



PHYS ED 1-81 Beginning Badminton (.5 units)

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Class Times: Tuesday and Thursday 9-10am

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Required Text: None

Recommended Text: *Badminton: Steps to Success* by Tony A Grice
Badminton for Beginners: Techniques, Tactics, Skills, and Drills for Shuttlecock Success by Stephen Plitt

I. Course Description: Beginning badminton is a course designed for individuals with little to no badminton experience. The course will cover the major badminton strokes commonly used while playing badminton. Students will learn the basic rules for both singles and doubles and will be able to understand how to play a match by the end of the semester.

II. Statement of Course Goal and Learning Objectives: The goal of this course is to introduce the students to the basic concepts of the game of badminton. Objectives: At the conclusion of the course, students shall be able to:

1. Describe and demonstrate proper grips and technique for basic forehand and backhand.
2. Describe and demonstrate the major badminton strokes including, serve, clear, drop shot, smash, drive, and possibly round the head.
3. Describe the basic rules of badminton.
4. Score and play both singles and doubles games.

III. Method of Assessment and Evaluation: The achievement of course objectives shall be assessed by the following: observation and assessment of the learning objectives described above. Final grades shall be based on the percentage of the overall points accumulated according to the following:

Attendance:	130 points (50%)
Effort and Participation:	50 points (19%)
Skill-Level Assessment:	80 points (31%)
Total Points:	260 points (100%)

GRADE (FOR ROSTER)	GRADE POINTS PER UNIT	RECOMMENDED PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN	DESCRIPTION
A+	4.0	94–100%	Excellent: The grade of "A+", when awarded at the instructor's discretion, represents extraordinary achievement, but does not receive grade point credit beyond that received for the grade of A.
A	4.0	94–100%	
A-	3.7	90–93%	
B+	3.3	86–89%	Good
B	3.0	83–85%	
B-	2.7	80–82%	
C+	2.3	76–79%	Fair: Each course in a certificate program must be completed with a grade of C or better, although some programs have higher requirements.
C	2.0	73–75%	
C-	1.7	70–72%	
D+	1.3	66–69%	Barely passed
D	1.0	63–65%	
D-	0.7	60–62%	
F	0.0	< 60%	Failed
P			Passed at a minimum level of C-minus or 70%
NP			Not Passed—anything below a C-minus or below 70%

IV. Course Requirements

1. Students are expected to show up on time prepared to participate in outside running activities for every class. Wearing appropriate athletic clothing including running shoes is required. Students not prepared for class may be dismissed and will have that class count as an absence. In the case of rain, be appropriately prepared to run outside.
2. Attendance and participation are a large portion of the final grade in the course, and absences and tardies will have a negative effect on the final grade. Each class attended is worth 5 points towards the final grade. It is recommended that students plan ahead and only use absences for minor illnesses or other unexpected events that may occur during the semester.
3. There are no makeups for classes that have already been missed. However, students are allowed to makeup excused absences when they know that they will have a conflict and inform the instructor ahead of time. An example of an excused absence would be an interview for graduate school, university-sponsored event, etc. A makeup is accomplished by attending another class prior to missing the planned class. If this is not possible please contact the lecturer for other alternative ways to make up absences.

4. Each student must abide by the university's honor code (see <https://teaching.berkeley.edu/berkeley-honor-code>):

“As a member of the UC Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others.”

Violation of the Honor Code shall result in a grade of an “F” for the course.

5. Have a great time in our class. Not only will you learn about and improve your skills and fitness, but it is also a great chance to get some exercise and make new friends. It might even be the highlight of your semester.

V. Official Policies of the University of California at Berkeley

All students must abide by the *Berkeley Campus Code of Student Conduct* <https://sa.berkeley.edu/code-of-conduct>.

Statement of Accommodation. The University of California at Berkeley provides reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities through the Disabled Students' Program (<https://dsp.berkeley.edu>). For more information regarding these services, please contact the staff in the Disabled Students' Program via telephone at 510.642.0518, visit in person at 260 Cesar Chavez Student Center, or email at dsp@berkeley.edu.

Accommodation of Religious Creed. The University of California at Berkeley is compliant with Education code, Section 92640(a) and permits any student to undergo a test or examination, without penalty, at a time when that activity would not violate the student's religious creed, unless administering the examination at an alternative time would impose an undue hardship which could not reasonably have been avoided (see <https://sa.berkeley.edu/uga/religion> for detailed information).

Academic Integrity. “You are a member of an academic community at one of the world's leading research universities. Universities like Berkeley create knowledge that has a lasting impact in the world of ideas and on the lives of others; such knowledge can come from an undergraduate paper as well as the lab of an internationally known professor. One of the most important values of an academic community is the balance between the free flow of ideas and the respect for the intellectual property of others. Researchers don't use one another's research without permission; scholars and students always use proper citations in papers; professors may not circulate or publish student papers without the writer's permission; and students may not circulate or post materials (handouts, exams, syllabi--any class materials) from their classes without the written permission of the instructor.

Scheduling Conflicts. Please notify the instructor in writing by the second week of the term about any known or potential extracurricular conflicts (such as religious observances, graduate or medical school

interviews, or team activities). The instructor shall try his or her best to help you with making accommodations, but cannot promise them in all cases. In the event there is no mutually workable solution, you may be dropped from the course. (For more information, see the *Guidelines Concerning Scheduling Conflicts with Academic Requirements* <https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/guide-acad-sched-conflicts-final-2014.pdf>).

VI. Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

The University of California at Berkeley has numerous contacts for emergency situations. In the event of an emergency, the following information may be helpful (See <http://emergency.berkeley.edu/contacts.shtml>).

- Emergency Contacts <http://emergency.berkeley.edu/contacts.shtml>
- WarnMe/Nixle emergency alerts <https://warnme.berkeley.edu>
- Campus Emergency Management Areas <http://emergency.berkeley.edu/emerg-mgmt-areas.shtml>
- Campus Map <http://emergency.berkeley.edu/lib/img/campusmap.pdf>
- Safe and Well by the American Red Cross <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/>

Tentative Course Schedule

January

- 21 Course Introduction, no physical activity
- 23 Introduction of the forehand and backhand grips
- 28/30 Forehand and backhand grips continued with chasse step introduction for footwork

February

- 4/6 Forehand and backhand grips continued with chasse step introduction for footwork
- 11/13 Forehand serve (short and long) with rules for serving
- 18/20 Backhand serves (short and long)
- 25/27 Clear shots overhead and underhand

March

- 3/5 Smash shot/Drop Shot/Drive Shot
- 10/12 How to play singles points with movement
- 17/19 How to play doubles points
- 31 Rotation and movement during doubles play

April

- 2 Continuation of skill development
- 7/9 Continuation of skill development
- 14/16 Doubles and singles games
- 21/23 Doubles and singles games
- 28/30 Final class evaluations, badminton games, last required class

May

- 5/7 Reading, Review, and Recitation (RRR) Week; no class required