PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Wesleyan does not offer a major program in physical education. A for-credit program emphasizes courses in fitness, aquatics, lifetime sport, and outdoor education activities.

No more than one credit in physical education may be used toward the graduation requirement. Physical education (.25 credit) courses may be repeated only once.

Limited-enrollment courses. Students taking a class for the first time are given preference over students wishing to take a class a second time, and upper-class students have preference over lower-class students. Performance tests may be required to qualify for intermediate and advanced classes.

ATHLETICS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT WESLEYAN—A STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

"I have always thought that sports are an integral part of liberal education...The reason has to do with the difference between being active and remaining passive. Sports provide the occasion for being intensely active at the height of one’s powers. The feeling of concentrated and coordinated exertion against opposing force is one of the primary ways in which we know what it is like to take charge of our own actions.”—Louis Mink

Professor Mink, in Thinking About Liberal Education, said that liberal education is an intensive quest for fulfillment of human potential. It challenges the whole person—mind, body, emotions, and spirit—to pursue mastery of skills, broad and focused knowledge, coherent understanding of human experience, and a passionate desire to exploit one’s capacity in the service of human freedom and dignity. As Mink suggests, structured physical activity is a key part of that pursuit. When it is in harmony with the broader educational purposes of an institution, it contributes to them, draws significance from them, and enhances the educational result.

The Department of Physical Education and Athletics provides the Wesleyan University community with a spectrum of activities that will be of benefit in developing healthy, energetic, and well-balanced lives. The objective is to meet the needs of students and to engage other campus constituencies in physical activity. Physical education and athletics at Wesleyan also reflect a commitment to equal opportunity for men and women at all levels of achievement.

Intercollegiate athletics provides the student with the advantage and privilege to achieve a more sophisticated mastery of skills through practice and contests. The pursuit of excellence can be realized through elite NCAA Division III competition with a focus on regular season and New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) conference play. In the pursuit of excellence, the Athletic Department strives to be the most innovative and successful athletic program in the prestigious NESCAC and a leader at the national level.

Wesleyan University pursues excellence in all of its programs. Athletics, as an integral part of the overall educational process, is uniquely positioned to enhance a liberal arts education. Wesleyan coaches share the same goal as the entire Wesleyan community: to transform the lives of our students. To achieve this goal, the University is committed to support our highly trained and dedicated faculty-coaches who practice their craft in state-of-the-art facilities.

Programmatic balance is a key criterion of physical education. The program is internally balanced to ensure equal opportunity for the pursuit of its several objectives. Moreover, physical education at Wesleyan is designed within the controlling context of liberal education.

