Julie Larsen has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: larsen2@wsu.edu.

**Requested change:** Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

**Degree:** Ph.D. in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology

**Title:** Ph.D. in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology

**Requested Effective Date:** Fall 2021

Revise plan requirement: Yes

**Dean:** Tomkowiak, John - Dean - Medicine,

**Chair:** Duncan, Glen – Chair – Nutrition and Exercise Physiology,
1. I approve this proposal in its current form.

Glen E. Duncan, PhD, RCEP
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John Tomkowiak MD, MOL
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[Details of major change requested can be found in the attached supplemental documentation]

1. I approve this proposal in its current form.
2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.
3. I do not approve this proposal. Please return to submitter.

If you do not respond within one week, you will be sent a reminder email. If no response is received within three weeks of the submission date, the proposal will be returned to the submitter.

Thank you for your assistance as we embark on this new process. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu.

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The Department of Nutrition & Exercise Physiology (NEP) hosts three distinct graduate training pathways: A Master’s degree with coordinated program in dietetics (MS-CPD); A Master’s degree with a research focus (MS-NEP) and a research-focused PhD program. Students enrolled in both the MS-NEP and PhD pathways are currently limited to two credits of graduate seminar in nutrition and exercise, NEP 505. A separate statement explains the rationale for eliminating the credit limit of NEP 505. This statement proposes an increase in the credit requirements for NEP 505 for PhD students.

As a graduate seminar series, NEP 505’s content varies substantially from semester to semester, with leading WSU and outside researchers presenting state-of-the-art methods and findings in human nutrition, exercise physiology, and human health, as well as timely presentations by clinical and public health practitioners. Every spring semester, NEP 505 also includes sessions organized and run by PhD students, in which they present their own research or related topics. Increasing the credit requirements of NEP 505 from two to four credits will provide PhD students with greater exposure to a wider range of research and more opportunities to present research and lead scientific discussions.

This change does not impact any other department or college.
Nutrition and Exercise Physiology PhD:

- **Core Requirements: must complete all the following:**
  - NEP 505 (≥4 credits minimum)
  - BIOMED 550, ED_PSYCH 521, NEP 520, NURS 526, NURS 527, PHARMSCI 577
- **Additional Courses: must complete all the following:**
  - NEP 525, NEP 526, NEP 582, NEP 586
- **Electives: 15 credits minimum**
  - Selected in consultation with the committee
- **Graded Credits: 48 credits minimum:**
- **Research Credits: 24 credits minimum:**
  - NEP 800
- **Total Credits: 72 credits minimum**

Applicable Graduate School Requirements:

- **Graded Credits: 34 credits minimum**
  - Students may use a maximum of 9 credits of undergraduate coursework (300-400)
- **Research Credits: 20 credits minimum**
  - NEP 800
- **Total Credits: 72 minimum**