

**Syllabus: Basic Foil Fencing**

**Course Number: PHED 1122.01**

**Semester & Year: Spring 2018**

**Instructor Information**

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**Course Description**

This course will cover basic to advanced techniques in foil fencing. Appropriate for both the beginner and the more advanced student.

**Textbook Information**

None required. USA Fencing Rule Book link, pages 63, 64, 75, and 80:  
<http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0105/8552/2016-USA-Fencing-Rules.pdf>. Fencing terms can be found at  
<http://www.therthdimension.org/Reactions-Solutions/fencing/fencing-glossary/>.

**Student Learning Outcomes for the Course**

1. Demonstrate basic footwork.
2. Demonstrate basic attacks.
3. Explain basic strategies of defense and offense.
4. Describe the strategy circle in fencing.
5. Use knowledge of fencing rules to direct a bout.
6. Compose six different attacks using combination of footwork and blade work.

**These objectives will be measured by completion of:**

- Mid-term Exam covering basic fencing knowledge.
- Final Exam covering knowledge of competition and rankings.
- Participation in class tournament as an official and, also, as a competitor.

**Teaching Methods:**

- **Lectures:** It is the student's responsibility to read the required material, which is provided in the Textbook section above.
- **Demonstration:** Instructor will demonstrate in class the fencing techniques.
- **Exams:** Two exams will be given. These exams measure your basic knowledge of foil fencing and competition rules.
- **Participation:** Student participation will be graded by the level of class participation, attendance, and guided practice.

**Student Assessment & Grading Scale**

Each exam is worth 50 points     $2 \times 50 = 100$   
Each class is worth 10 points     $10 \times 16 = 160$   
Total Points                             $= 260$

Points will be adjusted as to the number of classes per semester. **Students will be allowed to make up exams on the last day of class, with the approval of the instructor.**  
Students are required to wear long pants and court shoes

<b>A = 260 to 250</b>
<b>B = 249 to 240</b>
<b>C = 239 to 230</b>
<b>D = 229 to 220</b>
<b>F = Below 219</b>

## Class Schedule

**These dates & assignments are tentative & subject to change with the instructor's discretion.**

Date	Subject Matter
1) Jan 18	Introduction, Fencing Club Demo, and Equipment assignment
2) Jan 25	Short history of fencing, on guard, and Etiquette
3) Feb 1	Basic footwork and Lunge
4) Feb 8	Distance and the 4 lines of engagement
5) Feb 15	Conditioning and preparatory blade work
6) Feb 22	Defense and Advance foot work
7) Mar 1	Melee
8) Mar 8	Mid-term Exam (Bring a pencil or a pen) / Simple attacks and Fleche'
9) Mar 12 - 16	Spring Break
10) Mar 22	Composed attacks and Binds
11) Mar 29	Squeeze tactics and Bouting
12) Apr 5	Strategy circle and Pris de fer
13) Apr 12	The penalty chart and Directing (Bring a copy of the penalty chart to class)
14) Apr 19	Scorekeeping and Timekeeping (Bring a score sheet and pencil)
15) Apr 26	Class tournament
16) May 3	Final Exam (bring a pencil or a pen)

### Absentee Policy

Your punctual attendance and your participation are required for successful completion of the course. You may be dropped from the course without notice after a total of two weeks of class absences (3 times tardy counts as one absence). Any student who officially withdraws from the course before the drop date and before the instructor has dropped the student from the course will receive a grade of "W" unless instructor drops the student with an "F" for cheating.

**Any student that just stops coming to class and chooses to make an F, the last date they attended will be listed on the final grade sheet and they will most likely have to pay back money received from grants or scholarships.**

Texarkana College's absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student's responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor's tardy policy.

In some workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and exams as a result of a student’s absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of “F” in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of “F” or “W”.

**Withdrawal from a course(s) may affect a student’s current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.**

**Maximum Allowable Absences**

After official registration, the following number of unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student **may** be dropped from the class. Mandated program certification requirements detailed for certain programs regarding the maximum allowable unexcused absences takes precedence over the following information. Three tardies count as one absence.

<b>A course that meets for the full 16 week semester</b>	
<i>Class or lab meets.....An instructor may withdraw student from course if absences exceed</i>	
Once a week (night or Friday classes) .....	2 absences
Twice a week (MW or TR classes).....	4 absences
Three times a week (MWF or TRF classes) .....	6 absences
Four times a week (MTWR classes).....	8 absences

**Excused Absences**

A student’s absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student’s allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor’s syllabus.

*\*Students interested in Health Occupations should check with the division chair prior to entering the program.*

**Make-up Policy**

The student is responsible for work missed because of illness, school business, religious holidays, military service or other circumstances and must make arrangements with their instructor prior to their absences. No incomplete grades will be given for failure to attend and participate. If you must quit, you should initiate an official withdrawal in the Admissions Office prior to the last date to drop courses: **April 13, 2018.**

**Academic Integrity Statement**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a exam, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”.

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses.

**Disability Act Statement:**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3349, or go by the Department of Disabilities Services located in the Palmer Memorial Library for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

**Complaint Process**

The complaint process can be found at <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Student-Complaint-Procedures.pdf>.

**Technical Assistance**

Help Desk link from TC's main webpage: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/helpdesk>  
Phone: 903-823-3030  
Email: [helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu)

**Financial Aid:**

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.