

**OXFORD COLLEGE**  
**Course Syllabus**

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**Division:** Physical Education and Dance  
**Course Number:** PE 126  
**Course Title:** Beginning Golf  
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Friday & all other times- app. Only

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**Catalog**

**Description:**

Advance golfers may not take this course. Development of basic golf swing, chipping, and putting. Basic rules necessary to play the game. Students must furnish their own golf clubs.

\*Note: For students who cannot acquire clubs, a VERY LIMITED number of clubs are available from the Division of Physical Education and Dance.

**Text:**

**No text**

The United States Golf Association (USGA) rulebook would enhance learning and understanding of golf rules and etiquette. Popular golf magazines would also provide some helpful hints on improving your game. The instructor will have some available.

**Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify the parts and features of a golf course.
2. Identify the various clubs and other equipment, knowing their function.
3. Describe and execute the following skills:
  - grip
  - stance
  - swing
  - putting
4. Identify and carry out the courtesies associated with the sport, including terms and methods dealing with scoring.
5. State and understand the major rules of golf.

**Course Topics:**

Please refer to the course outline.

**Activities:**

Lecture, demonstration, video, and selected handouts.

**Assignments:**

The student will participate in three skills test. The purpose of the skills test is help the student focus and become motivated to learn the skills of golf. There will be a skills test on putting, hitting (irons), and chipping.

Writing assignment- Each student will define and hand in terms related to golf. The instructor will provide the terms.

**Evaluation:**

The final grade will be based on:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
#1 Defined terms related to golf	Handed in on due date
#2 Three skills test	See below
#3 Final Exam	Must take it & score no less than a C without penalty
#4 Completion of 9-hole play	Must complete before due date
#5 Participation points	92 pts total [≥ 78pts or (85%of class time)]

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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.

The criteria that must be met to successfully pass the three skills test are as follows:

\*Score  $\geq 70\%$  proficiency on the putting skills test

\*Score  $\geq 70\%$  proficiency on the chipping skills test

\*Score  $\geq 50\%$  proficiency on the Irons skills test

**\* Denotes that the skills test can be taken as many times as possible during the semester.  
Deadline will be announced in the course calendar.**

**Your Grade:**

To **earn** an "A" in PE 126 you must:

Complete and define the terms of golf

\*Pass all three skills test

$\geq 78$  participation points

Score an A, B, or C on the final

To **earn** a "B" in PE 126 you must:

Complete and define the terms of golf

\*Pass all three skills test

77-69 participation points

Score a D on the final (automatic "B")

To **earn** a "C" in PE 126 you must:

Complete and define the terms of golf

\*Pass two out of three skills test

68-60 participation points

Score an F on the final (automatic "C")

To **earn** a "D" in PE 126 you must:

Fail to complete and define the terms of golf

\*Pass 1 out of three skills test

59-51 participation points

Score a D or better on the final with the combination of failure to complete 2 out of three skills test or hand in golf terms

To **earn** an "F" in PE 126 you must:

Failure to pass all 3 skills test

Do not take final exam

$\leq 50$  participation points

Score an F on the final exam with the combination of failure to complete the three skills test or hand in golf terms

\*\*\*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.

**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.

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**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.

**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:** All students must come to class dressed appropriately for golf class. Tennis shoes/sneakers with socks. Nice shorts, slacks, or athletic pants. A nice T-shirt or shirt with a collar. **No dress shoes, sandals, cut off shorts, \*blue jeans, old dingy T-shirts or T- shirts with negative propaganda.**

**Important Information:** The Golf Facility: Since there is no facility to accommodate golf classes on campus we will meet at the Golf Training Center located on the access road of I-20 (south side) just West of Almon Road.

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).