

**University of South Carolina
College of Education
Department of Physical Education
Physical Activity Program**

Course: PEDU 181
Term: Spring 2008
Meeting Time: Thursday 6:30-8:10pm
Location: Softwinds Farm, 1624 Martin Luther King, Hopkins,
SC 29061
Instructor: Janet Brown
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Text: Electronic Handouts posted and Internet Readings
Assigned

Course Description: This course is designed to include students of all riding abilities. Each rider will be evaluated independently on their riding skills. The student must be able to mount and dismount independently in order to take this class.

FORMAT OF CLASS / LOCATION. The class will usually consist of a 10-15 minute lecture followed by an approximately 90 minute skill enhancement session.

Final Exam: The final exam will be administered on the last class meeting.

Extra Fee:

\$300 fee paid directly to Softwinds Farm the first week of class.

Dress Requirements:

Riding breeches, comfortable long pants or chaps, riding boots, or hiking boots.

Course Objectives:

1. To identify safety requirements of riding.
2. To understand emergency procedures.
3. To develop musculature pertinent for the activity.
4. To outline techniques for mounting and dismounting.
5. To demonstrate a proper understanding of the care and grooming of your animal.
6. To describe the ability to walk, trot, and canter.

7. To exhibit responsible and punctual attendance in this class.

Class Attendance

University excused activities will not be counted as absences. It is however required that for any absence, the work for that class be made up or it will be penalized by **5% off your final grade in this class**. You are required to attend class and participate based on the following schedule:

11 or more riding lessons = A
 10 lessons = B
 9 Lessons = C
 8 Lessons = D
 7 Lessons or less = Failure

Grading

Mid Term Exams: 20%
 Final Exam 20%
 Participation: 40%
 Practical Exam 20%
 (4 each at 5%)

Required documentation for excused absences:

Generally, documentation must be submitted to instructor within **ONE WEEK** of absence. See the "Absence Form" for specific information.

- Funerals: will be excused when provided with an obituary or prayer card.

Illness: will be excused by a doctor's completion of the attached form. Medical excuses provided by a parent or other family member is **NOT** acceptable. Additionally, a physician who is also a member of the family (i.e., parent, step-parent, sibling, aunt/uncle, grandparent) may **NOT** complete the form for the student.

University Sponsored Events, and Military Obligation: documentation must be submitted at least **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the absence. The documentation must contain the exact dates the student will be gone.

Self-handicapping behaviors – Some students may attend class in a physical condition that is less than adequate to complete the physical demands of this class. As a result, the instructor reserves the right to dismiss the student for his or her own safety as well as the safety of other class members. These instances include, but are not limited to: all-night social activities (i.e., dance marathon, all night study sessions), being hung-over due to alcohol or other drug use, and chronic dehydration. Depending on the circumstances and the frequency of these situations, the instructor reserves the right to charge the student with an absence, or allowing the student to make up the class through one of the above stated make-up activities.

Code of Academic Integrity:

It is the responsibility of every student to abide by the USC Code of Academic Integrity. All acts of dishonesty violate standards essential to the existence of an academic community. Violations of the Code of Academic Integrity may include, but are not limited to, cheating, fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism. A zero tolerance policy for academic dishonesty is in effect for this course.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is not permitted at the University of South Carolina. Please be aware that your statements and actions are being observed by numerous students with very diverse backgrounds. What may be harmless in one person's opinion, may be interpreted as harassment by another. Any concern regarding sexual harassment should be reported to the instructor or the program director, Mr. Gary Nave 803.777.3239 or Dr. Murray Mitchell at 777-3172.

Health Questionnaire

Because physical activity courses often involve strenuous physical activity, the Physical Education Department reserves the right to require a physician's approval before allowing a student to participate in this course.

(Form will be provided separately)

Disability Statement: Learning-disabled students who wish to take advantage of University-approved program accommodations must have an academic advisory plan on file with the Office of Student Disability Services and the Dean of the College. This plan will be formulated by the student's academic advisor with the assistance of the Office of Student Disability Services and will contain recommended accommodations, which specifically relate to and are consistent with the student's diagnosed disability. A copy of the student's academic advisory plan must be provided to the course instructor for the student to be eligible for a particular accommodation. Any substitutions for degree requirements recommended in the student's academic advisory plan must be referred to the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee of the student's college for action.

