

PWLA 1647

GOLF: BEGINNING

1 Semester Hour M-T-W-TR 12:30-2:00pm
Semester/Year: Summer 2007
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Beginning skills of golf (grip, stance, address position, chipping, pitching, full swing, and putting) safety, rules, etiquette, and strategy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. apply the principles of safety in class (Golf lessons, 1985; Ewers, 1989).
2. apply knowledge of rules and etiquette (Golf lessons, 1985; Ewers, 1989).
3. demonstrate effective grips, stance and address position (Golf Lessons, 1985; Ewers, 1989).
4. execute effective chipping, pitching, and putting strokes (Golf Lessons, 1985; Ewers, 1989).
5. demonstrate a rhythmical, effective swing (full) (Golf Lessons, 1985; Ewers, 1989).

TEXT, READINGS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Recommended Text:

Let's Golf: Driving Home Tips of the Game. (2004). Pearson Benjamin Cummings.

References:

- Dorsal, N. (1996). Golf the thinking game. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.
Ewers, J.R. (1989). Golf. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman and Company.
Gensemer, R. (1986). Beginning golf. Englewood, CO: Morton Publishing Company.

ASSIGNMENTS, EVALUATION PROCEDURES, AND GRADING POLICY

Student Evaluations:

A. Examinations: There will be one exam given during the regularly scheduled final exam period. The exam is worth 100 points.

B. Attendance: Students will have ample opportunity to show outstanding commitment to learning, regardless of the level of skill he or she already possesses. In order for you to gain the maximum experience in this class, it is imperative that you attend class. Along with attending class you must participate. Students will not be given full credit for attending class if they choose to stand around talking, horse playing, or just sitting on the side. You are expected to participate in the drills, discussion, or whatever assignment the day brings. A part of your grade is based on your participation in this class and if you are not present you cannot participate. Students start with 100 points for attendance at the beginning of this class. Each student is allowed two absences without any point deductions. After two absences, 15 points will be deducted for each absence from your 100 points. **NO EXCUSES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER YOUR TWO ABSENCES!** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Two late arrivals will equal one absence. Participation in class during drills and instruction is imperative to your success in golf. Students should not schedule job interviews, doctor's appointments, or any other such appointments during class times. Request such as these do not constitute excused absences.

C. **Golf Tangles**: Students will need to visit the United States Golf Association's website at www.usga.com and navigate through that site to find the answers to a variety of golf questions and topics, including rules, player events, fitness tips, etc. The questions will be posted on Web-CT Vista. This assignment is worth 40 points.

D. Travel and Money requirements: Since the university does not have the suitable facilities in order to practice putting, long irons, woods, and chipping, you will be expected to travel to Oak Mountain golf course on certain days. You will also be expected to purchase tokens (\$4 per person) on days that we use the driving range. It is your responsible to set up travel arrangements to the course. It is also your responsibility to notify your instructor before class if you cannot find travel to the course so that plans can be made ahead of time.

E. WEEKLY ONLINE QUIZZES (60 POINTS): Students will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge and mastery of course content through 4 online quizzes administered each week of the session. Each online quiz is worth 15 points and will be in the form of multiple-choice, matching and short answer questions.

Online quizzes will be available on their designated day for approximately 24 hours (10:00 am to 7:00 am) and will formatted using the following criteria: 1) Student will have 30 minutes to complete each quiz; 2) Each question will appear one at a time; 3) You must answer each question as it appears – you will not be allowed to go back to skipped questions; 4) Answer choices are scrambled; and, 5) All questions are scrambled.

QUIZ #1: THURSDAY, JUNE 7
QUIZ #2: THURSDAY, JUNE 14
QUIZ #3: THURSDAY, JUNE 21
QUIZ #4: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Grading Policy:

Students have a chance to obtain a total of 300 points in this class.

- A = 300-267 points
- B = 266-239 points
- C = 238-209 points
- D = 208-179 points
- F = 178 points or below

General Course Policies:

A. The written test is to be taken at the assigned test time. No make up for exams, quizzes or any missed work will be given. A missed exam will be recorded as zero points.

B. Students are required to dress in comfortable clothing that will not inhibit the golf swing (tennis shoes are required; golf shoes not required). Students are encouraged to bring their own golf clubs if they have them. The University does have clubs for student use if the student wishes to choose that option. Please let the instructor know. Students will be told ahead of time which club to bring for the day's instruction to keep the student from having to bring unnecessary clubs. Students may be required to attend the day's instruction at a local golf course, especially for putting and long drive purposes since the college cannot accommodate with appropriate facilities. Students will be responsible for getting and carrying their shag bag w/ balls, University clubs, or any other equipment required for the lesson that day out of the shed and returning it at the end of the class as they found it if need be.

C. It is the responsibility of the student to know where class is being held each day. Due to the fact that we will have to travel to a local golf course, if you are out it is your responsibility to know where class is meeting the next day and to be on time. The first half of the semester we will meet at the shed next to the intramural fields across the road from the new campus center. The second half of the semester we will be meeting at Oak Mountain Golf course, which is about 10 minutes from campus off the bypass. Check calendar on Web-CT for locations each day. It is your responsibility to get directions from other students or the instructor to the local golf course. Directions from campus are to be given in class prior to meeting at the golf course. You must be able to purchase token tickets when using the driving range each time. Students will not be given credit for attendance if they cannot purchase tokens for the driving range.

D. Communication with students will occur through the student's West Georgia e-mail account. Since this activity requires us to be outdoor, the weather may play a role in whether or not we can meet. Please check the website and your e-mail account on days that it is raining for updates on what to do or where to meet for the day.

ACCOMODATIONS

If you need an accommodation for a disability, please bring your student disability report from Disability Services and we can discuss your needs.

DISRUPTIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOR POLICY

Any disruption by a student(s), including but not limited to, excessive teacher interruptions, voluntary lack of participation, excessive horseplay and talking during lecture or skill teaching, that the instructor feels is inappropriate, will be asked to leave the class immediately. Student(s) will be asked to set up a meeting with the teacher to discuss the situation. If a student(s) has to be asked more than twice to leave the class because of disruptive behavior, that student(s) will be referred to the Chair of the Physical Education Department for further discussions.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. If plagiarism, cheating, or another act of academic dishonesty occurs, it will be dealt with in accordance with the academic misconduct policy as stated in the Uncatalog, Undergraduate Catalog, and Graduate Catalog.