

**Division:** Physical Education and Dance  
**Course Number:** PE 124  
**Course Title:** Fly Fishing  
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**Catalog Description:** This course is an introduction to the basic fundamentals of fly fishing. Students will learn equipment selection, fishing ethics, fishing strategies, basic entomology, casting, fly tying, and knots.

**Text:** **Learn How To Fly Fish Student Handbook: A Guide To The Fundamentals Of Fly Fishing. An Educational Publication Of The School Of Fly Fishing**  
\*A copy is available in the library as well as a CD (reserve only).

**Technology Competencies:**

All projects and assignments for this course must be done using word proccession, saved on disk for the class portfolio and a hard copy turned in for evaluation. Changes or corrections are done on the original files with a hard copy of the assignment handed in and the new file saved on disk.

The following technology competencies are expected:

- Enter and edit text and copy and move block of text.
- Check spelling, grammar, word usage.
- Terms such as cursor, format, font, style, header, footer, spelling checker.

Library research and information sources project/assignments include the location of web sites and explanation of what they have to offer.

The following technology competencies are expected:

- Access and use resources on the Internet and World Wide Web.
- Terms such as telecommunications, direct access, dial-in access, modem, baud rate, Internet, World Wide Web.

**Course Objectives:**As a result of completing this course, the student should be able to:

- Know how to tie and identify the necessary knots to set up the rod and reel.
- Know how to tie and identify various knots to connect the fly (bait) to the line.
- Demonstrate the appropriate casting technique and presentation of the fly.
- Understand the differences between various rods, reels, flies, lines and leaders.
- Understand basic entomology (i.e., insect life cycle, what fish eat (& how we pretend), aquatic vegetation & insects)
- Know how to read the water to maximize catching fish.

*In addition to our objectives The School of Fly Fishing states the following as it relates to your participation in this course:*

- Its participants are/become supporters of our natural resources, wildlife, fisheries and the environment.
- Fly fishing is non-consuming, non-combative, teaches good ethics, integrity and strength of character.
- Fly fishers are/become proponents of clean water, fresh air and the wise use of land and water.
- Fly fishing binds families together in a healthy, productive outdoor pursuit.

**Course Topics:** Please refer to the course calendar.

**Activities:** The student will be involved in class discussion via question and answer sessions, In-Class assignments; take home projects, and PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (i.e., walking, stretching, lifting weights, circuit routines, etc.).

**Assignments:**

The student will be required to perform a variety of assignments such as:

1. Physical activity
2. Outside reading assignment
3. Casting and knot tying skills test
4. Cognitive tests
5. Final exam

\*\*\*All assignments must be **TYPED** and handed in on the day that it is **DUE**. All tests must be taken on the day that the test is posted. **LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND TESTS THAT ARE NOT TAKEN ON TEST DAY WILL NOT BE MADE-UP.** If you are going to be absent on assignment due dates or test days, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with Dr. Sherman one class period before the day that will be missed.

**Evaluation:**

The final grade will be based on:

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| 1.Participation   | 88pts total [ $\geq 74$ or (85%of class time)] |
| 2.Cognitive Tests | 75% passing                                    |
| 3.Casting         | See below                                      |
| 4. Knots          | See below                                      |
| 5.Assignments     | Complete and hand in when due                  |
| 6.Final Exam      | 75% passing                                    |

Participation points are as follows:

- 4 pts. Actively participating in class.
- 3 pts. Show up late (i.e., 5-10-minutes of class) and actively participate during class.
- 2 pts. Show up late (i.e., 11-25 minutes) and actively participate during class.
- 1 pt. Show up and do not actively participate in class (i.e., sleeping, not performing the necessary activities of the class, disrupting class)
- 0 pts. No participation at all or show up after 26 minutes of class.

Casting test:

The student must be able to cast 3 rod lengths with minimal false casting and cast to a designated target at various distances. The distance shall not exceed 3 rod lengths.

Knot tying skills test:

The student should be able to tie the necessary knots to set up their rod and reel and attach the fly to the line. Knots will be identified during the semester.