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PHED101 Tennis, Beginning
This course is designed for those who have had no formal instruction in tennis. Basic grips and stroke technique will be taught for the forehand, backhand, serve, and volley. Also covered will be equipment selection, court etiquette, and proper scoring of games, sets, and matches. The introduction of basic doubles formation will also be included. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED102 Tennis, Intermediate
This course is designed for those who have taken beginning tennis and have learned the basic grips and strokes. The intermediate group will have a more detailed analysis of stroke technique. Ladder match play will give students the opportunity to learn singles and doubles strategy. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED104 Golf
This course is designed to teach the basic information necessary to play and enjoy the game of golf. Each classroom period is spent teaching beginning golfers to play the game correctly from the start: mastering the pre-swing, fundamentals of grip and aim, addressing the ball, and swing technique. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED106 Fitness, Beginning
This course is designed to meet the needs of the individual interested in establishing a self-paced exercise program. The emphasis of this course is on the development of cardiovascular endurance. Individuals are instructed how to determine personal work-load levels and pace themselves during various classroom aerobic activities. Participants also receive additional instruction in strength training. Cardiovascular activities include fast walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, rope jumping, interval training, and rowing ergometer work. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED107 Inner Game of Golf
Golf is traditionally taught with verbal instruction from the teacher to the student. The students in this class will be taught with learning by feel. Through this unique approach, students will learn that their natural swing is already present within themselves and they simply need to allow it to come out. Through various drills and learning techniques, students will also discover that enjoyment
PHED122 Swimming for Fitness
This program is designed for the lap swimmer who is interested in learning and applying cardiovascular conditioning and training to swimming. Instruction is given in breathing exercises and pacing techniques. Individual work-load levels are determined, and self-paced programs are centered around those levels. Various training techniques are discussed and used in the program. A course prerequisite is the ability to swim 25 yards (any stroke) continuously and comfortably. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED123 Lifeguard Training
This course is designed to teach potential lifeguards the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED124 Squash
This course is geared toward the beginner but may be taken by those who have played some before. Basic grips and strike technique will be taught for the forehand, backhand, serve, and volley. Also covered will be safety precautions, court etiquette, and proper scoring of games and matches. The intermediate player may not get much attention the first two weeks while the beginners learn the basics. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center. Students must have their own racket and goggles.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED127 Tabata/Fitness Training
Tabata/fitness training is a program designed to enhance an individual’s competency at all physical tasks. The student will perform exercise elements successfully at multiple, diverse, and randomized physical challenges. Areas of fitness will include cardiovascular endurance, stamina, strength, power, speed, balance, agility, and coordination. The start-stop training design is based on 20-second bursts of high-intensity workout followed by a 10-second rest. Each high-intensity burst/rest is repeated 4–8 times. The course will provide challenging workout programs that provide the health benefits of cardiovascular workouts with high- to moderate-intensity training and/or high- to moderate-intensity interval training. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED130 Skating, Beginning
This introduction course to ice skating will include lectures as well as work on ice and covers all basics of skating. Progress is self-paced. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED133 Interval Training
Interval training involves a series of low- to high-intensity exercise workouts interspersed with rest or relief periods. This course includes a variety of cardio drills and resistance training exercises designed to challenge and improve cardio and muscular strength while maintaining a strong core. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED137 Rowing for Fitness
This course is designed to introduce individuals to the use and benefit of rowing as a lifetime fitness activity. Through the use of the Concept II rowing ergometer, students will be taught proper rowing technique, conditioning, injury prevention, and ways to include rowing as a part of an overall exercise program. No previous rowing experience is necessary. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED138 Indoor Cycling
Indoor cycling, as an organized activity, is a form of exercise with classes focusing on endurance, strength, intervals, high intensity (race days), and recovery that involves using a special stationary exercise bicycle with a weighted flywheel in a classroom setting. During the class the instructor simulates the ride. Together you travel on flat roads, climb hills, sprint, and race! This is a truly fantastic cardiovascular class. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED139 Running for Fitness
This course is an introduction to the basic principles of a fitness running program. The training program will be individualized for each student based on individual goals. Topics will include proper training techniques, running gear, injury prevention, and stretching. All levels of running welcome. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED140 Racketlon
Racketlon combines tennis, badminton, squash, and table tennis into one sport. It is racketsports’ answer to other combination sports such as triathlon or decathlon. Very commonly played in Europe, opponents play each of the sports to 21 points, and the winner is the person with the highest total points. Racketlon is also played in a doubles format where teams of two opponents play against each other. This class will introduce students to each of the four racketsports and how to play them in combination within the sport of racketlon.

