

**PHED 160: Stress Management for Healthy Living (2 units)**

**Fall 2019**

**Location:** GFS 222 (Fri 10-11:50am)

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Instruction on the effects of stress as it relates to work, sport, and academics; coping strategies are discussed and applied through physical conditioning interventions. The nature of stress, determinant causes, and the physiological and psychological reactions to stress are addressed in the lecture portion of the course. The activity portion of the class will introduce and implement physiological, cognitive and behavioral stress management techniques and exercise programming.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Describe the different types of stressors
- Identify the psycho-physiological indicators of excessive stress
- Analyze the models of stress
- Describe the mind-body connection
- Identify the contributing factors to the stress response
- Compare the differences between stress, anxiety, and arousal
- Describe the many types of coping responses to stress
- Describe the many somatic, behavioral, and cognitive stress management techniques
- Explain the importance of exercise in combating the effects of stress
- Actively engage in physiological, behavioral, and cognitive interventions throughout the semester
- Apply theoretical concepts to one's own experience to understand stress and its impact on health and our lives (experiential learning)
- Participate in interactive and dynamic classroom activities (active learning)
- Accept perspectives and experiences of all students in the class (divergent thinking)
- Foster an environment of self-directed learning (individual responsibility and self-challenge)

**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 activity.
- Examine the effect of nutrition, rest and other lifestyle factors that contribute to better health.

Students will be exposed to a variety of activities providing them the opportunity to:

- Apply learned fundamental skills.
- Utilize physical activity as a tool to manage stress.
- Participate in a motivating and nurturing environment resulting in a greater sense of well-being and self-esteem.

Students will demonstrate proficiency through knowledge and acquired skills enabling them to:

- Develop an appreciation of physical activity as a lifetime pursuit and a means to better health.

**TEXTBOOK:**

Stress Management Course Reader will be posted on blackboard.

**PARTICIPATION / PERFORMANCE:**

Each class will be split into lecture (~40min) and exercise (~40min) components. Consistent attendance, punctuality, and participation in ALL classes are extremely important in order to obtain and absorb course material and to improve one's physical and mental fitness. Tardiness will not be tolerated. Please come prepared for class. Prior reading of assigned reading is a great idea. All phones, iPods, and other portable electronics (other than laptops) should be turned OFF. Appropriate use of electronics during activity labs is acceptable. Courtesy, kindness, and respect are expected from all participants. ☺

**EXERCISE / ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Appropriate workout attire is required for ALL CLASSES. Recommendations include: water, athletic shoes, and towel. Lockers are available through the department of Physical Education (PED 107).

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

Grades, course reader, detailed descriptions of your assignments, activity lab instructions and handouts will be posted on Blackboard at: <https://blackboard.usc.edu>

Cognitive: 50%		Psychomotor: 50%	
Top 10 Stressors Assignment	5%	Stress Portfolio / Journals	25%
Presentation (Article, Slides, Presentation)	25%	Class Participation	25%
Final Exam	20%		

1. Assignment: "Top 10 Stressors"
2. Presentation: Outline, Presentation, and Handouts
3. Stress Portfolio: 8 Journal Entries (2.5% each), Self Assessments, and Reflection (5%)
4. Final Exam: Comprehensive, cumulative exam
5. Class Participation: Regular contribution to class discussion, labs, and activities

*If you are absent on a day that an assignment is due, you must still submit your assignment in on time. **Late assignments will NOT be accepted.** Exam make-ups will not be given. Extra credit is not available.*

**Grading Scale:** A (94+pts), A- (90-93pts), B+ (89-87pts), B (86-84pts), B- (80-83pts), C+ (79-77pts), C (76-74pts), C- (70-73pts), D+ (69-67), D (66-64pts), D- (60-63pts), F (59-0pts) Pass (>69 pts), Fail (<60pts)

## STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC CONDUCT AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

### 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 Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” [policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b](https://policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b). Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, [policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct](https://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct).

