DEPARTMENT OF MOVEMENT SCIENCES


The Department of Movement Sciences is located in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. Our mission is to improve movement, health, and well-being through innovative research, transformative learning, and beneficial engagement, while we aspire to cultivate healthy and physically active lifestyles to sustain the well-being of individuals and communities.

The department offers Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees in dance; exercise, sport, and health sciences; and recreation, sport and tourism management.

- The bachelor’s in dance is designed to create a positive, student-focused learning environment that promotes the whole person in preparation for dance careers and careers in related fields, such as professionals in dance education, performance, and therapy. The Festival of Dance and Performing Arts Association is in residency within the department.
- The bachelor’s in exercise, sport, and health sciences includes five emphases: community health education and promotion; fitness, health, and human performance; physical education teacher education; pre-athletic training; and pre-physical therapy. Students are prepared for the many diverse fields of kinesiology, along with post-baccalaureate study in education, allied-clinical health fields, medicine, sport, and fitness. The emphasis area in physical education teaching leads to K-12 teaching certification.
- The bachelor’s in recreation, sport and tourism management provides students with professional career options in leisure, recreation, and sport for leadership roles in organizations and communities, such as a recreation outfitter and guide, an events coordinator, a sports and/or fitness facility manager, a director of recreation, a leisure or travel tourism professional, etc.

The department offers graduate programs at the master’s and doctoral levels. Doctoral programs include the Doctor of Athletic Training (D.A.T., online with a summer residential component) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in education, with specializations in healthy active lifestyles and exercise science. The department offers master’s degrees in athletic training (M.S.A.T., online with a summer residential component), movement and leisure Sciences (M.S., online and face-to-face coursework), and physical education (M.Ed., online and face-to-face).

Movement Sciences also offers academic and teaching minors, which include health education, dance, outdoor recreation leadership, sustainable tourism and leisure enterprises, and physical education. The department offers a certificate in athletic leadership.

The university-wide Idaho Fitness (I-FIT) program (i.e., physical and dance activity courses) are delivered by Movement Sciences and include numerous recreational, fitness, dance, aquatic, and sport activity areas.

Majors

- Dance (B.S. Dan.) (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/education-health-human-sciences/movement-sciences/dance-badan/)
- Exercise, Sport and Health Sciences (B.S.) (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/education-health-human-sciences/movement-sciences/exercise-sport-health-sciences-bs/) with emphases in Community Health Education and Promotion; Fitness, Health, and Human Performance; Pre-Physical Therapy and Allied Health; Pre-Athletic Training; and Physical Education Teaching.

Minors

- Dance Minor (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/education-health-human-sciences/movement-sciences/dance-minor/)
- Health Education Teaching Minor (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/education-health-human-sciences/curriculum-instruction/teaching-majors-minors/health-education/) (offered through the Department of Curriculum and Instruction)

Certificates


Movement Sciences Graduate Program

The Graduate Record Examination is not required for admission to the master’s and doctoral programs. However, candidates must fulfill the requirements of the College of Graduate Studies, the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, and the Department of Movement Sciences. See the College of Graduate Studies (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/graduate-studies/) section for the general requirements applicable to each degree.

- Physical Education (M.Ed.) (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/education-health-human-sciences/movement-sciences/physical-education-med/)