

# MASTER OF SCIENCE: SPORTS SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

For admission consideration, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

1. A Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) in Exercise Science-related field is highly preferred.
  - Highly recommended that candidates have experience in Statistics and Calculus.
  - A non-Exercise Science degree will be considered but must be approved by the Sports Science and Analytics Graduate Program Director for acceptance based on transcript, student's future goals, and attempts and/or success with the National Strength and Conditioning Association's (NSCA) Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) certification.
2. At least a 3.00 GPA in required courses for the major.
3. At least a 3.00 GPA overall.
4. Highly preferred that candidates currently hold a certification as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) through the NSCA.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Completed Online Application
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae.
- Official transcripts from all previously attended academic institutions.
  - Applicants applying while finishing their undergraduate degrees should submit the most up-to-date transcript at the time of application.
  - Students with international credentials must submit, at their own expense, a translated credential evaluation (from a NACES or AICE member organization) with their admission application.
- Personal Statement: Why do I want to attain an M.S. in Sports Science at Linfield? (Limit 500 words.)
- \$50 application fee
- Students applying for financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Linfield's school code is 003198.

All items will be reviewed by the Admissions department, HHPA faculty and staff, and Sports Science and Analytics Graduate Program Director.

## DEFERRING ADMISSION

Admitted students who wish to defer their enrollment must submit the Deferral Request Form, available online from the Office of Admission. Examples of reasons may be temporary changes to personal or family circumstance, international or cultural exchange or experience, semester or year-long service or leadership work, or other. If deferred enrollment is approved by the director of admission and program coordinator(s), the admitted student must pay a non-refundable \$100 matriculation fee. The

deferred student may not enroll in another college or university during the deferred time period.

## RIGHT TO RESCIND ADMISSION POLICY

A disciplinary matter or criminal conviction, whether occurring prior to the time of application, while the application is under review, or after the admission decision has been made, may affect the University's decisions regarding admission, enrollment, or course of study. Linfield University reserves the right to rescind admission or enrollment in such circumstances. In addition, because offers of admission and enrollment are based upon a record of academic achievement, Linfield reserves the right to rescind admission or enrollment upon receipt of a final high school transcript or most recent college transcript reflecting a significant decline in academic performance or showing that specific program prerequisites have not been met. Finally, if an application misrepresents any information, for any reason, admission or enrollment may be rescinded at the University's discretion.

## INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

International applicants residing outside the United States are eligible to apply for and enroll in the program. International students residing within the United States on F-1 Visa are not eligible to enroll. Eligible international applicants must also provide the following:

- International applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by either:
  - Having successfully completed two years full-time coursework at an English language institution or
  - Submitting a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam (preferred) with scores of 80 (iBT) with a written sub-score of 24/550 (paper) or IELTS 6.5 with a writing sub-score of 7.0. Linfield also recognizes scores from other standardized tests such as GTEC and EIKEN.
- Students submitting international transcripts must have their transcripts officially evaluated by a NACES or AICE member organization at the applicant's expense.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

We recommend that students complete their application by the priority application date for their intended start term, in order to have time to receive financial aid, register for classes and purchase their books.

### Application Priority Deadlines

Term	Date
Fall	June 1
	Rolling admission past this deadline until the cohort is full or the start of classes

**Matriculation Fee:** Students seeking a graduate degree through Linfield's College of Arts and Sciences are required to pay a \$100 matriculation fee. These fees are non-refundable after classes begin each term.

## READMISSION TO LINFIELD UNIVERSITY

A student must apply for readmission if they want to return to Linfield after being away from the university for a semester or more without taking an official leave of absence. A readmitted student is responsible for consulting their academic department regarding changes to the curriculum and also must meet the most recently approved requirements

for any program that is accredited or licensed. The student must meet the graduation requirements from an eligible catalog which has not expired at the time of the student's graduation. When degree, major and/or minor requirements have changed, the major department has the right to specify the catalog year(s) available to the student. A returning student who is requesting readmission to Linfield but to a new program with specific entrance requirements is not guaranteed admission to that program.

The application for readmission includes:

1. A Readmission of a Former Student Application form available online at [linfield.edu/admission](http://linfield.edu/admission) (<http://linfield.edu/admission/>).
2. Submission of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended after leaving Linfield University.
3. A returning student who left the university on suspension status must appeal their academic standing in addition to completing the readmission application. See policy on Academic Suspension Appeals.
4. Students previously admitted to any program in the School of Nursing must also submit Nursing-specific forms.

While the university typically reviews all applications for returning students, it is recommended that students complete the readmission application by the priority application deadlines—generally April 15th for fall semester and November 15th for spring semester for programs on a standard calendar and one semester in advance for programs on an accelerated calendar.