

Physical Education & Mind Body Health (PEMBH) provides a variety of offerings in fitness and activities classes designed to promote health and general fitness based upon individual goals and needs.

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Physical Education & Mind Body Health (PEMBH) Mission

Physical Education & Mind Body Health (PEMBH) provides a variety of opportunities for students to improve their general health and fitness through fitness related and recreational activities classes. Courses are designed to introduce students to various aspects of health and physical education principles. With this exposure, knowledge, and skill, students are better equipped to make choices regarding a healthy and active lifestyle. All classes stress the importance of exercise and leisure time activity to physical, mental, and social well-being.

PEMBH Objectives

Students will understand the importance of sound health & fitness principles as they relate to better health & will be able to:

- Recognize the physical and mental benefits of increased physical 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:

- 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 & acquired skills enabling them to:

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

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.

Prerequisite: None

Co-Requisite: None

Recommended Preparation: None

Learning Objectives

- Identify the different types of stressors & sources of vitality
- Identify the psycho-physiological indicators of stress
- Identify the contributing factors to the stress response
- Create an activity plan used for transforming the effects of stress

Course Notes

Class is scheduled to meet in the classroom; some classes will require us to meet outdoors, or a another location on campus. **Athletic attire is required for several classes due to the physical nature of some activities.** Most 2nd day of the week classes will be activity days. Please check Blackboard regularly for updates, class notes, and announcements. For each class please have something to take notes on. We will cover content that goes beyond a Powerpoint or text book and often engage in group discussion, movement, writing activities, personal reflection, and collaboration.

Course Textbook

- Olpin, M. & Hesson, M. (2021). **Stress Management for Life: A Research-Based Experiential Approach (5th ed.)**. Cengage. <https://www.cengage.com/c/stress-management-for-life-a-research-based-experiential-approach-5e-olpin/9780357363966PF/>
- Supplemental Readings and Materials – Available on Blackboard (Bb)

Additional Course Policies

- **No make ups** are given for absences, missed material, class activities, or late assignments. It is the individuals' responsibility to attend class consistently, check Blackboard, and fulfill course requirements.
- **Communication** – Email (seggert@usc.edu) is the preferred method of communication outside of class. Emails will be answered within 72 hours, unless following a holiday weekend. **Please use the course number in the subject line (ex. "PHED160 MW 1pm")**

Participation (Total 50 pts.):

Most class will be split into **Lecture** and **Activity**. This class is an experience-based interactive Physical Education course that requires presence, participation, and interaction with the instructor and peers. Choosing not to participate in class **will impact one's final course grade**. **Participation is defined as 1) showing up for class 2) Actively participating in class discussion, activities, and exercises.** Quickly attendance is updated after each class and by the end of each week.

2 pts. = full participation 1 pt. = partial participation 0 pt. = absence/no participation

- **Excused absences:** Illness, doctor's note, or travel note re: USC sport/class
- **Unexcused absences:** weather, personal travel, sore muscles, oversleeping, visiting relatives, teeth whitening, veterinary appointments, etc.
- Absences for illness must be documented by your doctor.
- **Extra credit work and make-up work is not available.**
- Workout attire is required for most activity classes (sent as announcement via Bb).
- If you have an injury, illness, or medical condition preventing physical activity, please talk to me in advance about how we can modify for your needs.
- **Live-streaming class is not available.** Physical education classes require in-person presence. Activity classes will often be held outside of the classroom.

If online via Zoom: Video-On active participation is required. Full participation and attendance is given only when present and **video is turned on**. **If online**, during class, you will be asked to **join with video**, muted unless for class discussion. Students participate in lecture by speaking, using chat text, and or responding to poll questions, be prepared to engage. **Some classes that are given as asymmetrical learning opportunities will be noted on Bb or via email and will often require a short reflection.** **Each student may have 1 class absence at any point in the semester whenever needed as a "personal day," no questions asked or excuse documentation needed.**

Experiential Reflections (30 points): Activities during or started in class will include a reflective portion. Any asymmetrical classes will involve this component. Submission timing will be noted on Blackboard.

Assignments (4 x 10 points each = 50 points total): All assignments involve *applied* techniques, are experiential in nature and will be discussed during class time and details posted on Bb. Points for each assignment are earned with thorough completion of the assignment and timeliness of submission. All assignments must be submitted through Bb. Late assignments (within 2 weeks of due date) will receive half credit. Spotify, iTunes, YouTube and other media outlet may be needed for full participation in class or asymmetrical activities and assignments. **Additional creative expressions of assignments always welcome with instructor approval.**

Semester Vitality Reflection (20 pts): At the end of the semester this assignment allows students to reflect on the specific tools that have positively impacted their vitality and influenced their whole health. Each class will offer several tools that students can immediately and consistently *apply* in order to gain mental and physical clarity, vitality, health, and relaxation.

Exam (50 pts): The exam will be comprehensive and consist of multiple choice, short answer, true/false questions. The review sheet is posted on Blackboard in "content" 2 weeks prior to exam.

Grading Breakdown

Assignment / Exam	Points	% of Grade
Assignments 1-4	50 points (10-20 pts each)	25%
Class Experiential Reflections	30 points (3-6 pts each)	15%
In-class Participation	50 points	25%
Semester Vitality Reflection	20 points	10%
Final Exam	50 points	25%
TOTAL	200	100%

Grading Scale: A = 189-200, A- = 179-188, B+ = 174-178, B = 169-177, B- = 160-168, C+ = 154-159, C = 147-153, C- = 140-146, D+ = 134-139, D = 127-133, D- = 122-125, F = 121 or less.