Pass/Fail OPTION: S and U indicate, respectively, satisfactory (passing) and unsatisfactory (failing) performance in courses carried under the Pass-Fail option. The S/U designation is used also for some research courses, workshops, and seminars in which the regular academic grades are not used. The use of the Pass-Fail grading option in such courses is indicated in their bulletin descriptions. No course carried under the Pass-Fail option will affect a student's grade point average or the evaluation of suspension conditions. If this option is chosen (or some major departments make students take a physical activity class as Pass/Fail), students must fulfill all class requirements. A grade of 60% or higher is needed for a grade of Pass.

Grading Scale	A= 90-100%
	B+= 87-89.9%
	B= 80-86.9%
	C+= 77-79.9%
	C= 70-76.9%
	D+= 67-69.9%
	D= 60-66.9%
	E= 59.9 or lower

*Grades will not be rounded.

Professional Point and Professional Membership NA Summer 2 (PE Majors only)

Physical Education/Athletic Training majors are required to earn a minimum of five (5) professional points during the academic year and have current membership in one approved professional organization (e.g., CAST, SCAHPERD, AAHPERD, NATA). Proof of membership and two (2) of these points are required by **(TBA)** or your grade will be lowered one grade level (e.g., an earned A drops to a B+, etc.) in this course and all PEDU courses. Evidence of professional membership and all professional points must be verified on the appropriate form (available on Blackboard) and submitted to Dr. Monsma. Dr. Monsma publishes student status regarding professional points and memberships on Blackboard monthly. Her records are the official guide for determining grade status. It is the obligation of students to confirm that her records are accurate and to provide appropriate evidence to support any disputes of her records. Please check Blackboard regularly and email her about any inconsistencies as soon as possible at evadocz@gwm.sc.edu.

NOTE: Any student who begins the semester as a PEDU major (as of August 30, 2006), but subsequently changes majors, will still be held accountable for professional points in all PEDU courses.

Tobacco Policy

The University of South Carolina has a new no-tobacco policy that went into effect, August 1st, 2006. Tobacco use is now prohibited in and around all USC-owned and -occupied buildings, university vehicles and in designated outdoor areas. Please visit www.sc.edu/healthycarolina to see the complete policy and to learn more about how you can improve your health and encourage healthy behaviors by all members of the Carolina community. Also, this site has listings of the many free resources USC offers to help tobacco-users quit if they so choose. **Anyone using tobacco in any form during class time will be asked to leave class and charged with an unexcused absence.**

Proper ID Needed to Enter the Blatt PE Center

You will need a valid USC photo ID card to enter the building. The university is trying to make this a safer campus, and you can help by remembering to have with you and to show at the front door, your USC photo ID. It is the job of the employee at the front door to check your ID and to deny you admission to the building if you do not have it with you. Missing class because you could not gain entry into the building is not an acceptable excuse for absence. Please help make this a safer building by having and showing appropriate ID when entering the building. Failure to have proper ID when requested and being denied entrance to the building will constitute an unexcused absence.

Class Policies:

1. Be punctual and do not miss class. Tardys and absences will be penalized and negatively affect your grade. Attendance is VERY important and it is your responsibility to be in class on time and ready to participate. Three tardies (after roll is called and you are not present, you will be considered tardy) will constitute an absence.
2. Do not miss testing sessions of any kind. Assignments will not be allowed to be made up and count as a zero in the calculation of your final grade. A make-up exam may be administered or an alternative-grading scheme may be used if a student has written proof of a medical problem or any excused University event, which prevents the student from taking the exam. Arrange your travel plan to coordinate with your exam schedule. The final exam for this class will be administered according to the University schedule. Make your travel plans accordingly.
3. Any assignment turned in late will be marked down 50%. It is important to be on time with all work.
4. Being attentive and respectful of your classmates and instructor is expected of all students. Those who choose to ignore this policy will be directed to leave the class and not allowed to return until having a conference with the instructor and the Director.
5. Students may choose to take this class under the Pass/Fail option. In doing so, no grade can be earned, a 60% success ratio must be earned and the student must file the necessary paperwork.
6. The University Registrar Office via the final grade report mailed to your home will provide final grade notification. Grades will not be posted.
7. Any student with verification of disabilities will be accommodated in the appropriate manner after registering with the office of disabilities.
8. If you e-mail me, put the course number and section number as well as your name in the e-mail.
9. If you have questions about a project, test, or absences, please come see me during my office hours, not during class
10. It is your responsibility to get any information you may have missed if you were absent. You can e-mail or call me to find out if any assignments are due on the day you come back, but you need to get notes from a classmate
11. It is your responsibility to sign-in and out at each class. If your name is not on the sign in sheet- "You are absent".

