Approved Experiential Essay Topics General Education

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Aerobics		1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
	Discuss the physical benefits of aerobics from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on how the choreographed routines promote increased cardiovascular endurance. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe how the choreography including basic dance patterns, walking, jogging, and jumping helps promote cardiovascular fitness.				
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the cardiovascular, metabolic, and musculoskeletal benefits of participating in aerobics.				
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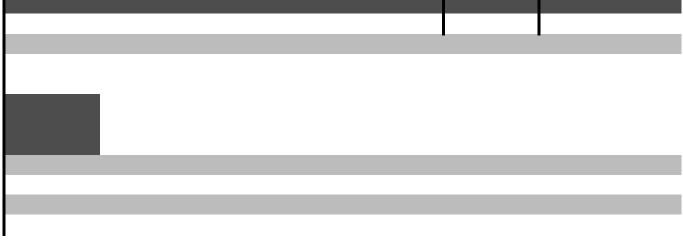
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Course Description		
Discuss the physical benefits of aquatic fitness from the participant persperent related activities are used to improve fitness. The following subtopics are t		should be on how water

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Archery		1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
	tills needed when participating in archery. Emphasis should nting. The following subtopics are to be addressed:	be on target sho	ooting, field shooting,		
	NOTE This topic may be written from the perspective of target shooting, field shooting, or bow hunting or any combination of those three types of archery.				
Subtopic 1:	Describe the rules of competition, preparation and care of when participating in archery.	equipment, and	safety considerations		
Subtopic 2:	Discuss the basic skills used in target shooting, field shoot	ing, and/or bow	hunting.		
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Badminton		1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
•	Discuss the game of badminton from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the skills and understanding of game strategy needed to participate in badminton. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the rules, offensive and defensive elements, and safety considerations when playing badminton.				
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the importance of game strategy when participating in badminton games at any level.				
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Basketball		1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
skills needed to	Discuss the different elements of the game of basketball from a participant perspective. Emphasis will be on the skills needed to play basketball and the strategies associated with game participation. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
	NOTE The experience playing in this sport must have occurred post high school. Experience playing at the high school level or below is not considered college level and is not eligible for inclusion in this essay.				
Subtopic 1:	Describe the basic skills needed to play basketball.				
Subtopic 2:	Discuss game strategies in basketball.				
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Casting and A	Angling	1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
	Discuss the fundamentals of casting and angling. Emphasis will be on basic casting and angling techniques. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
Subtopic 1:	Describe the fundamentals of bait casting, spinning, and s	pin casting.			
Subtopic 2:	Discuss the techniques and concepts used in angling.				
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Cycling		1 LD	Physical Education	
	Course Description			
	Discuss the physical benefits of cycling from a participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the skills needed to successfully participate in cycling including bike set up and proper body mechanics. The following subtopics are to be addressed:			
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the physical benefits of cycling including increased lung strength, cardiopulmonary function, and metabolism.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the skills and materials needed to participate in cycling including bike set up, attire, gear, and body mechanics.			
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Dance		1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
	rticipation in dance rooted in a traditional, classical training end emotional benefits of dance training. The following subtor		•		
based setting. multiple times	*NOTE* This essay should be written for a student who has experience with dance in a more traditional, lesson- based setting. All experience with the chosen form of dance must be post high school. This essay may be written multiple times for credit on different forms of dance, not to exceed the total 4.0 credit Physical Education maximum required by the University.				
Subtopic 1:	Describe the physical and emotional benefits of dance train	ning.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the importance of training to develop skill, flexibility, and coordination in the chosen dance form.				
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Disc Sports		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
	ports from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be o d to participate in disc sports. The following subtopics are to		understanding of game			
	udent should select a specific disc sport when writing this es using different disc sports, not to exceed the total 4.0 credit ty.					
Subtopic 1:	Describe the basic skills, drills, and equipment needed to p	participate in dise	c sports.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the importance of game strategy when participating in disc sport competition at any level.					
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	Course Title	Credit Award	General Education			
Folk Dance		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
	t of folk dance from a participant perspective. Emphasis will blk dance including the steps, routines, cultural significance, essed:		-			
multiple times	tudent should select a specific form of folk dance when writir for credit using different forms of folk dance, not to exceed th ired by the University.		· · ·			
Subtopic 1:	Describe the importance of practice and training while part	ticipating in folk o	dance.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the cultural significance of the costuming, routine, and performance in the chosen form of folk dance.					
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Football	1 LD	Physical Education
Course Description		
Discuss the game of football from the participant perspective. Emphasis sh	nould be on the s	kills and understanding

