

PE 124 Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gong Meditation
(Fall 2012, MWF 10:45 to 11:35 am)

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Through tai chi forms, movements, and Qi Gong meditation exercises 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 Qi Gong is a form of moving/nonmoving meditation. Both of these exercise forms 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 and history of Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gong.
2. Apply the terminology and basic principles of Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gong.
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.
Improve personal health and fitness.
5. Demonstrate Tai Chi Chuan Form and Qi Gong forms.
6. 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 and Qi Gong; 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 16 Tai Chi Chuan Forms and 12 Yijinjing Qi Gong form.
- C. Tai Chi Chuan and Yijinjing 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 (40%) 400 points

Test 1: Qi Gong (Yijinjing) form 1-6	60
Test 2: Qi Gong (Yijinjing) form 7-12	60
Test 3: Tai Chi Form Chuan 1-8	40
Test 4: Tai Chi Form Chuan 9-16	40
Final Test: 16 Tai Chi Chuan Form and 12 Qi Gong forms	200

B. Written Exams (25%) 250 points

Midterm Written Exam:	100
Final Written Exam:	150

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

Department 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. Three late arrivals will be equivalent to one absence. If you are late, you must see me **at the end of that class** to remind me to change your absence to a late. If you do not, **you may be counted absent even when you were in class.**

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 sportswear, 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 124**MWF****Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gong Meditation Calendar**

W	Month	Day	Activities
	August		
1	29-Aug	W	Introduction
	31-Aug	F	Skill preparation
	September		
2	3-Sep	M	Labor Day
	5-Sep	W	Skill practice
	7-Sep	F	Skill practice
3	10-Sep	M	Skill practice
	12-Sep	W	Lecture
	14-Sep	F	Skill practice
4	17-Sep	M	Skill practice
	19-Sep	W	Lecture
	21-Sep	F	Skill Test 1
5	24-Sep	M	Skill practice
	26-Sep	W	Lecture
	28-Sep	F	Skill practice
	October		
6	1-Oct	M	Skill practice
	3-Oct	W	Midterm Written Exam
	5-Oct	F	Skill practice
7	8-Oct	M	Skill practice
	10-Oct	W	Lecture
	12-Oct	F	Skill Test 2
8	15-Oct	M	Fall Break-No class
	17-Oct	W	Skill practice
	19-Oct	F	Skill practice
9	22-Oct	M	Skill practice
	24-Oct	W	Lecture
	26-Oct	F	Skill practice
10	29-Oct	M	Skill practice
	31-Oct	W	Skill practice
	November		
	2-Nov	F	Skill Test 3
11	5-Nov	M	Skill practice
	7-Nov	W	Lecture
	9-Nov	F	Skill practice
12	12-Nov	M	Skill practice
	14-Nov	W	Skill practice
	16-Nov	F	Skill practice
13	19-Nov	M	Skill practice
	21-Nov	W	<i>Thanksgiving Recess</i>
	23-Nov	F	<i>Thanksgiving Recess</i>
14	26-Nov	M	Skill practice
	28-Nov	W	Skill Test 4
	30-Nov	F	Final Skill Test Review
	December		
	3-Dec	M	Final Skill Test Review
15	5-Dec	W	Final Skill Test
	7-Dec	F	Final Exam Review
16	10-Dec	M	Final Exam

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