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## **PHED 156a | Basketball**

**Units:** 1

**Section:** 49859R

**Term:** Fall 2025 | Tuesday/Thursday 11:00-11:50 am

**Location:** PED 210 South Gym (USC Physical Education Building)

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## **Physical Education & Mind Body Health (PEMBH)**

### **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.

### **Acknowledgements**

PEMBH embraces an inclusive spirit, based on equity, diversity, and inclusion to achieve academic and institutional excellence. For PEMBH's acknowledgments and more information visit our website -- <https://dornsife.usc.edu/phed/about/>

[Additional Resources](#)

## Course Description

This course is an introductory class to develop basic basketball skills, including dribbling, shooting mechanics (form, release, and follow-through), utilization of basketball equipment (balls, hoops, and court markings), history, rules, scoring, etiquette, and strategies of play (court layout and gameplay tactics).

**Prerequisite:** None

**Co-Requisite:** None

**Recommended Preparation:** None

## Learning Objectives

- To acquire fundamental basketball skills with proficiency and ability to apply these skills.
- To gain sufficient knowledge of basic basketball rules, scoring, etiquette, and play.
- To develop knowledge and competency in basketball fundamentals, skills, and game strategies.
- To develop, appreciate, and commit to adapting movement (basketball) activity for lifetime fitness.

## 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.

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

- Apply learned fundamental basketball skills.

**Students will demonstrate proficiency through knowledge & 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.

## PEMBH Policy for the use of AI Generators

This course aims to develop creative, analytical, and critical thinking skills. Therefore, all assignments should be prepared by the student working individually or in groups. Students may not have another person or entity complete any substantive portion of the assignment. Developing strong competencies in these areas will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, using AI-generated text, code, or other content is prohibited in this course, will be identified as plagiarism, and will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

## Course Textbook

Hal Wissel *Basketball: Steps to Success-3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*  
Supplemental Readings – Available on Brightspace

## Equipment

Basketball equipment will be provided. Personal equipment is encouraged, but not mandatory. Appropriate workout attire and shoes are required. *Recommendations include* water & towel. Lockers are available for a rental fee in the PED building.

## In-Class Participation (15% = 15 pts.)

Consistent attendance, punctuality, and participation in ALL classes are extremely important to develop appropriate skills and to obtain supplemental information for course assignments/exams. Consistent tardiness to class will negatively affect participation grade. Failure to participate in class WILL IMPACT your final course grade.

## Module Assignments (2x5% each / 5 pts. each = 10% / 10 pts.)

Students will be assessed on their knowledge of basketball rules, game objective, scoring, fouls, violations, and/or game strategies through two module assignments (Brightspace).

## Observation, Analyze & Evaluate USC Basketball Game Assignment (10% = 10 pts.)

Students will attend a USC Men's or Women's Basketball game to observe, analyze and evaluate the game based on their knowledge of basketball and write an analysis which must be submitted to assignments on Brightspace.

## Skills Assessment (20% = 20 pts.)

Students will complete drills to display their skills in the following areas:

### BALL HANDLING/DRIBBLING & PASSING (5 pts.)

- Proper dribbling technique
- Emphasis on ball control and avoiding turnovers
- Display knowledge of different types of passes and when to use them
- Communication and timing in passing

### DEFENSE (5 pts.)

- Types of defenses (man-to-man, zone, etc.)
- Proper defensive stance and techniques (switching, help defense, etc.)
- Communication and teamwork in defense

### REBOUNDING (5 pts.)

- Techniques for rebounding (boxing out, jumping, etc.)
- Emphasis on timing and positioning for rebounds

### OFFENSE & SCORING (5 pts.)

- Types of offensive movements (motion, pick-and-roll, etc.)
- Strategies for creating scoring opportunities
- Emphasis on communication and teamwork in offense
- Develop effective shooting form and display ability to shoot from various spots
- Display knowledge of multiple shots (catch and shoot, layup, floater, etc.)

## Grading Criteria

	% Grade	Points
In-Class Participation	15%	15
Module Assignments (2x5 points each)	10%	10
Observation Analysis USC Basketball game	10%	10
Skill Assessment	20%	20
Midterm	20%	20
Final Exam	<u>25%</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	100%	100 Points

A (95 pts. & higher)   A- (90-94 pts.)   B+ (87-89 pts.)   B (83-86 pts.)  
B- (80-82 pts.)   C+ (77-79 pts.)   C (73-76 pts.)   C- (70-72 pts.)   **PASS** (> 70 pts.)  
D+ (67-69 pts.)   D (63-66 pts.)   D- (60-62 pts.)   **Fail** (<59 pts.)

A = 95%-100%   A- = 90%-94%   B+ = 87%-89%   B = 83%-86%   B- = 80%-82%  
C+ = 77%-79%   C = 73%-76%   C- = 70%-72%   D+ = 67%-69%   D = 63%-66%  
D- = 60%-62%   F = 59% and below

## Additional Course Policies

- **No Make-Ups** will be given for any unexcused missed in-class work.
- Late work will be accepted & penalized by 10% deduction every week it is late unless due to an emergency excused by me. Email me as soon as possible to discuss alternate arrangements due to an emergency.
- Email ([sarahhay@usc.edu](mailto:sarahhay@usc.edu)) is the preferred method of communication outside of class. Email will be answered within 48 hours & 72 hours over a weekend, and the workday following a holiday. ***Please use: PHED 156a in subject line of email.***
- In the event of adverse weather conditions (i.e., rainy days), please check your email for additional class information.
- Wear appropriate clothing & athletic shoes.
- USC PEMBH **IS NOT** responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. If you choose to bring any valuables to class, it is strongly recommended to lock them up during class. Lockers are available for rental fee in the PED building.

