name. A copy of the advising list is available from the Department of Kinesiology Office or at the following link. It is the students' responsibility to visit the advisor's office to schedule an appointment. Since advisors are out of the office most of the time, many will have a sign-up sheet posted outside their office as a convenient way for students to make those appointments. Please do not expect to be able to just drop in. As it is with students, advisors have many obligations that continue during these advising periods.

Continuing students must come to their advising appointment prepared. This requires the completion of several tasks prior to the appointment. Unprepared students will be asked to reschedule. Before you see your advisors, go to the *Kinesiology Home Page* <http://www.angelo.edu/dept/kinesiology/index.htm> and open the ***Important Advising Information*** link. There you will find a link to ***Advising Instructions***. Other than the schedule of classes, this document will provide you with all the information necessary to prepare for your advising appointment. The schedule of classes is available at:

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Department of Kinesiology Office. We will be very pleased to help you.