Beginning Golf  
PHED 155A (1 unit)  
Department of Physical Education

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Introductory course teaching the fundamental skills of golf. Development of golf skills and basic swing fundamentals, scoring, knowledge of rules, etiquette and strategies of play and course layout. Fundamental instruction including swing mechanics, rules, scoring and etiquette through practice and play.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES  Upon completion of course students will be able to:
- To acquire golf skills with proficiency and the ability to apply these skills.
- To gain sufficient knowledge of basic golf rules, scoring, etiquette, golf shots and skills.
- To develop knowledge and competence about golf fundamentals and equipment.
- To develop, appreciate and commitment to movement (golf) activity for lifetime fitness.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
- Students will understand the importance of sound health and fitness principles as they relate to better health and will be able to: Recognize the physical and mental benefits of increased physical activity.
- Students will be exposed to a variety of activities providing them the opportunity to: Apply learned fundamental skills.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency through knowledge and acquired skills enabling them to: Understand and utilize various training methods. Develop an appreciation of physical activity as a lifetime pursuit and a means to better health.

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<th>Grading Criteria</th>
<th>Points</th>
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<tr>
<td>Participation 30%</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>1-15</td>
<td>1/11-4/25</td>
<td>Regular and active participation is vital to course</td>
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<td>Assignment 5%</td>
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<td>March 2</td>
<td>Golf Video Analysis Write up</td>
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<td>Assignment 10%</td>
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<td>Golf Course Round (Scorecard AND Receipt)</td>
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<td>Midterm 20%</td>
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<td>March 2</td>
<td>Golf course terms, etiquette, scoring and situations</td>
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<td>Skill Assessment 10%</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>April 13</td>
<td>Assessment of skills, strategies and fundamentals</td>
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<td>Exam 25%</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Final exam</td>
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<td>Total 100%</td>
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<td>*No class-make ups, missed exams. Late assignments will be reduced 10% each day past due date. *Course uses limited flight golf balls when appropriate.</td>
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GRADING: A (188+pts), A- (187-180pts), B+ (179-174pts), B (173-168pts), B- (167-160pts), C+ (159-154pts), C (153-148pts), C- (147-140pts), D+ 139-134), D (133-128pts), D- (127-120pts), F (119-0 pts) Pass (140+ pts)  
* Course may be taken as a Letter Grade, Pass/Fail or Audit.

TEXTBOOK
Professional Golfers Association of America, First Golfers Guide. 2009. (To be posted on Blackboard)  
STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Attending class and being on time are extremely important. In order to demonstrate improvement requires regular participation in class activities and to develop appropriate skills necessary. Two tardies equals 1 absence. Excuses will need to be good and funny.
2. Failure to attend class regularly may affect your ability to obtain certain required performance levels and thus may lower your grade. In case of absence, you are accountable for all work missed.
3. You will be held accountable for being properly prepared for class as well: proper equipment, attire and attitude.
4. Course Reader will be available through BlackBoard
5. Rainy days, class will meet in the PHED Building lobby.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS
Equipment will be provided. Personal equipment is encouraged. Appropriate workout attire is required. Recommendations include: water, shoes, towel, and locker. Lockers are available for checkout in #108.

*Please Note: USC Physical Education IS NOT responsible or any lost, stolen or damaged property. If you choose to bring any valuables to class, it is strongly recommended that they be locked up during class. Locker rooms are available in the PE building and the Lyons Center.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES
USC Physical Education IS NOT responsible or any lost, stolen or damaged property. If you choose to bring any valuables to class, it is strongly recommended that they be locked up during class. Lockers are available in the PE building and the Lyons Center.

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES
❖ Email is the preferred method of communication outside of class.
❖ Rainy Days will be coordinated appropriately, class will not be canceled.
❖ Please refer to black board before class for additional information.
❖ It is expected that all students will participate fully in each class session.
❖ Wear appropriate clothing and athletic shoes for the activity days.

