

KES 3316: River Recreation & Water Craft Safety

Department of Kinesiology & Human Performance

Sul Ross State University

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Instructor Information

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Classroom Lectures

Date/Time: Fridays: 12pm-2:30pm

Location: GPC 105

Course Description

Acquiring an understanding and application of basic paddling skills on various water craft (river board, kayaks, rafts, canoes, inflatables, etc.) Additional content includes: aspects of safety, river policy, history, culture, careers/guiding, equipment maintenance/storage, river camping and leadership. Field days required (3-5 days).

Required Textbook (Recommend E-Book)

None; **Things to Bring to the Every Class**

- Swim suit & towel
- Synthetic shirt (optional, but will keep you a bit warmer)
- Water bottle & snack
- Strap for glasses or goggles to protect contacts
- Completed Medical Form (By 2nd class meeting)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course students will:

- Have fun and develop an understanding of water-based recreation
- Gain an understanding of basic canoe, kayak, and SUP skills
- Learn about the safety considerations involved in planning a water-based trip
- Develop excitement for further pursuit of outdoor education

Grade Requirements & Points Distribution

Requirement	Points x No of	Category Points Subtotal	Due Dates
Class Activities & Discussions	25ptsx12	300	*Every Class
Swim Test	100pts x1	100	9/6/2019
Water Craft Written Tests	100pts x3	300	9/20; 10/18; 11/15
Presentation – Trip Planning	100pts x1	100	11/22
SL/Outdoor Experience Reflection	100pts x1	100	12/6
Final Exam – Skills Test	100pts x1	100	12/6-11
Letter Grade (as per SRSU policy)		x/100pts	

Required Field Trip

Students are required to participate in **at least one** of the following recreation trips:

- September 14th – Balmorhea Lake
- October 5th – TBD
- October 18th – TBD

Note: Recreation and safety equipment, transportation, and water will be provided on all trips. Students are required to bring a snack/lunch or money for the same (e.g. \$10/trip). For all trips – students will meet at GPC entrance (near the ping pong table) at 8am; we will pack the vehicle and leave by 9am. We will return by 5pm on the same day.

CURRICULUM NOTE: We recognize that weather, conditions, and student characteristics (previous experience, physical ability, group dynamics, etc.) will partially dictate what can be covered in a given class. This is an introductory course and topics covered may include the following:

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused. Meaningful and pertinent participation is required. Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- Turning in work as original that was used in whole for another course and/or professor;
- Turning in another person's work as one's own;
- Copying from professional works or internet sites without citation.

Any of these offenses will result in a zero for the assignment with no option to redo for credit

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

A 5% per day deduction will apply to all late assignments and tests; up to 30% may be deducted for late work. Late assignments more than 7 days without designated approval from instructor.

ATTENDANCE/EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

ATTENDANCE IN THIS CLASS IS MANDATORY – POINTS ARE EARNED FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CLASS DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES. An absence because of participation in an official University activity is considered to be an authorized/excused absence. While every effort will be made by departments to minimize missed class time of students by careful scheduling of authorized University activities, when a student has to miss a class due to an authorized University activity, it will be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor of the class in advance. The department responsible for the authorized University activity will also notify instructors through the Student Life Office by providing an excused absence list to the office. Instructors will give students participating in an authorized University activity the opportunity to make up class work, including tests, within a reasonable time and at the convenience of the instructor. The instructors may, at their discretion, drop a student from a course when the student has a total of nine absences (or equivalent for classes meeting one or two days). A student who is dropped from a course for excessive absences will be notified in writing by the Center for Enrollment Services after the drop has been approved by the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Any student dropped for excessive absences will receive either an “F” or a “W” depending upon the faculty member’s discretion.

BLACKBOARD SUPPORT

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