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Physical Education majors aren't just typical athletes trying to stay eligible for their particular sport anymore.

At UNLV the Physical Education department isn't even called Physical Education. The proper name is the College of Human Performance and Development and this college is one of the fastest growing areas of study on campus.

"We have around 1,000 majors in this college and it is growing at a faster rate than the university is," said Dr. John Mas-sengale, dean of the college.

With this growth and budget constraints, the college hasn't been able to do some of the things it wanted to.

"We are constrained by our classroom size and by our staff size. We haven't been able to hire some of the faculty we needed and the classrooms in McDermott (Physical Education Complex) are just to small." said Dr Massengale.

The students who graduate from this particular college tend to fair well in the job market however.

"Our graduates fair well in the

job market, but only about 50 percent of our graduates actually do things in this field. Many do other things by their own choice." Massengale said.

With the exception of the Education department, this department is more evenly balanced in the ratio of men to women than any other on campus.

"There are of course more men than women in our program, however the majority of our graduate students are women," he said.

Within this college there are three seperate departments. One is the department of health education and sports injury management. Another being the department of kinesiology and the last being sport and leisure studies.

In the area of Health Education and Sports Injury Management the degrees offered are Athletic Training, Pre-Physical Therapy, School Health, and Community Health Education. Health teachers in the school systems come from this area, as well as the trainers for sports. This department also contributes to other majors on campus such as Gerontology and Womens Studies

The degrees attainable in the

Kinesiology area are Physical Education Teachers (K-12), Sport and Fitness Management, and Health. "The graduates in the area of Sport and Fitness Management don't generally work within the school systems. These are the people who work in health clubs and those type of places," said Massengale.

The term Kinesiology means the study of human movement. This deals with Bio-mechanics and exercise physiology.

"This term (Kinesiology) is replacing physical education at a very high rate, especially at the university level," Massengale said.

Sport and Leisure Studies students major in Recreation. The areas of emphasis are either Commercial and Resort Recreation or Outdoor Recreation. Within this department a certification program has been set up for Theraputic Recreation.

Along with these bachelor's degrees, master's degrees are offered in education and special education, which deals with the handicapped.

Master's of science degrees are offered in exercise physiology, and sport and leisure services management.

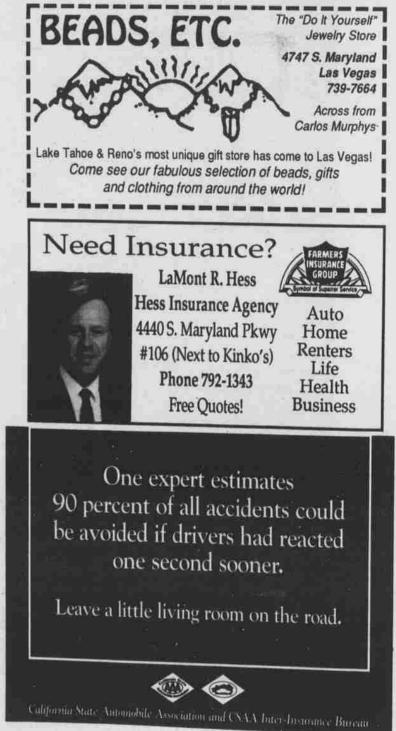


Estimated Job Demand by Field of Study For 1992-93 Bachelor's-Degree Graduates

	Estimated	Percent
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Academic Major		
Favorable Supply/Demand Ratio	monte lla	
Business & Management	266,857	24.24%
Engineering	71,725	6.51
Health Professions	63,951	5.81
Computer & Information Sciences	33,146	3.01
Engineering Technologies	20,531	1.86
Physical Sciences	18,613	1.69
Total Graduates-	474,823	43.13
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Competitive Supply/Demand Ratio	104.000	9.53%
Education	104,930	1.50
Mathematics	6,485	
Protective Services	15,824	1.44
Architecture & Environmental Design	9,944	0.90
Communications Technologies	1,342	0.12
Other	5,350	0.49
Total Graduates-	153,873	13.98
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Social Sciences	116,534	10.58%
Communications	51,265	4.66
	52,489	4.77
Psychology	46,871	4.26
Letters	39,033	3.55
Life Sciences	40,875	3.71
Visual and Performing Arts	25,380	2.31
Liberal/General Studies	19,704	1.79
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	15,922	1.45
Home Economics		Internet (Concerning
Public Affairsd	16,503	1.50
Agriculture & Natural Resources	14,592	1.33
Foreign Languages	11,656	1.06
Philosophy and Religion	6,936	0.63
Theology	5,758	0.52
Parks and Recreation	4,513	0.14
Área & Ethnic Studies	4,272	0.39
Total Graduates-	472,304	42.90
Grand Total-All Fields	1,101,000	
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