

ATHL 31A: PRESEASON CONDITIONING FOR SOFTBALL

Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Units:	2
Hours:	6 laboratory per week (72 total per quarter)
Degree & Credit Status:	Degree-Applicable Credit Course
Foothill GE:	Area VII: Lifelong Learning
Transferable:	CSU/UC
Grade Type:	Letter Grade (Request for Pass/No Pass)
Repeatability:	May be taken six times for credit

Student Learning Outcomes

- Upon completion students should be able to understand and apply the rules and etiquette of the sport of softball
- Upon completion students should be able to show increased knowledge and practice in all three areas of the game: hitting, defense, and pitching.

Description

The development of athletic skills and mental conditioning which are required to be successful in the intercollegiate sport of softball.

Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills necessary to compete on an intercollegiate softball team at a maximum level of performance.
- Explain the value of sport in developing commitment, self-discipline, self-respect and teamwork and adhere to an athletic code of excellence through exemplary deportment both on and off the field of competition.
- Discuss and demonstrate effective strategies required by the sport of softball.
- Demonstrate increased strength, endurance, stamina, flexibility, and knowledge of a healthy diet.

Course Content

- Advanced development of fundamental skills applicable to the sport of softball
 - Individual physical skills relative to softball
 - Team skill/plays/strategies relative to softball
- Physical fitness development
 - Muscular development
 - Muscular endurance
 - Cardiovascular fitness
 - Flexibility
 - Nutritional knowledge
- Stress and pressure/mental game
 - Choking and safeguards against pressure
 - When to take chances and when to play it safe
 - Concentration and "the zone"

D. Rules

- Video on the rules of softball
- How to use the rulebook for softball
- Appropriate behavior during competition

E. Practice sessions

- Individual skills/techniques
- Team drills/strategies

F. Sportsmanship and etiquette

- Mutual respect
- Rivalry and camaraderie
- Zeal for excellence

G. Individual and team philosophy

- Motivation
- Pride
- Excellence
- Sacrifice
- Success
- Integrity
- Perseverance

Lab Content

Activities and drills that promote the student's development in the sport of softball, such as hitting, fielding, running, throwing.

Special Facilities and/or Equipment

Equipment required for the sport of softball.

Method(s) of Evaluation

A. Physical skills and techniques will be assessed by direct instructor observation

- Individual and team verbal critiques
- Video analysis
- Individual improvement, performance, and contribution to team effort

Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture presentations and team discussion
- Facilitation of drills and activities that promote learning objectives

Representative Text(s) and Other Materials

None required.

Types and/or Examples of Required Reading, Writing, and Outside of Class Assignments

Optional reading and writing assignments as recommended by instructor.

Discipline(s)

Physical Education, Coaching