Course Description
This class emphasizes the development of soccer skills, knowledge of rules, small group/team tactics and positional elements of play for beginning to advanced players.

Course Objectives
- Acquisition of soccer skills proficiency
- Apply soccer skills in performance settings (drills and actual games: 1v1-11v11)
- To develop knowledge about the history, rules and most recently soccer events.

Participation/Attendance
Constant attendance and participation is a major factor in completing a performance class and improving your skills. Extra credit work and make-up work are not available unless noted by instructor. The Midterm and Final cannot be made up.

Equipment
Proper soccer attire: soccer cleats or turf shoes, shinguards, light soccer clothes. No sharp objects (watches-earrings), no hiking, basketball and skating shoes. Bring lots of water and sunblock.

Class Meeting Information
Classes will meet at P.E. Cromwell Track & Field (in front of the PE Building) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Blackboard
https://blackboard.usc.edu will be used for class information.

Assignment
Watch a full professional/college soccer game and write a 2-page write up detailing and applying the material learned in class in conjunction with the game. Note the strategy and tactics of each team and record a score and notable plays, so I know you watched the game.

Evaluation Criteria - Letter grade, Pass/No Pass, or Audit for no credit (student preference).
Assignment 30%
Midterm/Final Exam 30%
Participation/Attendance 30%
Skills Assessments 10%

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Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability are required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (the instructor) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in Student Union 301 and is open 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.
Class Outline

Week 1  Review of Syllabus
        Soccer 101 Passing and trapping

Week 2  Passing and moving

Week 3  Air ball trapping and passing
        Last Day to withdraw without a W and to change grading option

Week 4  Dribbling and Shooting Drills
        1v1s, 2v1, 2v2, 3v2, 3v3, 4v3…

Week 5  Elements of Possession
        Players’ Roles

Week 6  Principles of Attacking/Defending
        Team Shape

Week 7  Attacking with numbers up, Dribbling and Shooting
        Review for Midterm

Week 8  International “Soccer Jersey” Week/Play the Game
        Midterm

Week 9  Corner Kicks and Throw-ins

Week 10 Direct and Indirect Kicks & Penalty Kicks

Week 11 Small Games 1v1-5v5

Week 12 Play the game 11v11
        Last Day to withdraw with a W

Week 13 Play the game 11v11
        Assignment Due!!!

Week 14 Skills Assessment – Soccer Circuit

Week 15 Review for Final/Play the game
        Final