Safety Rules!!

1. **Always speak to the horse before approaching.**
2. **Maintain one horse length from all horses around, in front, or behind you.**
3. **If a rider falls, everyone must stop immediately!**
4. **Do not scream or yell when riding. It may frighten your horse or others around you.**
5. **Wear boots or shoes with a low heel.**
6. **If your horse threatens to kick another horse, turn his head quickly toward the other horse's head.**
7. **Always check your girth before mounting and a few minutes into your ride.**
8. **In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructor's commands immediately and without hesitation. Never try to move an injured rider until the threat of neck or spinal injuries has been removed.**

Extra Credit: Three points extra credit (3%) will be awarded for one of the following assignments and must be completed prior to (April 21, 2008).

1. Participate in research opportunities in the USC Physical Education Department or the College of Education.
2. Write a 3-page paper on a researched topic pertaining to horsemanship. The instructor must approve this topic before research begins. Must include a minimum of three appropriate references. See instructor for more details. **DUE BY: April 21, 2008**
3. Attend a horseshow or horsemanship clinic. Visit this site for information: <http://www.state.sc.us/scda/calendar.htm> Proof must be provided. **The student must also write a one-page reaction paper about the experience.** Prior approval necessary from the instructor.

Caveat: The above schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances with written notice.

Detach and return to instructor

I have read and fully understand all rules, regulations, and stipulations of this syllabus. I accept full responsibility for adhering to all of its contents as a student in PEDU 181 registered for the Spring semester 2008.

Sign _____ date _____

Print Name: _____ **ID#**

Email address _____

Emergency Contact Information Name and number _____

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Absence Form

Today's Date: _____

Student Name: _____ **Section No.** _____

Date of Absence: _____

Reason for Absence:

Excused:

Check the appropriate box and staple official documentation to form.*

- Illness (Infirmary requires a letter from instructor for proof of illness. See the
- Serious Family Emergency (e.g., death, serious illness, etc.)
- Special Curricular Requirements (e.g., field trip, conference)
- Military Obligation
- Severe Weather Conditions (e.g., tornado watch, hurricane)
- Religious Holiday
- Official University Activities (e.g., athletics, music, debate, etc.)

- Court Imposed Legal Obligations (e.g., jury duty, subpoena, etc.)

Upon verification of the excused absence, the student will be given a "Make-up workout", which will be scheduled during the 2nd half of the semester.

Maximum number of absences: 1 per semester

Unexcused:

Absent for any other reason not list above, please check the box below and staple official documentation or provide an explanation on the back of this form*

- CPR or First Aid Certification Class
 Fitness Assessment
 Professional Conference
 Conference Attendance (i.e., AAHPERD, SCAHPERD, etc)

*The Class Absence Form & official documentation must be submitted to the instructor within one week of an excused absence and alternate assignment should be completed within two weeks of the absence. Failure to complete all requirements will result in an absence and a 5% deduction in your final grade.

Critical Dates for Spring 2008 Semester

January 14, Mon. Classes begin
 January 18, Fri. Last day to change a course schedule or drop a course without a grade of "W" being recorded (Session C002)
 January 21, Mon. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day - no classes
 February 4, Mon. Last day to apply for May graduation
 February 25, Mon. Last day to drop a course or withdraw without a grade of "WF" being recorded (Session C002)
 March 3, Mon. Midpoint in semester
 March 9-16, Sun.-Sun. Spring break - no classes
 April 2, Wed. Graduate Student Day
 April 17, Thurs. Awards day
 April 28, Mon. Last day of classes
 April 29, Tues. Reading day
 April 30-May 7, Wed-Wed Final examinations (includes exams on Sat.)
 May 9-10, Fri.-Sat. Commencement Exercises

Right of Petition. Students who consider that they are entitled to relief from or deviation in the academic regulations of the University or their college should apply to the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee of the college in which they are enrolled.

