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Beginning Hatha Yoga  
Fridays 10-12 pm Room 251 Hearst Gym  
(.5 units)

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**I. Course Description:** The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the theories, practices, and health benefits of the physical form of yoga (Hatha) including increased flexibility, balance, strength, mental clarity, and emotional calm. Students will become familiar with a variety of standing, seated, and floor poses, the English/Sanskrit names and uses of them, and how to safely perform and modify postures as a person's needs require. Awareness of the breath will be practiced.

## **II. Course Goal and Learning Objectives:**

Learn and practice Hatha Yoga for increased sense of wellbeing.

Students will:

- 1) Develop skeletal and muscular awareness through mind-body practices
- 2) Learn Hatha Yoga strategies which may help relieve physical discomfort
- 3) Increase awareness of how to work with the challenges of the physical body
- 4) Be exposed to terminology and basic principles used in Hatha Yoga
- 5) Become skilled at modifying yoga poses to fit individual needs

**III. Method of Assessment and Evaluation:** The achievement of course objectives shall be assessed by the following:

Evaluation Breakdown:

Activity Participation: 50%

**Close observation of student by instructor with regard to quality of participation** – Including but not limited to the following aspects of student's classroom performance: readiness for learning, engagement with activity subject matter, curiosity, effort, skill improvement, collaborative spirit, initiative, and synthesis of material.

Required Class Attendance: 50%

**Students shall not have more than three unexcused absences to receive a passing grade of "C."** Four or more unexcused absences shall result in a "no pass." Maximum two "make-ups" allowed by going to another similar class and reporting to instructor by the last class meeting.

An "A" grade would demonstrate excellent participation and zero absences.

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

#### **IV. Course Requirements**

##### **Readiness for Activity:**

Come to class on time and prepared to fully participate in the activity

Silence all devices and remove sound/vibrate alerts from all apps

The usage of devices in class is strictly prohibited (use outside the room if necessary)

Do not come to class if you are feeling ill (see below for “excused” absence policy)

##### **Class Etiquette:**

Practice proper hygiene and wear clean clothes and socks

Dress appropriately for the activity (shorts, t-shirts, leotards, leggings, sweatpants, exercise gear)

Do not wear street shoes on studio floors and do not wear “street clothes” such as jeans, skirts, hats

Lockers available upon request (instructor issues a locker slip then you take to Hearst Service Center)

##### **Health and Safety:**

Make sure to have eaten something before class (small is fine, please do not fast before class)

Bring extra layers of clothing as your body temperature may fluctuate during class

No food or drink in class (water is fine; if you need to eat for medical reasons alert instructor)

Bring a towel for personal use if you wish (recommended for hygiene/head support on floor)

Alert Instructor if you have an injury or physical challenge that impacts your class participation

Alert Instructor if you or someone in class gets injured or ill while participating in activity

##### **Excused Absences and Make-Ups:**

If your absence is for medical reasons it may be considered excused if you provide necessary documentation to the instructor upon returning to class participation. Absences due to a family emergency, religious observance, and University sanctioned event (with documentation) are also considered excused but you must alert instructor. Students may attend another activity section with Instructor to get additional practice in the activity if they missed class. If your absence is excused by Instructor you are not required to do a make-up class. Remember that students are only allowed two make ups for unexcused absences over the course of the semester.

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.

## 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](mailto: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/Nixie 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		
	24	Course Introduction, Syllabus
	31	Intro to supine pose series, basic seated poses, Savasana
February		
	07	Intro to bridge pose series on block
	14	Supine, seated, Bridge pose on block
	21	Intro to standing pose series
	28	Standing poses, reclining Savasana
March		
	06	Intro to kneeling series, Downward Dog series
	13	Downward dog and variations
	20	Practice variety of pose modules
	27	Spring Recess – No Class
April		
	03	Integrating full class: supine, seated, kneeling, standing
	10	Full series of poses repeated
	17	Supervised personal practice
	24	Intro to supported poses
May		
	01	Final class. Full range of poses – course evaluations
	08	Reading, Review, and Recitation (RRR) Week – No Class