SPRING SEMESTER 2015- IMPORTANT DATES
❖ MLK Day (Mon) January 18, 2015
❖ Presidents Day (Mon) February 15, 2015
❖ 7th week; Last day to drop a class without a W on permanent record
❖ 3rd week; Last day to change grading option (Letter Grade, P/NP, Audit)
❖ Classes End Friday May 2, 2015

COURSE SCHEDULE
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<th>Week</th>
<th>Course Outline and Orientation Chapter 1, PGA Golfers Guide Golf: History, safety, etiquette and terminology</th>
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<td>Chapter 4, Skills of Golf Swing Fundamentals: Instruction of grip, stance, mechanics and fundamentals</td>
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<td>Chapter 6, Skills Practice Golf Rules, Course Knowledge, Terminology, Equipment and Principles</td>
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<td>Chapter 5, Ball flight laws / strategy Short irons and short game Application, instruction of approach shots</td>
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<td>Short game: Putting and Chipping and Pitching</td>
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<td>Rules, Scoring, Etiquette Mid – Irons Swing Progression</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Application of short game: Club selection Rules, Scoring, Etiquette Review: rules, scoring, etiquette</td>
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<td>Chapter 3, Beginning to Play the Game Midterm Assignment Due</td>
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<td>Long iron Shots and Distances Ball positioning, targets &amp; distance</td>
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<td>Woods and fairways clubs</td>
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<td>Chapter 8, Rules of the Game</td>
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<td>Chapter 2, Facility Orientation Equipment information and selection Tools of Golf- Club selection</td>
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<td>Chapter 7, Testing your Skills Golf Situations, Practice and play Application of Irons, woods and drivers: Club selection and strategy</td>
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<td>Skills Test Final Exam Review</td>
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*Schedule subject to change

ASSIGNMENTS
- **Class Participation/Performance** (30%) Regular active participation in class activities. This is a cumulative portion of grade and participation during is fully expected.
- **Golf Video Analysis Assignment** (5%) Students will video during class time and analyze their swing including but not limited to grip, posture, alignment, set-up and swing path. Students will also use separate video to compare and contrast themselves. This analysis is due at the midterm.
- **Skill Assessment** (10%) Demonstration of learned skills of the basics of golf. Including but not limited to putting, short game, iron play, drivers and basic play and etiquette. Administered in Week 14 during class time. A formal test will be given that is illustrated in the course text.
- **Midterm** (20%) Will be administered in week 8. Will consist of material covered to this point. Refer to course text, handouts, lecture and activities. Examination will consist of multiple choice, true/false and short answer. *PE Scantron will be required.
- **Final Exam** (25%) Please refer to the final exam schedule for exam date and time. One comprehensive final examination will be scheduled including accumulation of all course work. Students are responsible for all material covered. Examination will consist of (50) multiple choice, true/false and short answer. *PE Scantron will be required.
Statement for Students with Disabilities
Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is 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 (or to TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Website and contact information for DSP:
http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home_index.html, (213) 740-0776 (Phone), (213) 740-6948 (TDD only), (213) 740-8216 (FAX) ability@usc.edu.

Statement on Academic Integrity
USC seeks to maintain an optimal learning environment. General principles of academic honesty include the concept of respect for the intellectual property of others, the expectation that individual work will be submitted unless otherwise allowed by an instructor, and the obligations both to protect one’s own academic work from misuse by others as well as to avoid using another’s work as one’s own. All students are expected to understand and abide by these principles. SCampus, the Student Guidebook, (www.usc.edu/scampus or http://scampus.usc.edu) contains the University Student Conduct Code (see University Governance, Section 11.00), while the recommended sanctions are located in Appendix A.

Emergency Preparedness/Course Continuity in a Crisis
In case of a declared emergency if travel to campus is not feasible, USC executive leadership will announce an electronic way for instructors to teach students in their residence halls or homes using a combination of Blackboard, teleconferencing, and other technologies.

Academic Conduct
Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Section 11, Behavior Violating University Standardshttps://scampus.usc.edu/1100-behavior-violating-university-standards-and-appropriate-sanctions/. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct/.
Discrimination, sexual assault, and harassment are not tolerated by the university. You are encouraged to report any incidents to the Office of Equity and Diversity http://equity.usc.edu/ or to the Department of Public Safety http://capsnet.usc.edu/department/department-public-safety/online-forms/contact-us. This is important for the safety whole USC community. Another member of the university community – such as a friend, classmate, advisor, or faculty member – can help initiate the report, or can initiate the report on behalf of another person. The Center for Women and Men http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/cwm/ provides 24/7 confidential support, and the sexual assault resource center webpage sarc@usc.edu describes reporting options and other resources.

Support Systems
A number of USC’s schools provide support for students who need help with scholarly writing. Check with your advisor or program staff to find out more. Students whose primary language is not English should check with the American Language Institute http://dornsife.usc.edu/ali, which sponsors courses and workshops specifically for international graduate students. The Office of Disability Services and Programs http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home_index.html provides certification for students with disabilities and helps arrange the relevant accommodations. If an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible, USC Emergency Information http://emergency.usc.edu/ will provide safety and other updates, including ways in which instruction will be continued by means of blackboard, teleconferencing, and other technology.