

KINESIOLOGY: OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE, MS

This is a named option in the Kinesiology, MS. (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/kinesiology/kinesiology-ms/>) For more information, please see our program website (<https://kinesiology.education.wisc.edu/academics/grad-program/>).

As occupational scientists, our faculty and graduate students explore theories of occupational engagement and conduct research to expand the body of knowledge supporting the practice of occupational therapy. Occupational Science integrates theories and practices from the disciplines of anatomy, biomechanics, motor control, neuroscience, psychology, and sociology to enhance our understanding of how engagement in the activities of daily life promotes human health and well-being. The Occupational Science named option of the Kinesiology MS emphasizes the understanding of theories underlying occupational science. Students conduct research and develop advanced knowledge in a specific area of concentration within occupational science.

All faculty members have established laboratories for conducting research in Occupational Science, some of which are free-standing and others of which are located in research centers around campus. Opportunities abound for engaging in collaborative work with faculty from other disciplines such as kinesiology, biomedical engineering, psychology, nursing, population health, sociology, human ecology, special education, or rehabilitation psychology. A full list and description of the research labs, hosted by the Occupational Therapy Program, can be found on the department's research page (<https://kinesiology.education.wisc.edu/research/>).