

Executive Summary
Kinesiology Collection Assessment
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INTRODUCTION

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HOLDINGS

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RC 1200-1245	Sports Medicine	221
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Kinesiology subject areas also extend beyond the boundaries of the disciplines. Supplemental support for research includes a wide range of subject areas, most importantly, the Nursing and Health Sciences Collection, which includes 25,829 titles.¹ Other relevant areas are Education and Developmental Psychology. Supplementary areas for the Sports Management Program include business, marketing and management, and public administration.

TITLES ADDED/TITLES PUBLISHED

Below is a comparison of the number of book titles added to the Houston Cole Library collection versus those made available for sale each fiscal year through GOBI.

Monographs Added Versus Published Comparison

Fiscal Year	Added to Collections GV	GOBI New Titles Report²	Percentage
2018-2019	170	900	19%
2017-2018	180	798	23%
2016-2017	243	842	29%
2015-2016	179	804	22%
2014-2015	141	789	18%
2013-2014	192	840	23%
Total	1,105	4,973	22%

¹ Please see the [2019 Nursing & Health Sciences Collection Assessment](#) for complete details on holdings.

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 2013-2018: Kinesiology</i>			
Year	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
2018	7	7	100%
2017	7	7	100%
2016	5	5	100%
2015	4	4	100%
2014	6	6	100%
2013	4	4	100%
TOTAL	33	33	100%

<i>Resources for College Libraries (RCL) 2013-2018</i>			
Subject	Collected	Listed	Percentage Held
Kinesiology	191	220	87%

WITHDRAWALS

The table below shows withdrawals from the GV, QH-QR, and R classifications. There are no further breakdowns for the GV, QH-QR, and R class.

Fiscal Year	L Titles Withdrawn
2018/2019	338
2017-2018	117
2016-2017	1,020
2015-2016	166
2014-2015	627
Total	2,268

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The following bibliography was checked against the Library’s holdings for serial titles pertaining to Kinesiology, revealing the corresponding percentages:

Titles	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
<i>Magazines for Libraries 23rd Edition 2015: Kinesiology</i>	46	69	67%

**The titles we don't have are non-academic sport-specific titles*

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Through partnerships, such as the one with the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), the Library is able to obtain more content. Resources provided to the Library by the AVL are designated with the AVL icon.

SUMMARY

Strengths:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluation, and checklist comparisons indicate the overall Kinesiology collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheet are the holdings in the subject areas of Physical Training, Recreation, and individual Sports. These holdings support the athletic training, physical education, and recreation programs in Kinesiology. Holdings for Physiology and Sports Medicine are also substantial and vital for those programs that emphasize the rigorous medical and scientific research that is essential to the health and exercise science programs in Kinesiology. Within holdings for individual Sports, the collection of books on baseball and football coaching and history is exceptional.

Journal articles are vital to research in the discipline of Kinesiology. A review of the journal holdings reveals that the Kinesiology collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum in the Department of Kinesiology, providing access to approximately 832 journal titles with varying degrees of coverage. The Library subscribes to the primary databases available for Kinesiology research, such as SportDiscus, EBSCOhost Education Databases (physical education and school health), CINAHL, and PubMed (Medline). Historical research in Physical Education is also supported through access to Education Index Education Retrospective: 1929-1983 and the complete ERIC Documents Microfiche Collection.

Weaknesses:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the Kinesiology Collection are individual sports that are not as relevant to our region in the Southeast, such as Winter Sports. The collection for Hunting Sports is also sparse. While these areas have some importance and best works on them should be collected, they are not within the scope of the curriculum.

Recommendations:

The growth rate of the Kinesiology Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for the undergraduate and graduate programs in Kinesiology. The monograph collection should be generally increased, based on budget, with a strong focus on core and outstanding titles. The periodical collection available via databases is substantial and should be maintained. While the collection used to be strongest in the areas of physical education and recreation, the addition of new programs that demand rigorous scholarship in the health and medical sciences, will require continued acquisition of current resources in the area of Physiology and Sports Medicine. The subject specialist librarian should also be extremely knowledgeable about resources detailed in the [Nursing Collection Assessment](#), as general medical research is also vital to kinesiology.

Currently, e-books comprise 22% of the Kinesiology Collection. For ease of access to our students and faculty, it is recommended that monographs be purchased in electronic format when available.