

**Texas A&M University as Galveston
Physical Education Program
Beginning Tennis**

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CLASS MEETING SITE(S): Tennis Courts at TAMUG. Classes will meet inside gym lobby at TAMUG in case of bad weather. Students should always dress for activity.

ATTIRE: Proper tennis attire and shoes. (No street shoes)

MATERIALS/COST: Required Text: *Tennis* by Johnson and Xanthos. Tennis rackets and tennis balls are provided but you are encouraged to bring your own.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide students with a workable knowledge of the game, basic rules, and etiquette.
2. Provide the opportunity for the development of fundamental skills.
3. Encourage participation as a “lifetime” activity.

CONTENT:

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| 1. Fundamental skills | 2. Basic rules and terminology |
| (a) forehand groundstroke | 3. Points of etiquette |
| (b) backhand groundstroke | 4. Singles strategy |
| (c) serve | 5. Doubles strategy |
| (d) volley | |

GRADING POLICY:

Skill Tests 70%
Written Exams 30%

GRADE SCALE

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
Below 60 = F

Kine 199 may be taken pass/fail. A numerical grade of “70” is necessary to pass.

*Students entering as freshmen in the fall of 2002 must complete KINE 198 (Health & Fitness) and one KINE 199 (Taken pass/fail) to satisfy graduation requirements.

ATTENDANCE:

The university views class attendance as an individual student responsibility. All students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments.

The student is responsible for providing satisfactory evidence to the instructor to substantiate reason for absence. Among the reasons absences are considered excused by the university are the following:

1. Participation in an activity appearing on the university authorized activity list.
2. Death or major illness in a student's immediate family.
3. Illness of a dependent family member.
4. Participation in legal proceedings or administrative procedures that require a student's presence.
5. Religious holy day.
6. Illness that is too severe or contagious for the student to **attend class** (to be determined by campus contract clinic or off-campus physician)
An absence for a non acute medical service does not constitute an excused absence.
7. Required participation in military duties.
8. Mandatory admission interviews for professional or graduate school, which cannot be rescheduled.

ABSENCES

If a student receives evidence of illness from an off-campus physician, the excuse documentation **MUST** contain the date, time, and the doctor's opinion that *the student was too ill to attend class*. If a student is determined **not** to be ill by a physician, he or she will not receive an excuse.

The student is responsible for providing satisfactory evidence to the instructor within **one week** of his or her absence return to substantiate the reason for absence.

Each *unexcused* absence will result in a deduction of 3 pts (5pts Ea. Summer school class missed) from the student's *final grade*.

The instructor is under no obligation to provide an opportunity for the student to make up work missed because of an unauthorized absence.

After 10 minutes the student will be considered absent.

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

1. It is the responsibility of the student to inform his/her instructor if they have a condition that may impair or influence participation in an activity class (e.g. physical handicap, allergies, use of medications, etc.)
2. Should you become unable to participate in your regular activity class, contact your instructor immediately.
3. The courses in which you have elected to participate are either required as a part of your major or elected. Regardless of the case, you must realize that there is a certain assumption of risk in which you engage when you participate in activity classes such as these. You must be aware of this assumption.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for person 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 contact the Director of Counseling.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

For many years, Aggies have followed a Code of Honor, which is stated in this very simple verse: “Aggies do not lie, cheat, or steal, nor do they tolerate those who do.” As such, it is the responsibility of students and faculty members to help maintain scholastic integrity at the university by refusing to participate in or tolerate scholastic dishonesty. The Aggie Code of Honor and the Scholastic Dishonesty sections in the TAMUG University Rules handbook will be standards upon which scholastic integrity is maintained.

STATEMENT ON THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of educational records by limiting access to these records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their educational records and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings. To obtain a listing of directory information or to place a hold on any or all of this information, please consult the Admissions & Records Office.

Items that can never be identified as public information are a student’s social security number or institutional identification number, citizenship, gender, grades, GPR or class schedule. All efforts will be made in this class to protect your privacy and to ensure confidential treatment of information associated with or generated by your participation in the class.