

**PE 129 Karate and Self-defense**  
**(Spring 2012, Tue & Thur. 11:30 to 12:45 pm)**

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**Catalog Description:**

Introduction to the history, philosophy, and basic knowledge of karate, self-defense and martial arts in general. Students are introduced and taught with a variety of skills in karate, self-defense, and martial arts with an emphasis on self-discipline. These are to be accomplished by participating in lectures sessions, discussions, and a various exercise programs such as punching, kicking, blocking with emphasis on physical fitness, respect, and attitudes.

**Course Objectives:**

At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the definition of self-defense as it may be interpreted under the law and a philosophy that emphasizes avoidance of conflicts.
2. Explain the philosophy and history of karate.
3. Apply terminology and basic principles of karate.
4. Demonstrate basic skills such as punching, blocking, striking, and kicking.
5. Apply techniques such as release, grasp-re-grasp, and joint locks for self-defense and neutralization of an attack.
6. Improve personal health and fitness.
7. Demonstrate karate forms.
8. Explain a various perspectives on the sex assault avoidance.

**Course Topics:**

- A. Lectures: Class orientation, general introduction; history, legend, styles and development of modern karate; principles, philosophy, and fundamental knowledge of karate.
- B. Class Activity: Basic karate skills such as punching, blocking, kicking etc.; applications in self-defense; sparing; Shotokan Karate Kata (form).

**Instructional Activities and Methodology:**

A developmental and systematic approach will be employed for teaching this course. Students will be provided with a variety of lecture and practice sessions, and activities to improve their cognitive knowledge and motor skills.

**Evaluation:**

**A. Skill Tests (350%)                      350 points**

Test 1: Step in punching face and stomach, step back rising block & outside-center block; front kick, step back downward block.	60
Test 2: Step back inside block, knife hand block, & side snap kick.	30

Test 3: Three-step sparing: punching stomach, face, and front snap kick; outside-center, rising, and downward block.	30
Test 4: Heian Shodan Kata (Form)	30
Test 5: Final Skill Test:	200
a. Fundamental skills: five blocks , two punches (face and stomach), two kicks (front and side snap).	
b. Sparing: Three step sparing.	
c. Shotokan Karate Kata Form: Heian Shodan	

#### **B. Written Exams (30%) 300 points**

First Written Exam:	100
Second Written Exam/presentation	100
Final Exam:	100

#### **C. Participation and Motivation (35 %) 350 points**

Students will earn **250 points** for 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).

Students will earn **50 points** if they have perfect attendance.

#### **D. Grading Summary:**

**A=920–1000   A-= 900-919   B+=880–899   B=820-879   B-800–819   C+=780–799**  
**C=720-779   C-=700-719   D+=680-699   D=620–679   D-=600-619   F=0 – 599**

#### **Divisional 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.

### **General Requirements and Information:**

- A. No cell phone,** 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 not be allowed to take part in the class and marked as an absence.**
- C.** Try not to wear jewelry during classes and glasses worn should be secured.
- 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 me 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.

**Text Book:** No textbook are required and I will give handouts. You are responsible to take notes.

PE 129		TTh	Karate/Self-defense
W		Day	Activities
	<b>January</b>		
1	19	Th	Introduction
2	24	Tues	Introduction and skill preparation
	26	Th	Skill practice
3	31	Tues	Skill practice
	<b>February</b>		
	<b>2</b>	Th	Lecture
4	7	Tues	Skill practice
	9	Th	Skill practice
5	14	Tues	Skill practice
	16	Th	<b>Skill Test 1</b>
6	21	Tues	<b>First Written Exam and Lecture</b>
	23	Th	Skill practice
7	28	Tues	Skill practice
	<b>March</b>		
	<b>1</b>	Th	Skill practice
8	6	Tues	<b>Skill Test 2</b>
	8	Th	Presentation
9	12-16	M-F	<b>Spring Break</b>
10	20	Tues	Skill practice
	22	Th	Skill practice
11	27	Tues	<b>Written Exam 2 &amp; Skill practice</b>
	29	Th	Skill practice
	<b>April</b>		
12	3	Tues	<b>Skill Test 3</b>
	5	Th	Skill practice
13	10	Tues	Skill practice
	12	Th	Skill practice
14	17	Tues	<b>Skill Test 4</b>
	19	Th	<b>Final Skill Test Reviewing</b>
15	24	Tues	<b>Final Skill Test and Exam Reviewing</b>
	26	Th	<b>Final Skill Test</b>
	<b>May</b>		
16	1	Tues	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>

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