The Kinesiology program is committed to the study and research of human movement in all its dimensions. Undergraduate study focuses on exercise stress, movement efficiency, and fitness; the social, cultural, and psychological aspects of participation in physical activity and sport; coordination, control, and skill of physical activity; physical growth, development, and body form throughout the lifespan; the effects of therapeutic techniques of Kinesiology upon recovery from physical injury; and the instructional process of teaching/coaching of physical activity and sport.

The curriculum combines a comprehensive liberal arts and sciences education with in-depth study in a particular area of interest. The program of study provides knowledge and understanding essential for human movement and sport careers in either public or private agencies. The hours required for graduation include prescribed courses for all students as well as requirements determined by the various areas of emphasis selected by the student. Teaching and research emphasize hands-on learning through the use of technology and modern laboratory equipment. Graduates find employment in a variety of fields including teaching, corporate fitness, coaching, and athletic training. Many students continue their education and become physical therapists, physicians, exercise physiologists, and sport psychologists.

A 5 year BS MPH joint degree program is available for students majoring in Community Health, I-Health, or Kinesiology. Students apply for the program in the latter part of their third year (junior year) of study. Students accepted into the BS MPH joint degree program take 12 credit hours of coursework in their senior year that apply to both BS and MPH degrees. In the 5th year of study, students complete the remaining requirements for the MPH degree, and graduate simultaneously with both BS and MPH degrees. The requirements are explained in more detail on the MPH program website: http://www.mph.illinois.edu/Program/.

Only students who have completed their junior year but have not yet completed their senior year are eligible to apply. The curriculum, degree requirements, and faculty for the 5-year BS-MPH program (MPH portion) are the same as the regular MPH program.

The BS-MPH program is accelerated. Students take a heavier course load during the fifth year, called the MPH year. The MPH year consists of one Fall semester, one Spring semester, and one Summer semester. For students in the Epidemiology concentration, the MPH portion of the degree consists of one Fall semester, one Spring semester, one Summer semester, and a second Fall semester, with students graduating in December.