

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: **KIN 412 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MENTAL HEALTH**

CLASS SECTION: 001

TERM: Fall 2023

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Tuesdays : 2:30-4:20pm (PA 102)
Thursdays: 10:30-12:20pm (CHW 341 or PISE 223 movt studio)

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For COVID-19 information please visit: <https://camosun.ca/about/covid-19-updates>

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Dr Tanis Farish, PhD
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OFFICE: PISE 212F
HOURS: Wednesdays 2:00– 3:00pm (or by appointment)

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the effects of physical activity on the links to, prevention and treatment of mental health disorders (anxiety, stress, depression, dementia and schizophrenia) and on Quality of Life (well-being, self-compassion, self-concept, hardiness and self-esteem).

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Categorize and describe mental health disorders seen in individuals of varying age, sex and health status.
2. Explain the mechanisms connecting physical activity and improved mental health.
3. Describe the association between physical activity and health related quality of life.
4. Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the neurophysiology of the brain and the role of neurotransmitters in mental health.
5. Describe the association between physical activities and cognitive function
6. Describe the influence of age, sex, ethnicity and various medical conditions on mental health and the associated efficacy of physical activity as a preventative or treatment.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Recommended:

1. Ratey, J. J. (2008). Spark: The revolutionary new science of exercise and the brain. Little Brown and Company. NY, NY.
2. McGonigal, K. (2019). The Joy of Movement: How exercise helps us find happiness, hop, connection, and courage. Penguin Random House, NY, USA.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

LECTURE SCHEDULE:

DATE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	ADDITIONAL INFO
September 5	Course intro and general overview	
September 7	Relevance to Career Paths – movement studio (Meditation practice)	Movement studio
September 12	Defining Mental Health	
September 14	Understanding the Brain	
September 19	Understanding the Brain and Neurotransmitters	
September 21	The Brain and Emotions – movement studio	Quiz # 1 open Friday, complete by Monday
September 26	The Flourishing Brain	
September 28	Stress	Movement studio
October 3	Socio-Economics and Stress Documentary – Portrait of A Killer (2008) and activity	
October 5	Anxiety	
October 10	Arousal and Attention	
October 12	Depression – movement studio	Movement studio
October 17	Sleep	
October 19	Mindfulness	
October 24	Self Talk	
October 26	Body Image, Self-Esteem – movement studio	Movement studio
October 31	Book Club - Presentations	
November 2	Book Club- Presentations	
November 7	Book Club - Presentations	
November 9	Ageing, Physical Activity, Mental Health	Movement studio

November 14	Ageing, Physical Activity, Mental Health	
November 16	Guest Speaker – movement studio	Movement studio
November 21	Nature and Mental Health or TBD	
November 23	Sedentary Behaviour and Mental Health	
November 28	Resilience	Quiz # 2 open Friday, complete by Monday
November 30	Movement studio – trauma informed movement	Movement studio
December 5	Case Study Catch Up Day	
December 7	Case Studies – in class	Case Study Due

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Participation	10%
Book Club Presentation	30%
Case Study (term project)	30%
Quizzes	30%
	TOTAL
	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Students **MUST** complete and submit **each** evaluation component in order to be able to pass this course.

A large component of this course is practical (“learn to” in nature) and therefore attendance and participation in each activity is crucial to achieve the learning outcomes.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes, labs, and exams. Students are responsible for getting their own notes from class as well as information pertaining to changes in the course outline, readings, assignments, and information pertaining to any tests or exams. Lab attendance is mandatory unless you have a medical reason for missing it, in which case you should email the instructor ahead of time to make note of your reason for missing class. Failure to attend the laboratory component could result in failure of the course.

An excused absence includes:

- a) a medical certificate
- b) an intercollegiate trip
- c) permission of instructor prior to absence
- d) compassionate reasons
- e) signs & symptoms of COVID-19

Absences from Campus due to COVID-19:

If a student is feeling unwell, they should inform their instructor that they will be unable to participate in any in-person classes. Where possible, alternative means of participating in the learning will be arranged. Students will not be academically penalized for such absences.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will receive a deduction of 20% per day.

Missed Quizzes: quizzes must be written on the date scheduled. If a student is unable to write an exam through no fault of their own for medical or other reasons, valid documentation must be provided and discussed with the instructor. If a student who is absent has not made arrangements with the instructor in advance, he or she will receive a zero.

Office hours: While office hours are noted on the course outline, students are free to make an appointment with their instructor at a time that is mutually convenient. Another option is to email your question. Questions sent by email must be brief (think the length of a tweet). If it is impossible to reply with a brief response (due to the nature of the question) then you will be asked to make an appointment. Your instructor will respond to emails as quickly as possible, however, please keep in mind that this reply may be delayed when the instructor is tied up with other courses or if it is outside of work hours.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid

Support Service	Website
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.