COURSE SCHEDULE*

Day 1 of the week is lecture; Day 2 of the week is a longer class activity – indoor or outdoor

Instruction Weeks	Topics/Daily Activities	Readings & Meditations	Due Dates
Week 1	Introduction/Orientation: Vitality vs. Stress In-class Breath Lab Overview	Ch. 1.1 - 1.5 3-5 min Breath Meditation from class	
Week 2	Science of Stress & Chronobiology Ch. 2 Assessment optional NO CLASS MONDAY 1/15 – MLK DAY	Ch.1.6 – 1.9, Ch. 3 3-5 min Breath Meditation from class	Begin Breath Meditation log
Week 3	Technology for Vitality Stress, physiology, and the mind	Ch. 4, 5, 6 3-5 min Breath Meditation from class	
Week 4	Nourishment: Deep Nutrition for Ultimate Vitality relaxation	Ch. 10 & 11 Daily Meditation	Assignment #1 Due
Week 5	Adaptogenic Technologies Yoga & Meditation Lab	Ch. 12 Daily Meditation & Mantras	
Week 6	Healthy Lifestyles & Habits: Sleep Meditations for Sleep	Ch. 9 Daily Meditation	
Week 7	Managing Emotions Kundalini Techniques for Optimal Health NO CLASS MONDAY 2/19 – PRESIDENTS DAY	Ch. 8, 9 Daily Meditation	Assignment #2 Due
Week 8	Conscious Communication Outdoor exercise (weather pending)	Ch.13 + Meditation	
Week 9	Creating Community NO CLASS 3/10 - 3/17 – SPRING BREAK	Ch. 15 Daily Meditation	
Week 10	Healthy Lifestyles & Fitness Circuit workout	Ch. 10, 11 Daily Meditation & Mantras	Assignment #3 due
Week 11	Lifecycles & Lifestyles relaxation	Ch. 16 Daily Meditation	
Week 12	Creativity, Flow States and Resilience Meditative exercise	Daily Meditation	Assignment #4 due
Week 13	Prosperity - Scarcity vs. Abundance	Ch. 12 Daily Meditation	
Week 14	Mastering your Energetic Domain Final Exam Review	Daily Meditation	
Final	FINAL EXAM		Final Exam & Vitality Reflection DUE

* If schedule changes, students will be notified in class or via Bb.

Academic Conduct & Support Systems

Academic Integrity

The University of Southern California is a learning community committed to developing successful scholars and researchers dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the dissemination of ideas. Academic misconduct, which includes any act of dishonesty in the production or submission of academic work, comprises the integrity of the person who commits the act and can impugn the perceived integrity of the entire university community. It stands in opposition to the university's mission to research, educate, and contribute productively to our community and the world.

All students are expected to submit assignments that represent their own original work, and that have been prepared specifically for the course or section for which they have been submitted. You may not submit work written by others or "recycle" work prepared for other courses without obtaining written permission from the instructor(s).

Other violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, fabrication (e.g., falsifying data), collusion, knowingly assisting others in acts of academic dishonesty, and any act that gains or is intended to gain an unfair academic advantage.

The impact of academic dishonesty is far-reaching and is considered a serious offense against the university. All incidences of academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity and could result in outcomes such as failure on the assignment, failure in the course, suspension, or even expulsion from the university.

For more information about academic integrity see [the student handbook](#) or the [Office of Academic Integrity's website](#), and university policies on [Research and Scholarship Misconduct](#).

Please ask your instructor if you are unsure what constitutes unauthorized assistance on an exam or assignment, or what information requires citation and/or attribution.

Student & Disability Accommodations

USC welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. The Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) is responsible for the determination of appropriate accommodations for students who encounter disability-related barriers. Once a student has completed the OSAS process (registration, initial appointment, and submitted documentation) and accommodations are determined to be reasonable and appropriate, a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) will be available to generate for each course. The LOA must be given to each course instructor by the student and followed up with a discussion. This should be done as early in the semester as possible as accommodations are not retroactive. More information can be found at osas.usc.edu. You may contact OSAS at (213) 740-0776 or via email at osasfrontdesk@usc.edu.

Support Systems

IT HELP

Bb - USC Information Technology Services Help

Phone: 213.740.5555

Contact Info: <https://itservices.usc.edu/contact>

Hours: 24 hours a day, every day

[Counseling and Mental Health](#)

(213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call

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

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

988 for both calls and text messages – 24/7 on call

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices. The new, shorter phone number makes it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services (though the previous 1 (800) 273-8255 number will continue to function indefinitely) and represents a continued commitment to those in crisis.

[Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services \(RSVP\)](#)

(213) 740-9355(WELL) – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender- and power-based harm (including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking).

[Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX \(EEO-TIX\)](#)

(213) 740-5086

Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants.

[Reporting Incidents of Bias or Harassment](#)

(213) 740-5086 or (213) 821-8298

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions to the Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title for appropriate investigation, supportive measures, and response.

[The Office of Student Accessibility Services \(OSAS\)](#)

(213) 740-0776

OSAS ensures equal access for students with disabilities through providing academic accommodations and auxiliary aids in accordance with federal laws and university policy.

[USC Campus Support and Intervention](#)

(213) 740-0411

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

[Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)

(213) 740-2101

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

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) 442-1200 – 24/7 on call

Non-emergency assistance or information.

[Office of the Ombuds](#)

(213) 821-9556 (UPC) / (323-442-0382 (HSC)

A safe and confidential place to share your USC-related issues with a University Ombuds who will work with you to explore options or paths to manage your concern.

[Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice](#)

(323) 442-2850 or otfp@med.usc.edu

Confidential Lifestyle Redesign services for USC students to support health promoting habits and routines that enhance quality of life and academic performance.