## COVID-19 (Class Guidelines)

USC (COVID-19) Resource Center <https://coronavirus.usc.edu/>

## Course Schedule

\*\*Course outline subject to change\*\*

<b>Week 1</b> August 26 & 28	<b>Course Overview &amp; Basketball Introduction</b> <i>Intros, Basic Rules &amp; Violations, Skill Assessment</i>	
<b>Week 2</b> September 2 & 4	<b>Fundamentals (Offense) – Skills Practice</b> <i>Dribbling, Footwork, Passing, Shooting</i>	
<b>Week 3</b> September 9 & 11	<b>Fundamentals (Offense) – Skills Practice</b> <i>Shooting Mechanics: Triple Threat, Short, Mid &amp; Long-Range Shooting</i>	
<b>FRIDAY,</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>	<b>LAST DAY TO: REGISTER &amp; ADD CLASSES, DROP WITHOUT MARK OF “W,” CHANGE ENROLLMENT OPTION TO P/NP OR AUDIT &amp; PURCHASE/WAIVE TUITION REFUND INSURANCE</b>	
<b>Week 4</b> September 16 & 18	<b>Skills Practice</b> <i>Movement &amp; Positioning</i>	
<b>Week 5</b> September 23 & 25	<b>Fundamentals (Defense)</b> <i>Defense: Man to Man / Boxing Out &amp; Rebounding</i>	
<b>Week 6</b> Sept. 30 & Oct. 2	<b>Fundamentals II (Offense)</b> <i>Offensive Strategies: Fast Breaks and Transition</i>	
<b>WEEK 7</b> October 7 & 9	<b>Free Throws /</b> <b>Play 5 vs. 5 vs. 5</b>	<b>FALL RECESS</b> 🍁☀️🙌😎 <i>Thursday &amp; Friday, October 9-10</i>
<b>FRIDAY,</b> <b>OCTOBER 10</b>	<b>LAST DAY TO: DROP COURSE WITHOUT MARK OF “W” ON TRANSCRIPT &amp; CHANGE ENROLLMENT P/NP COURSE TO A LETTER GRADE</b>	
<b>Week 8</b> October 14 & 16	<b>Skills Practice</b> <i>Court Awareness / Decision Making</i>	
<b>Week 9</b> October 21 & 23	<b>Game Situation Skill Application:</b> <i>Fast Break/Transition</i>	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>
<b>Week 10</b> October 28 & 30	<b>Game Situation Skill Application: Zone Defense</b> <b>Basketball Observation Assignment Assigned ~ Attend a USC Basketball Game – due Week 14, Sunday, November 30, 11:59 PM</b>	
<b>Week 11</b> November 4 & 6	<b>3 vs 3 Tournament</b>	
<b>Week 12</b> November 11 & 13	<i>us Tuesday: Veterans Day ~ No Class us</i> <i>Thursday: Skills Assessment – Ball Handling, Passing &amp; Shooting</i>	
<b>FRIDAY,</b> <b>NOVEMBER 14</b>	<b>LAST DAY TO DROP CLASS WITH MARK OF “W”</b>	
<b>Week 13</b> November 18 & 20	<b>Skills Assessment – Offense &amp; Defense Strategies</b> <b>Basketball Observation Assignment Due Sunday, Apr. 20, 11:59 PM</b>	
<b>Week 14</b> November 25 & 27	<b>3 vs 3 Tournament</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b> 🍷🍂🍁 <i>Wed – Sun / Nov. 26-30</i>
<b>Week 15</b> December 2 & 4	<b>5 vs 5 Tournament Final Exam</b> <b>(Review)</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> <b>LAST DAY OF CLASS</b>

## Academic Integrity

The University of Southern California is foremost a learning community committed to fostering successful scholars and researchers dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the transmission of ideas. Academic misconduct is in contrast to the university's mission to educate students through a broad array of first-rank academic, professional, and extracurricular programs and includes any act of dishonesty in the submission of academic work (either in draft or final form).

This course will follow the expectations for academic integrity as stated in the [USC Student Handbook](#). All students are expected to submit assignments that are original work and prepared specifically for the course/section in this academic term. You may not submit work written by others or "recycle" work prepared for other courses without obtaining written permission from the instructor(s). Students suspected of engaging in academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

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

Academic dishonesty has a far-reaching impact and is considered a serious offense against the university. Violations will result in a grade penalty, such as a failing grade on the assignment or in the course, and disciplinary action from the university itself, such as suspension or even expulsion.

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.

## Statement on University Academic & Support Systems

### 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](https://osas.usc.edu). You may contact OSAS at (213) 740-0776 or via email at [osasfrontdesk@usc.edu](mailto:osasfrontdesk@usc.edu)

## **Student Financial Aid & Satisfactory Academic Progress**

To be eligible for certain kinds of financial aid, students are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward their degree objectives. Visit the [Financial Aid Office webpage](#) for [undergraduate](#)- and [graduate-level](#) SAP eligibility requirements and the appeals process.

## **Support Systems**

### **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 consists 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) 740-2500**

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](mailto: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.