

**GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF BSc HONS IN SPORT SCIENCE
(KINDERKINETICS & PERFORMANCE SPORT) AND BIOKINETICS STUDENTS
FOR 2025**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. To be considered for the BSc Hons degree programme in Sport Science and Biokinetics, an applicant shall hold a recognised degree in Sport Science or equivalent degree (NQF 7) with at least 60% on average for undergraduate Sport Science modules. Applicants who did not complete their undergraduate studies at Stellenbosch University, are required to have **all three** of the following modules: (i) Sport / Exercise Physiology, (ii) Anatomy / Applied Anatomy, (iii) Biomechanics / Applied Biomechanics, and **at least one** of the following modules: Motor Learning / Motor Control and Sport / Exercise Psychology.
Meeting the minimum admission requirements is by no means a guarantee for successful selection.
2. Since not all the selected applicants do accept the selection offer, more applicants are selected initially in order to compensate and eventually reach the goal of **more or less 12 Kinderkinetics, 20 Performance Sport, 25 Biokinetics** students in total.
3. The annual revision of the number of students admitted to the programme depends on:
 - Training capacity in terms of human resources, infrastructure and the clinical training platform.
 - Regional and national needs.
 - Enrolment planning of the University.
- 4.1 All applicants who have indicated Biokinetics, Kinderkinetics or Performance Sport as a first choice on their application will be considered for their first preference, based on the selection criteria.
- 4.2 Applicants not selected for Biokinetics first choice, but who have a second choice as Kinderkinetics or Performance Sport and have a higher ranking than the abovementioned applicants, may be considered.
5. Candidates cannot defer their selection from one year to another. If an applicant is successful, but does not take up their selection, such an applicant will have to apply anew to be considered for selection in future.

6. The onus rests upon the applicant to ensure that the information is complete and correct. **Incomplete applications after closing date will not be considered.**

B. GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF STUDENTS

- 1 Applicants are selected as follows on the basis of academic as well as non-academic merit that comprises the selection factor (SF).
- 1.1 Academic performance at undergraduate level (including only Sports Science modules), which comprises **75%** of the selection factor.
- 1.2 Non-academic merit (NAM), which comprises **25%** of the selection factor.
- 1.2.1 The non-academic merit mark is calculated on the basis of the scale below. Information is gathered by means of a structured questionnaire. Application forms must be submitted no later than the 31 July of the relevant year.

Non-academic merit (NAM) scoring guide:

NAM Considerations	Maximum Score
Leadership	5
Community service	5
Sport	5
Continuous teaching and learning	5
Two confidential reports from referees (please only use provided template)	5

- 1.2.2 The score for each of the items is the maximum possible score. The marks are calculated according to specific and consistent criteria by staff members allocated to this process. Only achievements during the last 3 years, including the application year, are taken into consideration.
- 1.3 The selection process takes place as follows:
- 1.3.1 The first 60% of candidates are selected based on the top-ranking applicants in priority sequence according to the selection factor (academic and non-academic) with priority to students from Stellenbosch University.
- 1.3.2 In addition, Black African, Coloured, Indian and Asian applicants are selected in priority sequence according to the Selection Factor until 30% has been filled.

1.3.3 The remaining 10% will be in priority sequence according to the Selection Factor (academic and non-academic) until the programme is full.

1.3.4 Two additional positions of the previous 10% for postgraduate students in Sport Science and/or related fields based on academic performance with at least 60% average in the postgraduate year can be considered.

1.3.5 When all the available places are filled, further qualifying applicants are placed on a waiting list in the order of the selection factor. Applicants from the Western Cape will be given preference. Cancellations are filled from the waiting list.

C. PROCEDURES THAT ARE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. APPLICATION FORMS

1.1 Applicants can apply electronically at <https://student.sun.ac.za/signup/>

1.2 The closing date for submitting applications, including the non-academic merit questionnaire for consideration during the initial selection process, is 31 July of the year that precedes registration.

2. PROCESSING OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS

2.1 All applications are online and processed automatically on the application portal as indicated above, followed by an initial review by a central application officer.

2.2 The non-academic merit form is assessed by the Postgraduate Programme Committees of the Division of Movement Science and Exercise Therapy as well as the Division of Sport Science. The data of the non-academic merit form is captured manually, and an average percentage is calculated. This mark is then combined with the average undergraduate mark for the Sport Science modules.

2.3 It is expected of applicants to provide an undertaking that all information provided is accurate. In the event that it should be discovered that a selected applicant has provided false information or has withheld information, they will forfeit their selection.

3. SELECTION OPPORTUNITIES

- 3.1 The first selection takes place after the closing date of 31 July, during the second semester of the preceding year.
- 3.2 Placement of applicants takes place continuously, based on the waiting list and the places available in the programme.
- 3.3 Selection is finalised one week after the commencement of the first semester classes.

4. SENDING OUT SELECTION LETTERS

- 4.1 After the selection meetings, applicants are informed electronically of the selection results.

4.1.1 The programme official of the Postgraduate Programme Committee should submit the lists of selected and non-selected applicants to the Faculty Officer or Administrative Officer (Tygerberg Campus) in a timely manner so that applicants can be informed about the outcome of their application.

4.1.2 These selection lists should contain full applicant information as well as a clear indication on the outcome of the application e.g. 'selected', 'unsuccessful', 'waitlisted', 'refer for RPL admission'.

- 4.2 Selected applicants must reply within two weeks from mailing of the selection information, stating whether they accept the offer.
- 4.3 If they accept the selection offer, the prescribed selection non-refundable deposit is due. Applicants who accept their selection offer, pay the prescribed selection deposit, and afterwards cancel their selection of their own accord.
- 4.4 The places of applicants who do not respond to the offer and cannot be reached administratively will be cancelled.