TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
Tennis

Course Number and Section: KINE-1113_001
Class meeting time and location: MW-3.30-4.45. Room IH158
Fall 2011

I. Course Description

The course Kine-1113_001 - Tennis is designed to instruct and practice of techniques, skills, and strategy involved in tennis.

II. Rationale

The purpose of this course is to cover the fundamental skills and mechanical principals of tennis; which include, but not limited to: basic strokes such as the forehand and backhand drives, the serve, volley, overhead, lob, rules, scoring system, court etiquette and game strategies (singles and doubles). In addition, the course will cover warm-up and cool-down procedures, conditioning, and basic nutrition for sports.

III. State Adopted Proficiencies for Teachers and/or Administrators/Counselors

A. Learner-Centered Knowledge: The teacher possesses and draws on a rich knowledge base of content, pedagogy, and technology to provide relevant and meaningful learning experiences for all students.

B. Learner-Centered Instruction: To create a learner-centered community, the teacher collaboratively identifies needs; and plans, implements and assesses instruction using technology and other resources.

C. Equity in Excellence for all Learners: The teacher responds appropriately to diverse groups of learners.

D. Learner-Centered Communication: While acting as an advocate for all students and the school, the teacher demonstrates effective professional and interpersonal communication skills.

E. Learner-Centered Professional Development: The teacher, as a reflective practitioner dedicated to all students’ success, demonstrates a commitment to learn, to improve the profession and to maintain ethics and personal integrity.

IV. TEExES Competencies

Competency 001 – The teacher understands and applies principles of motor development and motor learning.

Competency 002 – The teacher understands principles and practices for developing, combining and integrating motor skills.

Competency 003 – The teacher understands and applies knowledge of movement concepts and biomechanical principles.
Competency 004 – The teacher understands and applies knowledge of individual, dual and team sports and activities.

Competency 005 – The teacher understands principles, techniques, skills and safety practices for dance, personal performance activities, cooperative and nontraditional games, recreational activities and outdoor pursuits.

Competency 006 – The teacher understands major body systems, principles of physical fitness development and training and the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle.

Competency 007 – The teacher understands principles and activities for developing and maintaining cardiovascular endurance.

Competency 008 – The teacher understands principles and activities for developing and maintaining flexibility, posture, and muscular strength and endurance.

Competency 009 – The teacher understands health and wellness concepts, including those related to nutrition, weight control and stress management and analyzes ways in which personal behaviors influence health and wellness.

Competency 010 – The teacher knows how to use effective, developmentally appropriate instruction and assessment to prepare physically educated individuals.

Competency 011 – The teacher understands factors relevant to learning and performance in physical education and uses this knowledge to create learning environments and opportunities that promote students’ development in various domains (e.g., cognitive, social, emotional).

Competency 012 – The teacher understands the structure, organization, goals and purposes of physical education programs.

Competency 013 – The teacher understands legal issues and responsibilities of physical education teachers in relation to supervision, planning and instruction, safety, first aid and risk management.

V. Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to enable students to:

A. Gain knowledge of the stroke fundamentals, rules, strategies, and behavior/etiquette involved in tennis.

B. Demonstrate the fundamental skill mechanics required to play tennis including groundstrokes, volley, and serves.

C. Recall the basic terminology, vocabulary of tennis, and scoring system.

D. Learn to apply course material in match situations.

E. Exposure to singles and doubles play and its strategies.

F. Develop an understanding of tennis as a lifelong physical/social activity.

VI. Course Topics

The major topics to be considered are:

A. Mechanics of the forehand drive

B. Mechanics of the backhand drive

C. Mechanics of the serve

D. Mechanics of the volley
VII. **Instructional Methods and Activities**

*Methods and activities for instruction include:*
A. Traditional Experiences (lecture/discussion; demonstration; drill; guest speaker; on-line deliveries; video, etc)
B. Clinical Experiences (simulations; cooperative groups; student demonstrations or presentations; guided discovery; role play; lab exercise; value clarifications)
C. Field Experiences (field teaching; field trips; community resource use; case studies; internship; student teaching; practicum)

VIII. **Evaluation and Grade Assignment**

*The methods of evaluation and the criteria for grade assignment are:*
(Be specific on type of assessments)

The methods of evaluation and the criteria for grade assignments are:
A. Requirements and point values. The total number of assignments in categories 2 and 3 is tentative.
   1. Attendance and participation                      50 points
   2. Skills test (2 * 12.5)                           25 points
   3. Knowledge / Quizzes (5 * 5)                     25 points
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B. Grading Scale

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\text{90-100%} & \text{A} \\
\text{80-89%} & \text{B} \\
\text{70-79%} & \text{C} \\
\text{60-69%} & \text{D} \\
\text{Below 60%} & \text{F}
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IX. **Course Schedule and Policies**

