KCOMB 1.1 Course Outline as of Summer 2022

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: KCOMB 1.1 Title: TAI CHI - CHEN STYLE

Full Title: Tai Chi - Chen Style Last Reviewed: 4/13/2020

| Units | | Course Hours per Week | . N | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total | |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 1.50 | Lecture Scheduled | 0 | 17.5 | Lecture Scheduled | 0 |
| Minimum | 1.50 | Lab Scheduled | 3.00 | 6 | Lab Scheduled | 52.50 |
| | | Contact DHR | 0 | | Contact DHR | 0 |
| | | Contact Total | 3.00 | | Contact Total | 52.50 |
| | | Non-contact DHR | 0 | | Non-contact DHR | 0 |

Total Out of Class Hours: 26.25 Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: KCOMB 1

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment: Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Spring 2008 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Spring 2008 Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate the movements of Chen Tai Chi covered with proper posture and breathing integration.
- 2. Demonstrate understanding of basic Chen Tai Chi history, philosophies, and approaches.
- 3. Assess and evaluate personal experience with ChenTai Chi.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Perform ChenTai Chi positions with proper breathing in tandem with positions.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of breath integration with ChenTai Chi positions.
- 3. Assess and evaluate personal experience with Chen Tai Chi.
- 4. Discuss various approaches to ChenTai Chi.
- 5. Compare and contrast traditional ChenTai Chi to forms currently practiced in the West.
- 6. Describe the history, philosophy, principles, processes and approaches of Chen Tai Chi, including traditional forms and current practices.
- 7. Integrate Tai Chi as part of everyday life.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Chen Tai Chi Positions
- II. Breathing and Breath Integration
- III. Personal Experiences with Chen Tai Chi
- IV. History of Chen Tai Chi
 - A. Origins of development in China
 - B. Connection with Taoism and Buddhism

- C. Current styles and approaches to Tai Chi around the world
- V. Chen Tai Chi Philosophy
 - A. Yin/Yang "Taiji" theory
 - B. Traditional Chinese Medical "Jingluo" meridian theories
 - C. Chen Tai Chi compared/contrasted to other martial arts and health exercises.
- VI. Chen Tai Chi Fundamentals
 - A. Balance
 - B. Flexibility
 - C. Chen Tai Chi breathing techniques
 - D. Fluidity of movement
 - E. Posture
- VII. The Complete Chen Tai Chi Form
- VIII. Life Integration of Tai Chi
 - A. Diet and nutrition
 - B. Adaptation of form as required by:
 - 1. Body type
 - 2. Level of fitness
 - 3. Injuries
 - 4. Exercise or personal goals
 - C. Chen Tai Chi as a benefit to other forms of exercise
 - D. Developing a personal practice
 - E. Application to activities of daily living
 - F. Stress reduction and meditation applications

Assignment:

Students are expected to spend an additional one and one-half hours per week outside of class on one or more of the following activities:

- 1. Written assignments to be determined by instructor such as:
 - a. Assessment of personal growth and experience in Tai Chi class
 - b. Reflective journal
 - c. Personal practice plan
- 2. Skill demonstrations to be determined by instructor such as:
 - a. Class performances demonstrating knowledge of the complete Tai Chi form
 - b. One or two performance exams of learned Tai Chi positions
- 3. Objective exam(s)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written Assignments

Writing 5 - 10%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving 0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Skill demonstrations

Skill Demonstrations
20 - 40%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Objective exam(s)

Exams
5 - 15%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation

Other Category
40 - 60%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Tai Chi Illustrated. Master Piziong Qiu and Zhu, Weimo. Human Kinetics. 2013 (classic) Instructor prepared materials