

Academic Standards Committee Report, September 28, 2021

I. Update from Larry Hall, Director of Recruitment and Admissions

In response to a bill passed by the state legislature and signed by the government, CCSU has proposed automatic admission standards of a g.p.a. of 3.5 and a rank within the top 15% of the class. The Academic Standards committee will hear a proposed endorsement of this standard at its October 18 meeting.

II. Proposal to revise admission requirements to BS Exercise Science. (Appendix A)

Passed unanimously as proposed.

III. Proposal to waive EJI (Equity Justice and Inclusion) requirement for transfer students with 50 or more credits. (Appendix B) Wording amended to reflect "50 or more".

Passed unanimously as amended.

Appendix A: Proposal to Revise Admission to B.S. Exercise Science

The Department of Physical Education and Human Performance is proposing changes to the admission policy for entrance into the Exercise Science Program. Most of the changes address the language in the requirements. For the purposes of Academic Standards there are two changes:

1. 45 credits must be completed prior to admission into the program. Department is requesting that 15 of those credits be completed at CCSU.
2. Change in required courses. Students were required to complete a specific series of courses. Department is now requiring one specific course with 7 additional credits in EXS. Goal is to provide more flexibility for the student.
3. Clarification of instructions for recommendation letters and student essay.

Existing Standards

Admission Policy:

Requirements for Admission:

The following are departmental requirements for admission to the exercise science program:

- Completion of application to the professional program for exercise science;
- Completion of 45 credits of academic work;
- Successful completion (C- or better of [EXS 109](#), [EXS 207](#) and [EXS 211](#) or [EXS 208](#) and [EXS 212](#) or equivalent. Courses must be completed before full admission will be granted.
- Successful completion of 3 credits of required skills courses including [EXS 275](#) or equivalent or [EXS 280](#) or equivalent. Courses must be completed before full admission will be granted.
- University GPA of 2.50;
- Departmental GPA of 2.70;
- Two letters of recommendation (from persons who can best assess the candidate's potential);
- The presentation of an essay demonstrating command of the English language, setting out the reasons for wanting to enroll in the program; and emphasizing experiences related to exercise science (500-700 words); and
- An interview with the personnel committee of the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance, including at least one exercise science faculty member.

Revised Standards

Admission Policy:

Requirements for Admission:

The following are departmental requirements for admission to the exercise science program:

- **Completion of application to the professional program for exercise science;**
- **University GPA of 2.50;**
- **Departmental GPA of 2.70**
- **Completion of 45 credits of academic work; of which 15 credits were completed at CCSU**
- **Successful completion of the following courses: EXS 109 plus 7 additional credits of EXS courses. Courses must be completed before full admission is granted.**
- **Two Letters of Recommendation (signed originals) from persons able to testify to candidate's suitability as a professional in the exercise science field. Avoid seeking letters from family or friends.**
- **Submit an essay demonstrating the command of the English language, describing in written narrative the reasons for wanting to enroll in the Professional Program, emphasizing experiences which are relevant to exercise science.**
- **An interview with the personnel committee of the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance, including at least one exercise science faculty member**

Appendix B: Waiving EJI Designated-Course Required for Transfer Students

1. Nature of request:

Adding a line in catalog about EJI requirement for transfer students.

2. If submitted by department, date of vote:

Voted on by EJI subcommittee (8 members of the FSDC) 9/7/21

3. Rationale for recommended change:

We do not want to hold up transfer students from graduating.

4. Exact wording that will do into Undergraduate Catalog (if applicable):

Transfer students with **50 or more** credits can waive the EJI requirement.

5. Date new policy will go into effect:

Spring 2022

6. Effects on programs and faculty load (if any):

None

7. Signature of Department or Administrative Unit

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