A. **Tentative course schedule**

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<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
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<td>August 24th</td>
<td>Orientation, Introduction, Equipment, syllabus.</td>
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<td>Warm-up. Dynamic versus Static stretching techniques. Names of the</td>
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<td>August 31st Wednesday</td>
<td>The forehand drive: cross-court and down-the-line shots. Emphasis on depth and accuracy (practice from the service line and baseline).</td>
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<td>September 7th Wednesday</td>
<td>The Backhand drive: Two handed versus the one handed backhand drive. The grip, backswing, footwork, contact &amp; follow-through (practice the one-hit rally from the service line).</td>
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<td>September 12th Monday</td>
<td>The backhand drive: cross-court and down-the-line shots. Emphasis on dept and accuracy (practice the two hit rally from the baseline)</td>
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<td>September 14th Wednesday</td>
<td>The Serve: The grip, Stance, Ball Toss, Backswing, Forward Swing to Contact, and follow-Through. Strength and conditioning principles for Tennis (reaction time, agility, power, balance, anaerobic and aerobic systems used in tennis).</td>
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<td>September 19th Monday</td>
<td>The Spin Serve. The grip, Stance, Ball Toss, Backswing (L position), Forward Swing to Contact, and follow-Through. Serve Placement and accuracy.</td>
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<td>September 21st Wednesday</td>
<td>The Return of the Serve. Stance and steps (movement on return)</td>
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<td>September 26th Monday</td>
<td>Forehand and backhand drives: Handling the deep, short &amp; wide shots; the low &amp; high bouncing shots. The Rules of the Game (singles).</td>
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<td>September 28th Wednesday</td>
<td>The Forehand Volley: Grip, Stance, Backswing, Forward Swing to Contact, Follow-Through and Finish.</td>
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<td>October 3rd Monday</td>
<td>The backhand Volley: Grip, Stance, Backswing, Forward Swing to Contact, Follow-Through and Finish.</td>
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<td>October 5th Wednesday</td>
<td>Forehand &amp; backhand Skills Test 1 (Ball machine and/or coach feeding)</td>
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<td>October 10th Monday</td>
<td>Serve and volleys Skills Test 2 (Ball machine and/or coach feeding)</td>
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<td>October 12th Wednesday</td>
<td>Singles play and strategies. Mental toughness (self-talk, visualization, relaxation and breathing control)</td>
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<td>October 19th Wednesday</td>
<td>Singles Play. The Lob: Defensive and Offensive strokes. Games.</td>
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<td>October 24th Monday</td>
<td>Singles play. The Overhead or Smash.</td>
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<td>October 26th Wednesday</td>
<td>Singles Tournaments.</td>
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October 31st  Doubles play and strategies.
Monday

November 2nd  Doubles tournament/Playing the net and poaching.
Wednesday

November 7th  Mixed doubles by gender and skills. Skills tests. The drop shot and drop-shot volleys.
Monday

November 9th  Increasing the pace and forcing errors. Tennis statistics. Singles play.
Wednesday

November 14th  Singles and doubles play. Development of technical and tactical patterns.
Monday

November 16th  Singles and doubles play. Development of technical and tactical patterns.
Wednesday

November 21st  Singles and doubles play. Development of technical and tactical patterns.
Monday

November 23rd  Singles and doubles play. Development of technical and tactical patterns.
Wednesday

November 24th-25th  Thanksgiving Holydays

November 28th  Skill test 3
Monday

November 30th  Singles and doubles play. Development of technical and tactical patterns.
Wednesday

December 5th  Singles and doubles play. Development of technical and tactical patterns.
Monday

December 6th  Last day of classes

B. Class Policies

1. Attendance is required and expected. One (1) unexcused absence will be allowed for the semester and any unexcused absences after that will result in a deduction of two (2) points per absence from your FINAL grade. (Example 5 absences = 10 points lost.) Excused absences can be arranged with proper notification. If you have a problem that prohibits prior notification please see me in person.
2. Cell phones are not to be used in class and must be either turned off or set to vibrate during class.
3. You are responsible for the material covered in class regardless if your absence is excused or not.
4. Exercise is a major part of this class; proper attire will be required (Tennis racket, tennis shoes, athletic shorts/sweat pants, t-shirt). If you don’t have a tennis racket, ask me for one.
5. Not participating in class activities will constitute an unexcused absence.
6. Tardy - Please do not come to class late. However if you arrive within ten minutes
of the class starting time do so in an appropriate and polite manner. Students arriving after the ten minute window will not be allowed into class.

8. “Conditions that Affect Participation”

It is the student’s responsibility to inform the instructor if you have a condition that may impair or influence full participation in this class. Also, if your condition is severe enough to require special modifications to course requirements students should contact the Students with Disabilities Office (825-5816).

X. Textbook(s)

The textbook(s) adopted for this course is/are: N/A

Recommended but not required supplementary textbook(s) is/are: N/A

XI. Bibliography

The knowledge bases that support course content and procedures include:

XII. Grade Appeals

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

XIII. Disabilities Accommodations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.