

Executive Summary
Kinesiology Collection Assessment
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INTRODUCTION

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HOLDINGS

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Kinesiology is an interdisciplinary subject that extends beyond the boundaries of the discipline. Supplemental support for research includes a wide range of subject areas, including the holdings in the related subject collections of Nursing, Nutrition, Education, Psychology, Marketing, and Management, as well as our textbook and textbooks for adoption collections on the 5th floor. Areas of interest in additional relevant subjects are in the table below.

Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the Kinesiology Classifications:

Classification	Category	Totals
QM1-695	Human Anatomy	389
RC31-1245	Internal Medicine	8,633
QP141-144	Nutrition	117
LB3401-3499	School Health	241
HD28-88	Management (Sports Management & Marketing)	4,977
HF5410-5430	Marketing (Sports Management & Marketing)	1,681

CHECKLIST SUMMARIES

Bibliographies including *Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs)* and *Resources for College Libraries* were used to measure the quality of the Library's collection. In checking the bibliographies against the Library's catalog, the following percentages were revealed in the subject area of Kinesiology.

<i>Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2019-2023</i>			
Subject	Held	Listed	Percent Held
Kinesiology	23	60	38%

<i>Resources for College Libraries 2010-2017</i>			
LC CLASS	Held	Listed	Percentage Held
GV	140	228	61%

WITHDRAWALS

As currency of information is very important in the Kinesiology collection, older books are withdrawn regularly or as newer editions supersede them, and new books are ordered to fill gaps as curriculum requirements change. The table below shows withdrawals from the GV, QH, and R classifications.

Fiscal Year	GV Titles Withdrawn	QH Titles Withdrawn	R Titles Withdrawn
2019-2020	47	29	520
2020-2021	2	25	365
2021-2022	145	78	378
2022-2023	0	106	406
2023-2024	254	762	44
TOTAL	448	1,000	1713

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The following journal bibliographies, when checked against the Library's holdings for serial titles pertaining to Kinesiology, revealed the corresponding percentages:

Titles	Held	Listed	Percent Held
American Kinesiology Association's "Leading Journals in Kinesiology" (2024)	86	99	87%
Public Health Administration (PHA) of the Medical Library Association's (MLA) "Essential Core Journals in Public Health" (2021)	29	29	100%
Magazines for Libraries 23rd Edition 2015: Kinesiology	46	69	67%
Totals	161	197	82%

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Through partnerships, such as the one with the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), the Library can obtain more content. AVL resources provided to the Library are designated with the AVL icon.

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SUMMARY

Strengths:

The Kinesiology collection is sufficient to support undergraduate and graduate work for all degrees offered by the Kinesiology Department. This collection assessment reveals that monograph and journal holdings adequately support the curriculum. Kinesiology encompasses a broad scope of subject areas that require supporting resources such as physical education and sports, as well as health and medical-related resources that often overlap with the Library's Nursing Collection. This area of study is mainly dependent on current peer-reviewed journal article research. The Library's subscriptions to relevant databases and core journals in Kinesiology support the needs of students and faculty in the field.

An assessment of the Library's monograph holdings (see conspectus sheets) reveals its strengths in the following areas:

1. Physical Training (GV201-556). This range supports the curriculum offerings for exercise science and coaching
2. Physical Education & Recreation (GV1-200). This range supports curriculum offerings for physical education and recreation studies.
3. Training for Special Classes of People (GV4348-477). This range supports curriculum offerings for inclusion in physical education, coaching, and exercise science.
4. Physiology (QP1-981). This range supports curriculum offerings for exercise science, athletic training, and public health.
5. Public Aspects of Medicine (RA1-1270). This range supports curriculum offerings for exercise science, athletic training, and public health.

Weaknesses:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the areas that need improvement are monographs in "nutrition," as, at the time of this assessment, Dietetics has recently been added as a minor in the Department of Kinesiology. More resources should be ordered to support the new minor. Monographs for the Kinesiology Collection should be ordered, when available, in electronic format so that faculty and students can have easier access to these resources.

An assessment of the Library's monograph holdings (see conspectus sheets) reveals its weaknesses in the following areas:

1. Nutrition (QP141-144). This range will need to grow to support the new Minor in Dietetics.
2. Recreational Areas & Facilities (QV182-182.7). This range must grow to better support Sports Management & Recreation Studies.

3. Winter Sports (GV841-857), Air Sports (GV750-727.7), Circuses, Spectacles, etc. (GV1800-1860), and Hunting Sports (SK1-SK341). These ranges are the weakest areas of the collection because they are “out of scope” in supporting the Kinesiology Department’s curriculum offerings.

Recommendations:

The growth rate of the Kinesiology Collection should be maintained to support the Bachelor's, Master's, and Minors in the Department of Kinesiology. The monograph collection should be generally increased based on the Library budget. The periodical collection available via databases is substantial and should be maintained. Future additions to the collection should also address the weak subject areas noted above.