**Your Grade:**

To **earn** an "A" in PE 100 you must:

Successfully complete all 4 assignments (see 2-5 above)  
 $\geq 74$  participation points  
Score an A, B, or C on the final

To **earn** a "B" in PE 100 you must:

Successfully complete 3 out of 4 assignments (see 2-5 above)  
 $\geq 74$  participation points  
Score "D" on the final

To **earn** a "C" in PE 100 you must:

Successfully complete 2 out of 4 assignments (see 2-5 above)  
73-61 participation points  
Score an "F" on the final

To **earn** a "D" in PE 100 you must:

Successfully complete 1 out of 4 assignments (see 2-5 above)  
60-57 participation points  
Score a "D" on the final Exam with the combination of failure to complete any of three assignments (see 2-5 above)

To **earn** an "F" in PE 100 you must:

Failure to complete all 4 assignments (see 2-5 above)

≤ 57 participation points

Score an "F" on the final Exam with the combination of failure to any of three assignments (see 2-5 above)

**HONOR CODE:** Students are expected to adhere to the honor code with reference to all matters relating to the evaluative process of this course. Any violation of Oxford College's HONOR CODE will not be tolerated.

**Class Attendance:** No attendance policy, however it is expected and recommended.  
\*\*If you miss three consecutive days it is my responsibility to report your name to the Office of Academic Services.  
In case of death (in the family), severe illness, and school functions, Dr. Sherman must be notified before missing class. Afterwards, authentic documentation must be provided to Dr. Sherman on the first day back to class. There will be no exceptions.

**Classroom etiquette:** **NO** devices that allow communication via phone, pager, text message, e-mail, etc. are permitted in class. Such device seen or used during class will become the property of Dr. Sherman for the class period. Reoccurring problems will result in disciplinary action as stated in the Oxford College student Handbook. If such communication is needed during class please notify Dr. Sherman prior to class. If you have questions or do not understand please see Dr. Sherman for clarification.  
At Dr. Sherman's discretion any behavior that disrupts class or is offensive will not be tolerated and will lead to disciplinary action as stated in the Oxford College student Handbook.

**Dress Code:** As a college student, you are responsible to present yourself in a professional manner. I do not want to see your underwear or anything else. On activity days you are required to dress appropriately (No jeans, dress shoes, sandals, etc.)

**Important Information:** **Fishing license:**  
You will need to purchase a fishing license (\$9.00, in state) with a trout stamp (\$4.00) if you intend to participate in the fishing trip as well as local fishing.

**Fishing trip:**  
I have scheduled an opportunity for the class to go trout fishing using a knowledgeable guide service. This opportunity will come with a fee. As soon as the class decides when we will go on the trip, I can finalize the itinerary with the guide service as well as the fee. You will have to pay a non-refundable deposit (50%) for the trip, due TBA. In addition, there will be a series of forms that must be filled out and signed.

**Reasonable accommodation for students with writing deficiencies:**  
Students are expected to have developed certain competencies necessary for success in college. If you have not developed the competencies needed to function at this level, you will be required to do so, in order to pass this course. For this reason, referrals to the writing center are required.  
Students with identified or suspected disabilities of any kind should contact the Writing Center located in Language Hall (770-784-4722). No special arrangements will be made for any student unless the instructor is contacted directly via official request from this office.

**Reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities:** If you have a disability that may require assistance or accommodation, or you have questions related to any accommodations for testing, note takers, readers, physical activity, etc., please speak with me as soon as possible. Students may also contact the Office of Disability Services (404-727-6016) with questions about such services. **It is**

**the student's responsibility to initiate considerations, all students must self-disclose to ODS and complete the registration process.**

Reminder: Class activities may include vigorous activities. 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 and provide documentation from your physician stating 1) the medical condition, 2) limitations of the condition, and 3) recommendations that would help you meet the requirements of the course. Students may also contact the Office of Disability Services (404-727-6016).

**Important Dates:**

**January 21- Last day for changing course.**  
**March 6- Last day to drop without academic penalty**  
**March 9-13- Spring Break**  
**March 4- Mid-term reports**  
**March 24 & 26- Pre-registration for Fall 2009**  
**April 27 - 28- PE Final Exam**  
**May 9- Graduation**

<b>January</b>	
15	Syllabus/ Course Introduction
20	Equipment/rod/reel
22*	
27*	
29*	Casting
<b>February</b>	
3*	Casting
5*	
10*	
12	Conference-out of class assignment
17*	Knot tying
19*	
24*	Knot tying
26*	Knot tying
<b>March</b>	
3*	
5*	
10	Spring break
12	Spring Break
17*	Fly line/ Leaders/ Spot casting
19*	
24*	
26	Conference-out of class assignment
31*	Practice for Knot tying skills test
<b>April</b>	
2*	
7*	
9*	
14*	
16*	
21*	
23	Review
28	Final Exam

- All dates and activities are subject to change. Instructor will give proper notice of such change(s).  
 \*Dates/days that participation points are available.