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Lectures:  
  1st Term – Online  
  2nd Term – In person

Instruction Mode: Blended (In Person/Online)

Labs:  
  1st Term -Online  
  2nd Term - In-person

NOTE: All course information including grades, assignment outlines, deadlines, etc. are available via OWL. Check the website regularly (daily) for course announcements.

Calendar Course Description (including prerequisites/anti-requisites):
This course is an introduction to knowledge and techniques essential in designing exercise programs promoting individual active lifestyles. Using a variety of common exercise types, students will put into practice techniques to educate and motivate individuals to adopt an active healthy lifestyle to promote optimum health for all ages.

Antirequisite(s): Kinesiology 2980A/B (if taken in 2018-19); Kinesiology 2940Q/R/S/T; Kinesiology 2941Q/R/S/T.

Prerequisite(s): Completion of the first year Kinesiology program and registration in the School of Kinesiology.

Extra Information: 2.5 lecture/laboratory hours per week.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course pre-requisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite course.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

NOTE: If you wish to enrol in this course without the stated pre-requisite(s), you must obtain written approval from the course instructor. The approval should then be forwarded to your academic counsellor.

My Course Description
This is a student-centered activity course. It is an introduction to the theory and techniques that form the foundation for designing physical activity and exercise programs to promote active lifestyles for individuals across the lifespan. Students will gain practical experience by engaging in various exercise classes online and within fitness settings (pandemic situation dependent). Students are expected to learn to put into practice techniques used to develop and deliver group exercise classes, and implement strategies to promote aspects of daily healthy active living among people of all ages.
Learning Outcomes/Schedule:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the importance of a physically active lifestyle, potential barriers and facilitators, and physical activity interventions.

2. To participate in a variety of group fitness classes to increase students’ knowledge of the strategies used by instructors to motivate, educate, and engage their exercisers, and to develop an understanding of what constitutes an effective class, in a virtual or live environment.

3. To plan, develop, and deliver components of group exercise classes and physical activity interventions for individuals in the community.

Course format
Fall term: approximately 2.5 hours per week of online asynchronous learning comprised of:
   a) Narrated, short lecture clips to introduce students to the concepts and theories that form the basis of daily healthy active living with a focus on fitness and exercise for individuals.
   b) An online activity (e.g., research article, exercise video, sourcing information, etc.) or online discussion to complement the lecture clips.

Winter term (tentative, and subject to change based on local pandemic situation): approximately 2.5 hours per week of live (in-person) applied labs located at the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC) in Studio 2. Labs will include hands-on active learning, experiential learning, lab-based or online participation in exercise classes, group/team work.

Due to the nature of this course, and the requirement for active participation, please dress accordingly (e.g., running shoes, shorts or gym pants/leggings, t-shirts or tank tops) for both activity sessions/labs.

There are no bags, boots, or coats allowed in Studio 2 or in the upper level of the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC). Please arrive early to use the change rooms provided in the basement of the WSRC and to store your belongings. Don’t forget to bring a lock to secure your valuables.

Please bring a water bottle, writing utensil and at least one piece of paper to all labs.

Due to the number of students in each laboratory section, students are not permitted to attend alternate lab sections. YOU MUST ATTEND THE SESSION YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR.

Required Course Material/Text:
All required readings and online activities will be posted on OWL.

Tentative Schedule
Please note that this is a tentative schedule. As such, the content and sequence of topics are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

FALL TERM

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<td>Week 14</td>
<td>Overview of winter term course topics and delivery method</td>
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**WINTER TERM** (tentative and subject to change based on COVID-19 situation)

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| Week 5  
(Feb. 1-5) | Conditioning |
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| Week 6  
(Feb. 8-12) | Aquafit & exercise class practice sessions |
| Week 7  
(Feb. 15-19) | READING WEEK – no labs or lecture |
| Week 8  
(Feb. 22-26) | Student-led exercise class |
| Week 9  
(Mar. 1-5) | Student-led exercise class |
| Week 10  
(Mar. 8-12) | Student-led exercise class |
| Week 11  
(Mar. 15-19) | Student-led exercise class |
| Week 12  
(Mar. 22-26) | Student-led exercise class |
| Week 13  
(Mar. 29-Apr. 2) | Student-led exercise class **Good Friday April 2nd** |
| Week 14  
(Apr 5) | Last day Apr. 5 |

**Course Evaluation:**

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<td>Online activities and discussions (fall)</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>Students will be assessed on the completion and quality of weekly online activities and discussion boards.</td>
<td><strong>Formal evaluation starting the week of Sept. 21</strong>&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Week 1 and 2 will be trial runs of our weekly online discussions and activities. You will receive full marks for these weeks if you complete the assigned tasks. Quality and content will not be assessed at this time.</td>
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<td>Starting on Week 3 (Sept. 21&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;), the content and quality of your online discussion and assignments will be evaluated each week.</td>
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<td>Online quizzes (fall)</td>
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<td>During the fall term, there will be two asynchronous online quizzes.</td>
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<td>Lab participation (winter)</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Students will be required to attend all in-person lab sections (as permitted by the COVID-19 situation). Students will work collaboratively to develop components of group exercise classes that they will deliver to peers.</td>
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<td>Assignment: Exercise class plan</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>In teams, students will be required to plan an exercise class that they will ultimately deliver to the class during lab time.</td>
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<td>Presentation: Exercise class delivery</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Teams will deliver a 30-min exercise class.</td>
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**Course/University Policies**

1. **Statement on Use of Personal Response Systems (“Clickers”)**
   If Personal Response Systems (“Clickers”) are used in the course, a reference to the Guidelines for their use (Guidelines are shown below). Instructors are to communicate clearly to students information on how clickers are used including: how the student's privacy will be protected, how clickers may be used by the instructor for data gathering and for evaluating the students, and why they cannot be used by anyone but the student (since the students involved in misuse of a clicker may be charged with a scholastic offence).

