



**HHPK 461.01W EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION
COURSE SYLLABUS
SPRING 2026**

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required:

- ACSM's Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription 11e, ISBN: 9781975226480;
- NSCA - Essentials of Strength Training and Conditioning 4th Edition, ISBN: 9781718210905;

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Course Description

Theory, principles, and practice of exercise prescription for aerobic and resistance exercise programs for health, fitness and performance.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to

1. Review pre-participation health screening including self-guided health questionnaires and appraisals, exercise history and fitness assessments.
2. Explain and differentiate the scientific basis for the effects of cardiorespiratory and resistance exercise on the body's systems.
3. Determine safe and effective exercise programs to achieve desired outcomes and goals for apparently healthy clients.
4. Design cardiorespiratory and resistance exercise prescriptions for apparently healthy participants based on current health status, fitness goals and availability of time, and integrate a weight management program as indicated by personal goals that are supported by pre-participation health screening, health history, and body composition/anthropometrics.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Instructional Methods

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of cardiorespiratory exercise and resistance training related to health, fitness and athletic performance. Subject matter will include, but is not limited to, maximizing student involvement in the understanding of physical training and the designing of exercise programs for health, fitness and performance, in healthy individuals during all stages of life. This course will lay a basic practical foundation for students to design personal fitness programs, understand and design programs for lifetime fitness and to develop foundational training theory for future coaches.

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Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 59% or Below

Total points corresponding to the final letter grades

- A = 451- 500 Points
- B = 401- 450 Points
- C = 351- 400 Points
- D = 301- 350 Points
- F = 300 & > Points

Weights of the assessments in the calculation of the final letter grade.

Example:

Exams	30%
Quizzes	10%
Infographic/poster presentation	20%
<u>Exercise Prescriptions</u>	<u>40%</u>
TOTAL	100%

Assessments

Exams and Quizzes: Scheduled comprehensive exams and quizzes will be announced throughout the semester and consist of true/false, multiple-choice, and/or short answer questions. Aligns with SLO #1, 2, 3.

Infographic/poster presentation: Student teams will create an infographic or poster on a special topic to present in class. Aligns with SLO #2, 3.

Exercise Prescriptions: Students will write (parts of) exercise prescriptions based on case studies. Detailed instructions will be provided in the course. Aligns with SLO #4.

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Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

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COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling [903-886-5145](tel:903-886-5145). For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx).
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Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

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Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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 have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

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Nondiscrimination Notice

ETAMU will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ETAMU campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

ETAMU Supports Students' Mental Health

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ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR PARTICIPATING IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CLASS

Participating in any physical activity class may pose a physical risk. "By continuing participation in the course, the student waives any claim resulting from participation in the above mentioned course. The participating student agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Texas, the Texas A&M University System, ETAMU, and the Department of Health and Human Performance, and all of the officers, trustees, directors, agents, representatives, and employees of the foregoing entities against any and all claims, including attorneys' fees and costs, which may be brought against any of

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them by anyone claiming to have been injured as a result of the student's participation in the course." If you have any questions about this statement, please ask the instructor.

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Topics & Schedule:

Time Period	Focus
Weeks 1 (intro; syllabus) and Week 2 (curriculum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits and risks associated with physical activity • Understanding Physical Activity and Exercise
Weeks 3 and 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparticipation Screening • Introduction to the principles of exercise prescription
Weeks 5 and 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular Fitness Assessments • Muscular Strength Assessments • Muscular Endurance Assessments
Weeks 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Movement Assessments
Weeks 9 and 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise programming for muscular fitness • Exercise programming for cardiorespiratory fitness • Exercise programming for weight management
Weeks 11 and 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility programming • Training for performance • Exercise programming for special populations
Weeks 13 and 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral theories and strategies for promoting exercise
Weeks 15 and 16	<p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Infographic/poster presentation Due Exercise Prescription Due</p>

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