

**Division:** Physical Education and Dance  
**Course Number:** PE 122  
**Course Title:** Beginning Tennis  
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Friday & all other times- app. Only

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**Catalog**

**Description:** This course is a study of the basic skills and knowledge of tennis.

**Text:** None required. However, the instructor will have information available regarding rules and etiquette.

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

1. Identify the parts and features of a Tennis court.
2. Describe and execute the following skills:
  - grip
  - stance
  - swing (forehand & backhand)
  - serve
  - volley
3. Identify and carry out the courtesies associated with the sport, including terms and methods dealing with scoring.
4. State and understand the major rules of tennis.

**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 tennis. There will be a skills test on serving, volleying, and backhand/forehand.

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

**Evaluation:**

The final grade will be based on:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
#1 Defined terms related to Tennis	Handed in on due date
#2 Three skills test	See above description for skills test
#3 Final Exam	Must take it & score no less than a B without penalty
#4 Participation points	140pts available (85%= 119pts)

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.

**Your Grade:**

To earn an “**A**” in PE 122 you must  
Complete 1&2 (see evaluation)  
≥ 119ts participation  
Score an A, B, on the final

To earn a “**B**” in PE 122 you must  
Complete 1&2 (see evaluation)  
≥ 118-105 participation  
Score a C on the final provided 1&2 are met

To earn a “**C**” in PE 122 you must  
Complete 1&2 (see evaluation)  
104-91 participation points  
Score an D on the final provided 1&2 are met

To earn a “**D**” in PE 122 you must  
Failure to complete any of #1 or #2 (miss 1 out of 3 skills test)  
90-77 participation points  
Score a D or better on the final with the combination of failure to complete any of #1 or #2

To earn an “**F**” in PE 122 you must  
Failure to complete any of #1 or #2 (miss 2-3 out of 3 skills test)  
≤ 77 participation points  
Do not take final exam  
Score an F on the final exam with the combination of failure to complete any of #1 or #2

**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 tennis 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:**

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).