2. **Academic offences**: They are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

   A) Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of
plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com http://www.turnitin.com

B) Computer marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

3. **Electronic Device Usage:**

**During Exams** - Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any of the following electronic devices during ANY of the tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations: cellphones, smart phones, smart watches, smart glasses, audio players or recorders of any sort, video cameras, video games, DVD players, televisions, laptop/notebook/netbook computers, flashlights or laser pointers.

4. **Health and Wellness:**

Information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at http://www.health.uwo.ca/.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://www.health.uwo.ca/) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

5. **Support Services**

There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:

1. Student Development Centre -- http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/
2. Student Health & Wellness -- http://www.health.uwo.ca/
3. Registrar's Office -- http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/
4. Ombudsperson Office -- http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/

6. **Accommodation, Illness Reporting and Academic Considerations:**

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12

**Accommodation Policies**

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities.

**Academic Consideration for Student Absence**

https://www.uwo.ca/fhs/kin/undergrad/academic/consideration/index.html

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student’s final grade. Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
• assessments worth more than 30% of the student’s final grade,
• if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are not met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student’s Home Faculty.

For Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

Religious Accommodation
Students should consult the University’s list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar.

7. Examination Conflicts: A student with examinations having flexible submission times (e.g., where one or more examination is a take-home examination) cannot request alternative arrangements unless a conflict cannot be avoided by rescheduling writing the exam to a different time within the window specified by the instructor. This applies to direct conflicts as well as “heavy load” conflicts (e.g., three exams within a 23-hour period). The student should discuss any concerns about a potential conflict and/or request accommodation with their academic counselling unit prior to the deadline to drop a course without academic penalty.

In the case of online examinations, an “Examination Conflict Room,” which may be assigned when a student is scheduled to write two proctored exams concurrently, will be interpreted as arrangements for continuous proctoring.

8. Grades: Where possible assignment objectives and rubrics will be posted on OWL. Should you have a concern regarding the grade you received for an assignment or feel that it is unfair in any way, you must wait 24 hours from the receipt of the assignment to approach the instructor or TA. In doing so, please make an appointment and prepare in writing, with evidence, why you feel your grade is inappropriate. Please be aware that in requesting a grade reassessment, your grade could go up/down/or stay the same. Note that calculations errors (which do occur!) should be brought to my attention immediately.

At least three days prior to the deadline for withdrawal from a 1000- or 2000-level course without academic penalty, students will receive assessment of work accounting for at least 15% of the final grade.

- November 12th, 2020 (for first term half-courses)
- November 30th, 2020 (for full-year courses)
- March 7th, 2021 (for second term half-or full year courses)

A+ 90-100 One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
Rounding of Grades (for example, bumping a 79 to 80%): This is a practice some students request. This practice will not occur here. The edges of this course are clear and sharp. The mark attained is the mark you achieved and the mark assigned; there is no rounding to the next grade level, or ‘giving away’ of marks. Please don’t ask me to do this for you; the response will be “please review the course outline where this is presented”.

9. Contingency Plan for an In-Person Class Pivoting to 100% Online Learning: In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

10. Online Etiquette: Some components of this course will involve online interactions. To ensure the best experience for both you and your classmates, please honour the following rules of etiquette:
   - please “arrive” to class on time
   - please use your computer and/or laptop if possible (as opposed to a cell phone or tablet)
   - ensure that you are in a private location to protect the confidentiality of discussions in the event that a class discussion deals with sensitive or personal material
   - to minimize background noise, kindly mute your microphone for the entire class until you are invited to speak, unless directed otherwise
   - [suggested for classes larger than 30 students] In order to give us optimum bandwidth and web quality, please turn off your video camera for the entire class unless you are invited to speak
   - [suggested for cases where video is used] please be prepared to turn your video camera off at the instructor’s request if the internet connection becomes unstable
   - unless invited by your instructor, do not share your screen in the meeting

The course instructor will act as moderator for the class and will deal with any questions from participants. To participate please consider the following:
   - if you wish to speak, use the “raise hand” function and wait for the instructor to acknowledge you before beginning your comment or question
   - remember to unmute your microphone and turn on your video camera before speaking
   - self-identify when speaking.
   - remember to mute your mic and turn off your video camera after speaking (unless directed otherwise)

General considerations of “netiquette”:
   - Keep in mind the different cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the students in the course.
   - Be courteous toward the instructor, your colleagues, and authors whose work you are discussing.
   - Be respectful of the diversity of viewpoints that you will encounter in the class and in your readings. The exchange of diverse ideas and opinions is part of the scholarly environment. “Flaming” is never appropriate.
   - Be professional and scholarly in all online postings. Cite the ideas of others appropriately.

Note that disruptive behaviour of any type during online classes, including inappropriate use of the chat function, is unacceptable. Students found guilty of Zoom-bombing a class or of other serious online offenses may be subject to disciplinary measures under the Code of Student Conduct.
11. **Student Code of Conduct**
The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For more information, visit [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf)