

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT  
BASIC INSTRUCTION (PEDC)  
YOGA 1**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to introduce students to the authentic practice of yoga. Each class will contain the physical asanas (poses) of yoga infused with yoga philosophy and meditation techniques.

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**CLASS TIME:** Monday & Wednesday 9:45-10:45 AM

**CLASS LOCATION: (WEB-BASED)** Class will be delivered by livestream on Zoom. The private link for class can be found on the CANVAS course page. Please pay attention to the class password so we can keep the class secure.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. **ATTENDANCE:**

- Although this is officially an online course, grades are based **solely on attendance and participation**. The following actions on your part will demonstrate attendance and participation:

**Video Conferencing (Zoom) Expectations:**

- Video view on during all online synchronous classes
  - We need to see you to ensure participation and safety.
  - If there is a reason why your video view cannot be on, let the instructor know before class.
- Wear appropriate exercise clothing.
- Be logged on and participating for the entire class time.
- Notify the instructor immediately if an accident or injury occurs during class.
- Regular attendance is mandatory.
  - Absences are excused under the following circumstances:
    - Medical Emergency or Sickness – Must have a note from medical doctor documenting visit.
    - Mandatory Academic Event – Must have a note from advisor/professor documenting attendance.
    - Personal or Family Emergency – Communication with instructor is required prior to missing class. Discuss plan for making up classes immediately upon return.

- A “G” grade will not be an option for students who fall behind in the course for non-emergency reasons.
- Following 2 late events, each subsequent late episode will be counted as an absence. “Late” is defined as entering the instruction area after the warm-up has ended.

## 2. NETIQUETTE:

- An online course requires the same level of professionalism, respect, and courtesy that you would show your instructor and classmates in a face-to-face setting. To that end, please observe the following standards in the online class:
  - Electronic communication: You should avoid casual language and abbreviations commonly used in texting, which are not appropriate for in-class communication or email correspondence. Care should be taken to use correct grammar and punctuation.
  - Join the class with your camera on and your audio muted.
  - Live online sessions should be done in a quiet room when possible.
  - Focus on class and eliminate outside distractions.
  - Out of respect for your classmates never take photos or video during class.
  - Read course announcements.

## GRADING SCALE:

A:  $\leq 2$  absences, the student participates fully when attending class, and the student adheres to the “Student Responsibilities” as described above.

B: 3 absences, the student participates fully when attending class, and the student adheres to the “Student Responsibilities” as described above.

C: 4 absences, the student participates fully when attending class, and the student adheres to the “Student

D: 5 absences, the student participates fully when attending class, and the student adheres to the “Student

Responsibilities” as described above.

F:  $>6$  absences, the student participates fully when attending class, and the student adheres to the “Student

Responsibilities” as described above.

## ACADEMIC POLICIES:

### Academic Integrity

Students in this course will be expected to comply with the [University of Pittsburgh’s Policy on Academic Integrity](#). Any student suspected of violating this obligation for any reason during the semester will be required to participate in the procedural process, initiated at the instructor level, as outlined in the University Guidelines on Academic Integrity. This may include, but is not limited to, the confiscation of the examination of any individual suspected of violating University Policy. Furthermore, no student may bring any unauthorized materials to an exam, including dictionaries and programmable calculators.

To learn more about Academic Integrity, visit the [Academic Integrity Guide](#) for an overview of the topic. For hands-on practice, complete the [Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism tutorial](#).

## **Disability Services**

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and [Disability Resources and Services](#) (DRS), 140 William Pitt Union, (412) 648-7890, [drsrecep@pitt.edu](mailto:drsrecep@pitt.edu), (412) 228-5347 for P3 ASL users, as early as possible in the term. DRS will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course.

## **Accessibility**

The Canvas LMS platform was built using the most modern HTML and CSS technologies, and is committed to W3C's Web Accessibility Initiative and [Section 508](#) guidelines. Specific details regarding individual [feature compliance](#) are documented and updated regularly.

## **Diversity and Inclusion**

The University of Pittsburgh does not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation based on disability, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, genetic information, marital status, familial status, sex, age, sexual orientation, veteran status or gender identity or other factors as stated in the University's Title IX policy. The University is committed to taking prompt action to end a hostile environment that interferes with the University's mission. For more information about policies, procedures, and practices, see:

<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix-compliance/policies-procedures-and-practices>.

I ask that everyone in the class strive to help ensure that other members of this class can learn in a supportive and respectful environment. If there are instances of the aforementioned issues, please contact the Title IX Coordinator, by calling 412-648-7860, or e-mailing [titleixcoordinator@pitt.edu](mailto:titleixcoordinator@pitt.edu). Reports can also be filed online:

<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/make-report/report-form>. You may also choose to report this to a faculty/staff member; they are required to communicate this to the University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion. If you wish to maintain complete confidentiality, you may also contact the University Counseling Center (412-648-7930)

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## **Statement on Classroom Recording**

To ensure the free and open discussion of ideas, students may not record classroom lectures, discussion and/or activities without the advance written permission of the instructor, and any such recording properly approved in advance can be used solely for the student's own private use.

## **Take Care of Yourself**

Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, avoiding drugs and alcohol, getting enough sleep, and taking time to relax. Despite what you might hear,

using your time to take care of yourself will actually help you achieve your academic goals more than spending too much time studying. All of us benefit from support and guidance during times of struggle. There are many helpful resources available at Pitt. An important part of the college experience is learning how to ask for help. Take the time to learn about all that's available and take advantage of it. Ask for support sooner rather than later – this always helps. If you or anyone you know experiences any academic stress, difficult life events, or difficult feelings like anxiety or depression, we strongly encourage you to seek support. Consider reaching out to a friend, faculty or family member you trust for assistance connecting to the support that can help.

The University Counseling Center is here for you: call 412-648-7930 and visit their website. If you or someone you know is feeling suicidal, call someone immediately, day or night:

University Counseling Center (UCC): 412 648-7930

University Counseling Center Mental Health Crisis Response: 412-648-7930 x1

Resolve Crisis Network: 888-796-8226 (888-7-YOU-CAN)

If the situation is life threatening, call the Police:

On-campus: Pitt Police: 412-268-2121

Off-campus: 911