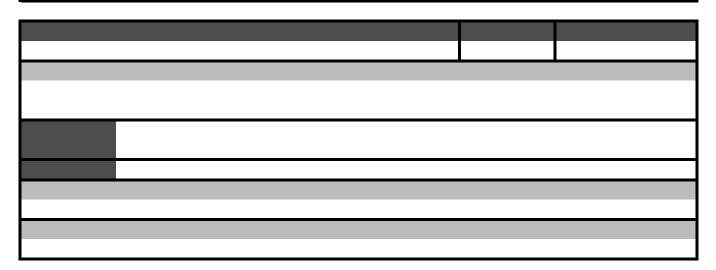
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Hiking		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
	Discuss the different skills required for hiking from a participant perspective. Emphasis should be placed on safety, proper clothing and attire, and the impact on the environment. The following subtopics are to be addressed:					
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Discuss the skills needed to be a safe hiker including proper clothing and attire and any necessar					
Subtopic 2:	Explain safety considerations for the hiker and also environ	nmental conside	rations.			
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Jogging		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
	Discuss the physical benefits of jogging from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on development and improvement of physical fitness through jogging. The following subtopics are to be addressed:					
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the metabolic, cardiovascular, and musculoskeletal benefits of jogging as part of an overall fitness routine.					
Subtopic 2:	Discuss how jogging can be used to develop and improve	physical fitness.				
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Kickboxing		1 LD	Physical Education		
	Course Description				
	Discuss the skills used in this martial arts based workout from a participant perspective. Emphasis will be placed on the techniques to increase muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
Subtopic 1:	Discuss the use of jabs, kicks, and blocks as part of the fit	ness routine of k	ickboxing.		
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Explain the techniques used to increase muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility when participating in kickboxing.				
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Martial Arts		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
importance of le	Discuss the skills needed to engage in martial arts from a participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the importance of learning fundamentals and progression through practice of the selected martial art. The following subtopics are to be addressed:					
written multiple	*NOTE* The student should select a specific form of martial arts when writing this essay. This essay may be written multiple times for credit using different forms of martial arts, not to exceed the total 4.0 credit Physical Education maximum required by the University.					
Subtopic 1:	Describe the fundamentals, form, and techniques of the ch	nosen martial art				
Subtopic 2:	Discuss the progression through the different levels of the	chosen martial a	art.			
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Self-Defense		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
from a participa	Discuss the different self-defense skills, ground-fighting skills, and stand-up fighting skills needed for self-defense from a participant perspective. Emphasis will be placed on the different physical techniques used in self-defense. The following subtopics are to be addressed:					
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the different skills needed including basic self-defense skills, ground-fighting skills, and stand-up fighting skills in the practice of self-defense training.					
Subtopic 2:	Explain the importance of training in self-defense for the pa	articipant.				
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Skiing		1 LD	Physical Education			
	Course Description					
	Discuss skiing from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the skills and equipment needed to participate. The following subtopics are to be addressed:					
Subtopic 1:	Describe the skills, equipment, and attire necessary to par	ticipate in skiing				
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the physical benefits of participating in skiing including increased cardiopulmonary function and strength.					
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Soccer		1 LD	Physical Education	
	Course Description			
•	Discuss the game of soccer from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the skills and understanding of game strategy needed to participate in soccer. The following subtopics are to be addressed:			
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Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the basic skills, drills, and physical conditioning needed to participate in soccer.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the importance of game strategy when participating in soccer games at any level.			
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Tennis		1 LD	Physical Education	
	Course Description			
Discuss the game of tennis from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the skills and understanding of game strategy needed to participate in tennis. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
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Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the basics of participating in tennis including equipment, attire, and location for practice and competition.			
Subtopic 2:	pic 2: Discuss the basic skills and drills needed to prepare someone to participate in tennis.			
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Triathlon Trai	ning & Participation	1 LD	Physical Education
	Course Description		
Discuss techniques for preparing for triathlon participation from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on preparing for each element of the triathlon: biking, swimming, and running. The following subtopics are to be addressed:			
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the considerations in preparing for a triathlon including training schedule, endurance, and training changes leading up to the event.		
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the skills needed to be successful in the three elements of the triathlon: biking, swimming and running.		
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Volleyball		1 LD	Physical Education	
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Discuss volleyball from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be on the skills and understanding of game strategy needed to participate in volleyball. The following subtopics are to be addressed:				
NOTE The experience playing in this sport must have occurred post high school. Experience playing at the high school level or below is not considered college level and is not eligible for inclusion in this essay.				
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the basic skills, drills, and physical conditioning needed to participate in volleyball.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the importance of game strategy when participating in volleyball at any level.			
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Walking for Fi	tness	1 LD	Physical Education
	Course Description		
Discuss the physical benefits of walking as part of an overall fitness routine. Emphasis should be on the cardiovascular benefits of walking for fitness. The following subtopics should be addressed:			
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe the importance of vigorous walking and how this contributes to achieving target heart rate for maximum fitness.		
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the physical benefits of walking for fitness including the cardiovascular, metabolic, and musculoskeletal benefits.		
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Weight Train	ing	1 LD	Physical Education
	Course Description		
Discuss the physical benefits of weight training from the participant perspective. Emphasis should be placed on the metabolic, cardiovascular, and skeletomuscular benefits of a weight training regime. The following subtopics are to be addressed:			
Subtopic 1:	Describe the importance of using proper body alignment and technique to promote safe weight training.		
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss the physical benefits of weight training to metabolic, cardiovascular, and skeletomuscular health as part of an overall fitness regime.		
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Yoga		1 LD	Physical Education	
	Course Description			
	Discuss the physical and emotional benefits of participating in yoga. The emphasis should be placed on how the poses, meditation, and breathing contribute to overall health and fitness. The following subtopics are to be addressed:			
Subtopic 1:	Subtopic 1: Describe how the meditation and breathing used in yoga can promote overall health and fitness.			
Subtopic 2:	Subtopic 2: Discuss how the different poses in yoga contribute to increased strength and flexibility.			
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