

# ATHL 44: INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS I (MEN)

## Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
<b>Effective Term:</b>	Summer 2025
<b>Units:</b>	3
<b>Hours:</b>	9 laboratory per week (108 total per quarter)
<b>Advisory:</b>	Limitation on enrollment: Athletic tryout for intercollegiate team selection is required to enroll with permission of the instructor. Students will be required to have a physical prior to participation in the class. Students will be required to achieve and maintain sport-specific performance standards as evaluated by the instructor. Continued eligibility is determined by appropriate CCCAA academic and decorum rules.
<b>Degree &amp; Credit Status:</b>	Degree-Applicable Credit Course
<b>Foothill GE:</b>	Area 7: Lifelong Learning
<b>Transferable:</b>	CSU/UC
<b>Grade Type:</b>	Letter Grade (Request for Pass/No Pass)
<b>Repeatability:</b>	May be taken six times for credit

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Understand and implement the strategical/tactical skills of intercollegiate tennis
- Perform with an increasing degree of proficiency the offensive and defensive skills related to competitive tennis.

## Description

Competitive intercollegiate tennis emphasizing preseason conditioning, development of skills and strategies and team building through pre-conference and conference competition. Intended for participants of the men's tennis team.

## Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

1. Perform tennis skills related to each athlete's specialized team objectives
2. Prepare to compete in a highly organized team sport at a maximum level of competition
3. Apply and practice skills learned and show improvement
4. Analyze effectively the opposing team's play and strategies
5. Demonstrate through performance the development of physical fitness levels in strength, endurance, and health
6. Identify official rules and their interpretations to enhance performance

7. Display proper sportsmanship on and off the court
8. Explain the elements and actions involved in an athletic philosophy

## Course Content

1. Advanced development of fundamental skills of tennis
  - a. Backhand
  - b. Overheads
  - c. Volleying
  - d. Lobbing
  - e. Slashing
  - f. Serve
2. Strategies
  - a. Offensive
    - i. Singles
    - ii. Doubles
    - iii. Court positions
    - iv. Net play
    - v. Approach
  - b. Defensive
    - i. Singles
    - ii. Doubles
    - iii. Court positions
    - iv. Net play
3. Physical fitness development
  - a. Muscle strength
  - b. Muscle endurance
  - c. Aerobics and anaerobic conditioning
  - d. Flexibility
4. Rules and regulations
  - a. Faults
  - b. Court and net
  - c. Scoring
  - d. Service
  - e. Change of ends
  - f. Service court errors
5. Sportsmanship and etiquette
  - a. Mutual respect
  - b. Distracting an opponent
  - c. Joy of competition
  - d. Zeal of excellence
  - e. Rivalry and camaraderie
6. Individual and team philosophy
  - a. Motivation
  - b. Philosophy
  - c. Pride
  - d. Excellence
  - e. Sacrifice
  - f. Success
  - g. Integrity
  - h. Perseverance

## Lab Content

1. Drills for skills
  - a. Groundstrokes
  - b. Volleys
  - c. Overhead
  - d. Serving
  - e. Returning serve

## Discipline(s)

Physical Education or Coaching

## Special Facilities and/or Equipment

1. Collegiate tennis courts and tennis racquets.
2. When taught as an online distance learning or hybrid section, students and faculty need ongoing and continuous internet and email access. Students may need to secure their own access to equipment specific to the sport.

## Method(s) of Evaluation

Methods of Evaluation may include but are not limited to the following:

Subjective assessment of physical skills and performance by direct coach's observation

1. Individual and team critiques
2. Video analysis
3. Student-athlete counseling: academic involvement, athletic department eligibility
4. Individual improvement, performance, and contribution to the total team effort

Objective assessment of performance

1. Participation in athletic competitions
2. Final evaluations

## Method(s) of Instruction

Methods of Instruction may include but are not limited to the following:

Lecture  
Discussion  
Cooperative learning exercises  
Laboratory  
Demonstration

## Representative Text(s) and Other Materials

. [Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rulebook 2021-2022](#). .

The most recent edition of the rulebook will be used; annual updates are available online at <https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/2/9/playingrules.aspx>

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

Optional reading, writing, and viewing assignments as determined by instructor.