

Athletic Training MATr

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The Master of Athletic Training major requires a minimum of 54 total hours to graduate.

The Master of Athletic Training major is designed to prepare students to become athletic training professionals. It prepares students for the Board of Certification Examination as well as eligibility for an Athletic Training State License Credential. The curriculum is based upon cognitive and psychomotor learning experiences. The athletic training program is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) is **not** required for admission to the program.

Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.

This degree is offered on the **non-thesis** option. Acceptable non-thesis projects include critically appraised topics, interrelated series of research proposals, conducting an empirical study, or a problem-based analysis of the literature, each of which require an extensive writing component.

A **minimum of 54 semester credit hours** is required. The non-thesis option requires 3 hours of AT 6299. **A minimum of 21 semester hours at the 6000-level is required.**

Prerequisite Core:		25-26
BIOL 2051	General Biology: Organismal Diversity	4
or BIOL 2052	General Biology: Cell Structure and Function	
BIOL 1101	Principles of Anatomy & Physiology I	4
or BIOL 3101	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 1102	Principles of Anatomy & Physiology II	4
or BIOL 3102	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I *	4
or CHEM 1010	Principles of Chemistry	
PHYSICS 1000	Physics in Everyday Life	3-4
or PHYSICS 1511	General Physics I	
STAT 1772	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
PSYCH 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
Athletic Training Courses:		
AT 6000	Integrated Clinical Experiences	11
AT 4030/5030	Advanced Acute Care in Athletic Training	3
AT 4032/5032	Advanced Acute Care Clinical Skills	1
AT 6060	Athletic Training Organization & Professional Responsibility	3

AT 4270/5270	Advanced Therapeutic Interventions I	3
AT 4072/5072	Advanced Therapeutic Interventions I Clinical Skills	1
AT 4075/5075	Advanced Therapeutic Interventions II	3
AT 4082/5082	Advanced Therapeutic Interventions II Clinical Skills	1
AT 4100/5100	Advanced Clinical Anatomy	3
AT 6130	General Medical Assessment & Intervention	3
AT 6550	Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Skills	2
AT 4210/5210	Pathoetiology and Orthopaedic Assessment I	3
AT 4215/5215	Pathoetiology and Orthopaedic Assessment I Clinical Skills	1
AT 4220/5220	Pathoetiology and Orthopaedic Assessment II	3
AT 4225/5225	Pathoetiology and Orthopaedic Assessment II Clinical Skills	1
AT 6255	Health Assessment & Preventive Practices	3
AT 6260	Gross Human Anatomy & Orthopedic Surgical Interventions	3
AT 6275	Mental Health Care in Athletic Training Practice	3
Research: 3 credit hours (Non-thesis)		
AT 6299 Research		3
Total hours		54

* Students who only need one semester of Chemistry may take CHEM 1010 Principles of Chemistry. Students who take CHEM 1010 are not eligible to progress into CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II.

Learning Outcomes

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Outcome 1: Graduates will have the ability to apply best practice knowledge to profession specific contexts

- **Goal 1:** Students demonstrate the ability to evaluate, apply, and design best practice for professional contexts within the discipline
- **Goal 2:** Students will report that the program improved their ability to evaluate, apply, and design best practice for professional context within the discipline (Exit and Alumni surveys).

Outcome 2: Graduates will have the ability to conduct research and demonstrate critical thinking in the process of integrating and drawing relevant conclusions from the culminating research project.

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- **Goal 1:** Students will demonstrate the ability to interpret, summarize, integrate, and draw relevant conclusions and applications based on relevant research findings
- **Goal 2:** Students will report that the program improved their ability to interpret, summarize, integrate, and draw relevant conclusions and applications based on relevant research findings

Outcome 3: Graduates will display competence in verbal, written, and/or visual communication, as appropriate for their discipline.

- **Goal 1:** Students will demonstrate competence in oral communication
- **Goal 2:** Students will demonstrate competence in written communication

Policies

Major Requirements

General Explanation: UNI offers a Master of Athletic Training (MATr) program, a professional graduate degree in Athletic Training. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Students interested in pursuing this major must apply and be formally admitted to this program. Students should apply for the Master of Athletic Training program through ATCAS (atcas.liaisoncas.com). Program admission is based on undergraduate GPA, completion of the prerequisite courses, program application materials, and admission to the Graduate College. Applications will begin to be reviewed no later than October 1st of each year.

The Master of Athletic Training curriculum is offered as a 2-year standalone plan, as well as a 3+2 combined plan with the B.A. in Kinesiology. The 3+2 program is highly demanding and has a strict curricular plan that must be followed in order for students to complete both an undergraduate and a graduate degree in five years. Athletic training advisors work closely with students throughout this process. Students will apply to the MATr program in the fall of year three. With admission to the MATr program, the courses that will be applied to the master's degree will begin in the summer following year three. Students will complete their master's degree after completion of the spring semester of year five. Although the entry points will differ between the 2-year standalone and 3+2 students, the curriculum will be the same and students will complete the graduate program as a cohort, regardless of entry point. **Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 and above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.** Students must contact the athletic training program director for more information regarding which plan of study is best for them.

1. **Prerequisite courses required:** A Bachelor's degree must be earned prior to entry into the Master of Athletic Training, unless pursuing the 3+2 option. Additional prerequisite undergraduate courses (or equivalent) include: General Biology: Cell Structure & Function; General Chemistry I; Physics I; Statistics; Introduction to Psychology; and Anatomy and Physiology Physiology I & II with laboratory components. A grade of a C or better must be attained in all prerequisite courses. All pre-requisite courses must have been completed within last 10 years.
2. **Application requirements for all students:** To be admitted to the UNI Master of Athletic Training Program, students must complete the application process. The following list of items are

required as part of the application process in ATCAS. *Students are responsible for all costs associated with application process.*

- a. Achieved a bachelor's degree or on 3+2 option
 - b. Completion of course prerequisites as listed above
 - c. ATCAS application process
 - d. 50 hours of athletic training observation experience
 - e. Technical standards form
 - f. For international students whose native language is not English, official TOEFL scores are required unless a baccalaureate degree was completed at a university or college where the primary language of instruction is English.
 - g. Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater
 - h. Personal statement
 - i. Three letters of recommendation
3. **Application Process:**
 - a. Apply & be accepted via ATCAS
 - b. Submit all materials to Graduate Admissions & be accepted
 - c. Students must be admitted prior to the beginning of the summer session in order to join that year's cohort
 4. A committee of faculty and staff will be assigned to the acceptance committee and will review the applications.
 5. Upon acceptance into the Master of Athletic Training program, a student must do the following within 30 days of notification of acceptance:
 - a. Send a letter of acceptance via email to the Master Athletic Training Program Director.
 6. To graduate from UNI with a Master of Athletic Training major, students must:
 - a. Maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA and 3.00 major GPA
 - b. Complete a clinical experience each semester
 - c. Complete the Master of Athletic Training academic major. This includes that a student be enrolled in the athletic training program for a minimum of four semesters.
 7. All other program information is available at the athletic training program office (003 HPC) or our website.

Related Programs

- Kinesiology B.A.