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## Course Outline for KIN SWL

### LEARN TO SWIM

Effective: Fall 2010

#### I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

KIN SWL — LEARN TO SWIM — 0.50 - 1.00 units

An introductory course designed to teach fundamental swimming skills and is designed for non-swimmers who cannot swim one length of the pool (25 yards). Emphasis will be on the physical and psychological adjustment to the water as well as basic swimming stroke techniques. Students will also learn aquatics safety methods.

0.50 - 1.00 Units Lab

#### Grading Methods:

#### Discipline:

**Family:** Kinesiology Swimming

	<u>MIN</u>	<u>MAX</u>
<b>Lab Hours:</b>	27.00	54.00
<b>Total Hours:</b>	27.00	54.00

#### II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 4

#### III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

#### IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

**Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- A. Describe and apply aquatic safety methods, including drown-proofing technique
- B. Demonstrate competency of beginning level swimmers, including floating skills, and comfort in the water;
- C. Demonstrate the basic techniques of freestyle and backstroke for 25 yards.
- D. Demonstrate the basic techniques of the non-competitive strokes, elementary backstroke and sidestroke.
- E. Utilize swimming equipment, such as kickboards, etc., to strengthen swim technique
- F. Perform fundamental entries into the water, shallow and deep.

#### V. CONTENT:

- A. Aquatic safety techniques, including drown-proofing, floating, and treading water
- B. Non-competitive swim strokes, such as sidestroke and elementary backstroke
- C. Fundamental techniques for competitive swim strokes, including freestyle and backstroke
- D. Explanation, demonstration and practice of new strokes
  - 1. Elementary backstroke
  - 2. Front Crawl Stroke
  - 3. Backstroke
  - 4. Sidestroke
- E. Breathing techniques: blowing bubbles underwater, bobbing, and turning the head to the side.
- F. Entry in to shallow and deep water
- G. General information about swimming: explanation of equipment, names of equipment, and how to use equipment.

#### VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. Lecture and handouts
- B. Verbal explanation and visual cuing
- C. Quizzes and demonstrations
- D. Practice of technique
- E. Student participation
- F. Visual and physical demonstration

#### VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Learn beginning front crawl technique. B. Learn floating and treading water techniques. C. Describe and demonstrate the techniques of the sidestroke. D. Demonstrate the ability to swim freestyle utilizing the side-breathing technique (so that the hairline is at water level, thus allowing proper head-turn for side-breathing) the width of the pool or 25 yards.

#### VIII. EVALUATION:

- A. **Methods**

1. Exams/Tests
2. Quizzes
3. Class Participation
4. Class Performance
5. Other:
  - a. Methods
    1. Student participation
    2. Performance of proper swimming techniques
    3. Participation and effort demonstrated
    4. Demonstration of skills learned
    5. Written quizzes

**B. Frequency**

1. Frequency
  - a. Daily evaluation of student progress/participation by instructor
  - b. Midterm and final examination

**IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:**

**X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS:**

- A. Students are required to wear appropriate swim attire (swim suit, goggles, and swim caps for those with long hair).