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# Sport Science (SP\_SCI)

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## **SP\_SCI 2130: Exercise Techniques**

This course provides an overview of basic exercise techniques for successful exercise programming. Students will gain a deeper understanding of how to train the body to move more efficiently and how to teach movement and exercises to variety of clients. This course will help prepare students to take a national certification from the American College of Sports Medicine as a Certified Personal Trainer (ACSM-CPT) or Group Exercise Instructor (ACSM-GEI). Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

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## **SP\_SCI 2131: Exercise Techniques I Lab**

Designed to provide skills and techniques for successful implementation of exercise programming, specifically targeting athletic performance. The course emphasizes techniques and communication skills to guide/coach clients through safe and effective resistance training, recognize improper techniques, and understand the primary musculature involved in each movement. This lab complements the material presented in SP\_SCI 2130 and helps prepare students for future courses and for obtaining professional certifications like the NSCA CSCS. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hour:** 1

**Prerequisites or Corequisites:** SP\_SCI 2130

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## **SP\_SCI 2140: Exercise Practicum I**

(same as NEP 2140). This course provides an overview of the necessary skills and techniques for successful implementation of exercise programming. This course will help prepare the student for completion of the PANHP degree and prepare for completion of the ACSM EP-C certification.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** NEP 1340 and NEP 1485

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## **SP\_SCI 2200: Sport and Exercise Psychology**

(same as ESC\_PS 2700). This course explores psychological principles related to both sport and exercise, focusing on mental preparation, motivation, arousal regulation, communication strategies, and skill acquisition. Special emphasis is placed on applying these principles across diverse coaching styles, athlete populations, and interdisciplinary teams, including sports medicine professionals. Students will learn how to effectively integrate psychological skills into training environments while improving their communication and leadership abilities. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Recommended:** PSYCH 1000 or equivalent

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## **SP\_SCI 3130: Exercise Techniques II**

This course introduces students to the proper technique for advanced resistance training exercises. Areas of focus include Olympic lifting, total body explosive exercises, plyometric training, and exercises using alternative modes and nontraditional implements. In addition, basic speed and agility training is introduced. Emphasis is placed on providing students with guidelines and strategies to teach safe and effective advanced exercises, to recognize and correct improper technique, and to know the primary musculature involved in each exercise. While not required for credit completion, this course serves to help prepare students for the practical application portion of the National Strength and Conditioning Association's Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) exam. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 2130

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## **SP\_SCI 3131: Exercise Techniques II Lab**

Designed to provide students with hands-on experience in advanced resistance training techniques. This lab complements the material presented in SP\_SCI 3130 and focuses on practical application through advanced exercise techniques such as Olympic lifts, plyometric training, speed and agility drills, and exercises using nontraditional implements. The course emphasizes mastering safe and effective instruction techniques, error correction, and understanding the primary musculature involved in each movement. This lab helps prepare students for future courses and professional certifications, including the Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS). Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hour:** 1

**Prerequisites or Corequisites:** SP\_SCI 3130

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## **SP\_SCI 3250: Foundations of Movement in Exercise**

This course serves as an introduction to the basic mechanics and terminology of human movement. Students will build upon concepts learned in human anatomy to analyze and identify the anatomical features involved in basic human movements. Emphasis will be placed on musculoskeletal structure and function related to exercise. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** PTH\_AS 2201

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## **SP\_SCI 3630: The Female Performance Blueprint**

This course examines how female physiology shapes training, recovery, and sports performance from adolescence through menopause, including pregnancy and the postpartum return-to-play. Emphasis is on optimizing sport performance and long-term athletic development. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 2130

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**SP\_SCI 4140: Exercise Practicum II**

Undergraduate course, designed to provide advanced skills and advanced exercise techniques for successful implementation of exercise programming. Student will demonstrate proficiency in fitness assessment, exercise prescription, and programming to a variety of populations. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** NEP 2140

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**SP\_SCI 4440: Fitness Programming**

This course is designed to develop a fundamental understanding of annual training regimens and program design. An emphasis is placed on understanding test selection and evaluating results to form appropriate regime and applying the periodization theory to cardiovascular, strength, and agility training. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 2130

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**SP\_SCI 4440W: Fitness Programming - Writing Intensive**

This course is designed to develop a fundamental understanding of annual training regimens and program design. An emphasis is placed on understanding test selection and evaluating results to form appropriate regime and applying the periodization theory to cardiovascular, strength, and agility training. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 2130

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**SP\_SCI 4480: Technology and Science in Strength and Conditioning**

This upper-level course will introduce students to common technologies used to evaluate performance capabilities in a performance training environment. This course builds on previous material emphasizing how needs analysis, data-driven program development, and advanced monitoring techniques support effective program design. Students will explore the science and philosophy behind effective movement evaluation, while learning to adapt testing protocols to individual needs, and how to implement performance monitoring tools. This course prepares students for their capstone projects and internships, aligning them with NSCA and CASCE accreditation standards.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 4440W

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**SP\_SCI 4500: Sport Science Capstone: Strength and Conditioning**

Undergraduate course, designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) exam. Focusing on scientific foundations and practical application of strength and conditioning. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** MPP 3500 and SP\_SCI 4440W

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**SP\_SCI 4550: Internship in Sport Science**

Focuses on opportunities to gain real-world field experience by learning new skills, developing professional contacts, and applying academic knowledge in a community fitness or athletic setting. The course will allow students to explore a particular career path and practice professional competencies needed to perform successfully in the field. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hour:** 1-6

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 3130 and SP\_SCI 4440 or SP\_SCI 4440W

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**SP\_SCI 4560: Strength and Conditioning Internship**

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to learn new skills, develop a professional network and apply academic knowledge in a real-world environment. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hour:** 3-6

**Prerequisites:** SP\_SCI 3130 and SP\_SCI 4440 or 4440W

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