

**PE 127 BEGINNING TAI CHI CHUAN**  
**(Spring 2010, MWF 10:40 to 11:30 am)**

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Catalog Description:

Office: Gym 103 H

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Location: Williams Hall

TTh: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Through Tai Chi Chuan forms and movements, one develops coordination, flexibility, improvement of level of concentration, and acquires stress release techniques. Discussion of Eastern culture is included. Tai Chi Chuan is a form of Chinese martial arts and exercise form that involves breathing exercise, meditation, slow, graceful, and precise body movements to enhance a balance of the internal and external environment, body and mind connection, and mental and muscular relaxation to improve individual health and wellness.

**Course Objectives:**

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

1. Explain the philosophy of Tai Chi Chuan and its history.
2. Apply the terminology and basic principles of Tai Chi Chuan.
3. Demonstrate basic techniques such as stance, hand movement, body movements, punching, blocking, striking, and kicking.
4. Learn how to relax, deeply concentrate and meditate.
5. Improve personal health and fitness.
6. Demonstrate 24 Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan Form.
7. Learn to apply Tai Chi Chuan techniques for self-defense.

**Course Topics:**

- A. Lectures: Class orientation, general introduction; history, legend, styles and development of Tai Chi Chuan; principles, philosophy, and fundamental knowledge of Tai Chi Chuan; current research on Tai Chi Chuan and benefits of practicing Tai Chi Chuan; Ying Yang theory and its relationship with Tai Chi Chuan; features and characteristics of Tai Chi Chuan
- B. Class Activity: Learning Simplified 24 Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan Form
- C. Tai Chi Qi Gong meditation exercises.

**Instructional Activities and Methodology:**

A developmental and systematic approach will be employed for teaching. Students will be provided with a variety of practice sessions and activities to improve their cognitive knowledge and motor skills.

## Evaluation:

### A. Skill Tests (35%) 350 points

Test 1: Tai Chi Chuan Form 1-6	30	
Test 2: Tai Chi Form Chuan 7-12	30	
Test 3: Tai Chi Form Chuan 13-18	30	
Test 4: Tai Chi Form Chuan 19-24	30	
Final Test: 24 Simplified Tai Chi Chuan Form		230

### B. Written Exams (30%) 300 points

First Exam:	100
Second Exam:	100
Final Exam:	100

### C. Participation and Motivation (350 %) 350 points

Students will earn **250 points** toward their final grade if they do not miss more than **three (3)** classes.

Students will earn **100 points** if they are motivated and actively participating all of the activities of the class (it is my subjective evaluations to each student).

### D. Grading Summary:

A=920–1000 A-= 900-919 B+=880–899 B=820-879 B-800–819 C+=780–799  
C=720- 799 C-=700-719 D+=680-699 D=620–679 D-=600-619 F=0 – 599

## Divisional Class Attendance Policy

MWF (3) TTH (2) attendance policy

a. Religious holidays approved by the college may be observed without penalty but your instructor must be informed of your intention to do so in writing and in advance of the holiday.

b. You are expected to attend all classes at the scheduled time; therefore tardiness and absences affect your final grade. A maximum of three (MWF)/two (TTH) absences are allowed without penalty. There are no excused absences in this class. If you have to miss a class due to unusual circumstances (serious illness/emergencies), you must communicate your reasons to your instructor prior to the absence via email or voice message; if that is impossible, you must communicate with your instructor as soon as you are able. \*\*If you miss three consecutive days it is the instructor's responsibility to report your name to the Office of Academic Services.

c. After the allowed absences (3/2), each following absence will result in a 5% reduction of your final grade, e.g., MWF: 4 absences = 5% reduction; 5 absences = 10% reduction; 6 absences = 15% reduction; 7 absences = 20% reduction; 8 absences = 25% reduction; 9 absences = automatic final grade of F.  
TTH: 3 absences = 5% reduction; 4 absences = 10% reduction; 5 absences = 15% reduction; 6 absences = 20% reduction; 7 absences = 25% reduction; 8 absences = automatic final grade of F.

d. You are expected to be on time for class. If you arrive after roll call, you are responsible to confirm your presence with your instructor.

e. At the end of the semester, MAKE UP work may be provided at the instructor's discretion. For make up work to be considered, 1) all absences must be valid 2) you must provide acceptable medical documentation or a reasonable explanation regarding an exceptional circumstance must be provided 3) you must schedule an appointment in a timely manner for the purpose of presenting a record of missed classes and your justification for the absences. Your instructor will decide whether make-up opportunities should be granted and will set a deadline for the completion of such work before final grades are due.

### **Late Arrivals**

Students are expected to come to the class on time. If you arrive after roll-call, you are late. You are allowed to be late for **two times without a penalty**. After two times, **each time you late will be a deduction your grade: Late 5min=10p, 10min=15p 15min=20p 20min=25p etc.**

### **Honor Code:**

Oxford College considers any academic misconduct such as cheating of any form on a quiz, examination or homework to be a very serious offense. Any students not adhering to the honor code policy will be subject to likely consequences of disciplinary probation, suspension, and/or dismissal from the college.

### **General Requirements and Information**

- A. No food, drinks, or gum chewing is allowed in the class.
- B. Dress: Loose sports wear, t-shirts, shorts, sweat pants and so on are required and highly recommended. **No Jeans except Lecture time. Failure to wear proper Gym cloth may result in a penalty absence.**
- C. Try not to wear jewelry during classes.
- D. Attention: Class activities may include vigorous exercises. If you have any medical condition or physical problems to prevent you from full participation in such activity, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor of its nature (e.g., weak knee joint, history fainting etc.). If you have a condition which would limit your potential for fulfilling the requirements of this class you should have your physician fax a letter immediately to me stating a) the nature of the limitation(s) and b) his/her suggestions for activities which would help you meet the requirements of this course.
- E. Text Book:

No textbook, I will provide some handouts.

PE 127		MWF	Beginning Tai Chi Chuan Calendar
W	Month	Day	Activities
1	January 12	W	Introduction
	14	F	Skill preparation
2	17	M	MLK Jr Day
	19	W	Skill practice
	21	F	Skill practice
3	24	M	Skill practice
	26	W	Lecture
	28	F	Skill practice
4	31	M	Skill practice
	<b>February 2</b>	W	Lecture
	4	F	Skill practice
5	7	M	Skill practice
	9	W	<b>First Written Exam and Skill practice</b>
	11	F	<b>Skill Test 1</b>
6	14	M	Skill practice
	16	W	Lecture
	18	F	Skill practice
7	21	M	Skill practice
	23	W	Lecture/Presentation
	25	F	Skill practice
8	28	M	Skill practice
	<b>March 2</b>	W	Lecture/Presentation
	4	F	<b>Skill Test 2</b>
9	7	M	<b>Spring Break-No class</b>
10	14	M	Skill practice
	16	W	Lecture
	18	F	Skill practice
11	21	M	Skill practice
	23	W	<b>Second Written Exam Lecture</b>
	25	F	Skill practice
12	28	M	Skill practice
	30	W	<b>Skill Test 3</b>
	April 1	F	Skill practice
13	4	M	Skill practice
	6	W	Skill practice
	8	F	Skill practice
14	11	M	<b>Skill Test 4</b>
	13	W	<b>Skill practice</b>
	15	F	Skill practice
15	18	M	<b>Final Skill Test Review</b>
	20	W	<b>Final Skill Test</b>
	22	F	<b>Final Exam Review</b>
16	25	M	<b>Final Exam</b>

All dates and activities are subject to change. Instructor will give proper notice of such change(s).