As a capstone experience, the class will play both a singles and a doubles racketlon. Previous racketsport experience will be valuable in this class, but is not required. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED142 Yoga for Fitness
This yoga class is designed to improve the health, performance, and mental acuity of students interested in improving their level of fitness. The class will blend balance, strength, flexibility, and power in a fitness format. This practical and user-friendly style of yoga is accessible, understandable, and achievable by individuals at any level of fitness. Attendance is required. The first class in each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center Lobby. This class meets in the second quarter.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED145 Indoor Cycling and Yoga
This is a combination class that warms up your body with some sun salutations, strengthens your lower body with a cycling ride, and then stretches your hard-worked muscles with yoga asanas. Yoga and indoor cycling are natural complements to one another because each exercise has a mental and a physical component and trains your body while developing mind/body awareness. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED147 Hatha Yoga
This is a beginning yoga class with no previous experience needed. The class will consist of 26 postures and two breathing exercise aimed at improving your posture and alignment, balance, and strength. Posture and exercise covered:
Warm-up: Standing Deep Breathing - Pranayama (Sanskrit), Half Moon Pose - Ardha-Chandrasana (Sanskrit), Awkward Pose - Awkward Pose (Sanskrit), Eagle Pose - Garururasana (Sanskrit), Balancing, Standing Head to Knee - Dandayamana-Janushirasana (Sanskrit), Standing Bow Pose - Dandayamana-Dhanurasana (Sanskrit), Balancing Stick - Tulandandasana (Sanskrit).
Stretching: Standing Separate Leg Stretching Pose - Dandayamana-Bibhaktapada-Paschimotthanasana (Sanskrit), Triangle Pose - Trikansana (Sanskrit), Standing Separate Leg Head to Knee Pose - Dandayamana-Bibhaktapada-Janushirasana (Sanskrit), Focus Tree Pose - Tadasana (Sanskrit), Toe Stand - Padangustasana (Sanskrit), Dead Body Pose - Savasana (Sanskrit), Wind-Removing Pose - Pavanamuktasana (Sanskrit).
Spine Strengthening, Sit up - Pada-Hasthasana (Sanskrit), Cobra Pose - Bhujangasana (Sanskrit), Locust Pose - Salabhasana (Sanskrit), Full Locust Pose - Purna-Salabhasana (Sanskrit), Bow Pose - Dhanurasana (Sanskrit).
Opening: Fixed Firm Pose - Supta-Vajrasana (Sanskrit), Half Tortoise Pose - Ardha-Kurmasana (Sanskrit), Camel Pose - Ustrasana (Sanskrit), Rabbit Pose - Asasangasana (Sanskrit), Spine-Twisting Pose - Ardha-Matsyendrasana (Sanskrit), Blowing in Firm Pose - Kapalbhati in Vajrasana (Sanskrit).
Bring a mat, towel, and your own water. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.
Offering: Host
PHED152 Outdoor Hiking
Hiking is merely walking on a footpath, whether on a neighborhood path or a more adventurous trail that involves some climbing. Hiking is a moderate cardiovascular activity. Common benefits include weight loss, prevention of osteoporosis, decreased blood pressure, and relief of back pain. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED155 Speed Agility Plyometric Training
Learn to increase your cardio by speed and quickness. Agility training focuses on foot speed, quickly changing direction and improving reaction to visual cues. Plyometrics is an explosive movement to build muscle. The two will be combined to enhance the over all body conditioning. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED157 Pickleball
Pickleball is a paddle sport with combined elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, and played on a doubles badminton court. The net is similar to a tennis net, but is two inches lower. The game is played with a hard paddle that is similar to table tennis and usually made up of graphite or composite. The ball is comparable to a whiffle ball.

The game can be played in either singles’ or doubles’ matches. For new players, the basics of the sport are easy to learn. Typically, one session of three or four games is all that it takes to grasp the basics.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED159 Cross Training Fitness
This class will use dynamic warm-up, dynamic flexibility, bodyweight, dumbbells, free weights, kettlebells, interval training, cardio/fitness machines, aquatic training, core training, and neuromuscular training in a fun, progressive way so students have a variety of ideas to implement to stay fit for life. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of Freeman Athletic Center.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

PHED170 Sculling
This course is designed for those students that have completed the introductory Rowing for Fitness course (PHED137). It gives them the opportunity to take these skills to the water and learn a fitness activity that can last a lifetime. The first class of each quarter will meet in the lobby of the Freeman Athletic Center.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: PHED137

PHED201 Practicing Mindfulness Techniques During Activity
This course will provide students with an introduction to mindfulness and teach them mindfulness tools they can use to better self-regulate their emotional states and manage the stress-reaction cycle so many college students find themselves in.

Mindfulness can be brought to any activity. In this course, students will practice different mindfulness techniques through various types of physical activity such as walking meditation, yoga, and time in nature, to name a few. Part lecture, part activity class, students will acquire skills that aid in reducing stress caused by many of life’s major stressors: time, people, sleep, work/academics, roles, food, pain, change, fear, panic, and anxiety.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None