### Support Systems:

*Student Health Counseling Services - (213) 740-7711 – 24/7 on call*  
[engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling](https://engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling)

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call*  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-4900 – 24/7 on call*  
[engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp](https://engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp)

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

*Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) | Title IX - (213) 740-5086*  
[equity.usc.edu](https://equity.usc.edu), [titleix.usc.edu](https://titleix.usc.edu)

Information about how to get help or help a survivor of harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants. The university prohibits discrimination or harassment based on the following protected characteristics: race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, pregnancy, veteran status, genetic information, and any other characteristic which may be specified in applicable laws and governmental regulations.

*Bias Assessment Response and Support - (213) 740-2421*  
[studentaffairs.usc.edu/bias-assessment-response-support](https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/bias-assessment-response-support)

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions for appropriate investigation and response.

*The Office of Disability Services and Programs - (213) 740-0776*  
[dsp.usc.edu](https://dsp.usc.edu)

Support and accommodations for students with disabilities. Services include assistance in providing readers/notetakers/interpreters, special accommodations for test taking needs, assistance with architectural barriers, assistive technology, and support for individual needs.

*USC Support and Advocacy - (213) 821-4710*  
[studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa](https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa)

Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

*Diversity at USC - (213) 740-2101*  
[diversity.usc.edu](https://diversity.usc.edu)

Information on events, programs and training, the Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

*USC Emergency - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call*

[dps.usc.edu](https://dps.usc.edu), [emergency.usc.edu](https://emergency.usc.edu)

Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

*USC Department of Public Safety - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call*

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Non-emergency assistance or information.

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**Course Outline - (Subject to Change)**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Exercise / Activity</b>
<b>Week 1 Aug 30</b>	Chapter 1: Stress Today	Course Introduction / In-Class discussion
<b>Week 2 Sept 6</b>	Chapter 2: Self Assessments <b>Journal Due (Ch.1)</b>	Breath, Fitness & Flexibility Assessments
<b>Week 3 Sept 13</b>	Chapter 10: Relaxation	Yoga and Meditation
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>	<b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER, ADD/DROP CLASS WITHOUT MARK OF “W”, &amp;/OR CHANGE TO P/NP OR AUDIT</b>	
<b>Week 4 Sept 20</b>	Chapter 3: The Science of Stress <b>"Top 10 Stressors" Due Journal &amp; Assessments Due (Ch. 2)</b>	Core Strength & Pilates on the Mat
<b>Week 5 Sept 27</b>	Chapter 4: The Mind Body Connection Chapter 5: Managing Emotions	Group Project Meetings
<b>Week 6 Oct 4</b>	Chapter 6: Time and Life Management <b>Journal Due (Ch. 4 &amp; 5)</b>	Power Walking
<b>Week 7 Oct 11</b>	Chapter 7: Money Matters <b>Journal - Time Log - Due (Ch.6)</b>	Strength Lab: Lower Body
<b>Week 8 Oct 18</b>	<b>No Class – Fall Recess ☺</b>	<b>No Class – Fall Recess ☺</b>
<b>Week 9 Oct 25</b>	Chapter 8: Healthy Lifestyles: Exercise <b>Journal - \$\$ Log - Due (Ch.7)</b>	Exercise Rx Power Lab: “Partners in Pain”
<b>Week 10 Nov 1</b>	Chapter 9: Healthy Lifestyles: Nutrition <b>Journal – Food Label &amp; Exercise Prescription - Due (Ch.8 &amp; 9)</b>	Yoga and Meditation
<b>Week 11 Nov 8</b>	“I AM” Film	Power Walking / Intervals
<b>Week 12 Nov 15</b>	<b>EXAM</b>	<b>EXAM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15</b>	<b>LAST DAY TO DROP CLASS WITH MARK OF “W”</b>	
<b>Week 13 Nov 22</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Presentations</b>
<b>Week 15 Nov 29</b>	<b>No Class - Thanksgiving Holiday ☺</b>	<b>No Class - Thanksgiving Holiday ☺</b>
<b>Week 16 Dec 6</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Presentations</b>
<b>Finals Week Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 8-10am</b>	<b>REFLECTION PAPER DUE</b>	