

We hope you are already enjoying the start of a relaxing and productive summer. We are writing to you to relay some important information about our department.

The undergraduate programs in the Department of Health and Sport Studies will have new academic homes beginning this fall. These changes will not affect your undergraduate career at Iowa but we want to share some of the details with you before you return to campus.

### Health Promotion

The Health Promotion program will be part of the newly structured Department of Health and Human Physiology. Health behavior coursework will remain at the heart of the Health Promotion program. Fitness testing, exercise prescription, and nutrition intervention coursework will be enhanced within the new program. There will also be additional opportunities for laboratory experiences in exercise science and expanded coursework in health communication. Since you are already a Health and Sport Studies Health Promotion major, your academic program will not change. You will graduate with a BA in Health and Sport Studies. If you elect to move to the new Health Promotion curriculum, we will work closely with you to help you graduate on time with a BA in Health and Human Physiology.

The Health Promotion program and faculty will remain at the Field house. The department office will be 424 FH. Joe Cilek, the Health Promotion undergraduate advisor and internship coordinator, will remain at 101 E FH.

The Health Promotion major will remain a selective admission major. Starting in Spring 2011 all students who are admitted to the Health Promotion program will complete the new curriculum and receive the BA in Health and Human Physiology. Please discuss with your advisor if the new curriculum and BA in Health and Human Physiology would be better for you. You have the option of remaining in the current or the revised program. You will have a four-year sunset period to complete your degree in HSS.

### Sport Studies

The Sport Studies program will become a major in the American Studies Department, and new Sport Studies students will now earn a BA in Sport Studies. The curriculum you are familiar with will continue to guide your academic career. All our sport studies courses will continue to be offered, and we will add a new elective to the major, Sport and Film, next spring. Susan Birrell will coordinate the Sport Studies program for the American Studies department chair, Kim Marra.

Since you are already a Sport Studies major, your academic program will not change. You will graduate with a BA in Health and Sport Studies. See more details below.

The Sport Studies program is relocating to the Jefferson Building (JB) in downtown Iowa City. The department office will be 200 JB. Joe Cilek, the Sport Studies undergraduate advisor and internship coordinator, will have an office at 728 Jefferson Building, beginning August 1, and he will also retain his office in the Field House. The faculty who teach in sport studies – Susan Birrell, Tina Parratt, and Jennifer Metz – as well as all the sport studies TAs, will have offices on the 7th floor of the Jefferson Building. Our evening courses will still be taught in the Field House; daytime classes will be scheduled in classrooms closer to the center of campus.

The major will remain a selective admission major and there will be some small curricular changes for students who are admitted beginning Spring 2011. During your meeting with your advisor for spring semester, you should discuss whether the revised curriculum would be better for you. You have the option of remaining in the current or the revised program. You will have a four-year sunset period to complete your degree in HSS.

Our proximity to American Studies will provide some new opportunities for valuable coursework experiences for Sport Studies majors. The faculty believe these changes will further strengthen our undergraduate major and provide us with greater visibility within the College.

The Department of Health and Sport Studies

These changes are the result of the decision by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to close the Department of Health and Sport Studies, effective July 1, 2010. Although our major is one of the more popular ones on campus, we have not been able to hire new faculty to replace those who have retired recently. The College believes it is best to relocate the HSS undergraduate programs within other academic units with more resources.

We believe these changes will work to your advantage as an undergraduate student and they will not delay your progress toward your degree. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Cilek at [joe-cilek@uiowa.edu](mailto:joe-cilek@uiowa.edu).

We wish you an enjoyable summer and look forward to greeting you in class in the fall and in our new academic homes.

Sincerely,

The Health & Sport Studies Faculty