**CSUN Department of Kinesiology**

**Expectations for Graduate Students**

**This program culminates in a Thesis or Professional Project. Please read the following characteristics and work habits that we believe are critical to student success in our graduate program. Use our expectations as a guideline to determine whether you possess the qualities necessary for success in this program.**

1. Students should possess a background appropriate for their area of focus.
2. Students should be able to write at a post-baccalaureate level.
3. Students should be self-starters.
4. Students should be able to work independently.
5. Students should have good interpersonal skills.
6. Students should be able to meet deadlines.

**Once you have started the program, there are additional expectations for your behavior:**

1. Students should read all assigned readings prior to class.
2. Students must come to class prepared, able to discuss each topic.
3. Students will meet with their option area advisors within the first two weeks of their first semester in the program.
4. Students will become active participants in either laboratory or community based research, which will begin during their first semester of studies.
5. Students will establish a collegial relationship with their mentor(s) / advisor(s).
6. Students should discuss any lab related issues with their advisors.
7. Students will conduct themselves in a professional manner in all interactions with students and faculty, both in the classroom and outside of the classroom.

**What are our expectations of your behavior if things are not going well in the program?**

1. If a student receives a notice of probationary status or disqualification, the student must notify and meet with the graduate coordinator immediately.
2. If a student is asked to discontinue work in a laboratory or has lost the support of his/her advisor/mentor, then the student must meet with the graduate coordinator to discuss options for degree completion.
3. If a student has not been able to establish a relationship with a faculty mentor during the course of the program, the student should strongly consider a different MS program.