

**University of Florida**  
**Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology**  
**APK 6176 Strength and Conditioning**  
**Spring 2019**  
**Section 10702 Lecture: M 1:55-4:55, Weil 0279**

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**Course Syllabus**

**Course Description**

Addresses the principles of designing training programs of varying duration aimed at improving muscular strength, power, speed, agility, endurance, balance, stability, and hypertrophy. Application to typical athletic populations, tactical athletic populations, and special athletic populations will be emphasized.

**Course Objectives**

At the conclusion of the course students will be able to:

- Describe the basic physiology of the skeletal, neuromuscular, and cardiovascular systems as they pertain to an athlete engaged in a strength and conditioning program
- Identify the biomechanical factors that influence resistance training performance
- Analyze a sport with regards to the primary energy system involved in its execution
- Explain how anabolic and catabolic hormones influence the adaptation to a strength and conditioning program.
- Compare the expected physiological adaptations of anaerobic and aerobic training programs.
- Recommend appropriate assessments of athletic performance and interpret test results.
- Prescribe exercise training sessions with the intention of improving athletic performance in the areas of strength, power, speed, agility, aerobic capacity, hypertrophy, and flexibility
- Create a periodized annual strength and conditioning program incorporating all of the variables described above.
- Manipulate a strength and conditioning program to meet the needs of a rehabilitating athlete.
- Sit for the NSCA CSCS exam in your senior year, or upon graduation, if desired.

**Required Textbook**

Harrison, B. *Strength and Conditioning*. TopHat Monocle

**Recommended Textbooks**

Haff, G. and T. Triplett. *Essentials of Strength Training and Conditioning – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Human Kinetics, 2016.

**Additional Readings** (to be provided on Canvas)

1. Thomas, C, Comfort, P, Jones, P, and T. Dos'Santos. *Strength and Conditioning for Netball: A Needs Analysis and Training Recommendations*. *Strength and Conditioning Journal*. August 2017.
2. Kivlan, B and R.L. Martin. *Functional Performance Testing of the Hip in Athletes: A Systematic Review For Reliability and Validity*. *Int. J. of Spor. Phys. Ther.* Volume 7(4); August 2012.
3. Behm, D.G., Blazevich, A.J., Kay, A.D., and M. McHugh. *Acute effects of muscle stretching on physical performance, range of motion, and injury incidence in healthy active individuals: a systematic review*. *Appl. Physiol. Nutr. Metab.* 41: 1-11. 2016
4. Soriano, M.A., Jimenez-Reyes, P, Rhea, M., and P.J. Marin. *The Optimal Load for Maximal Power Production During Lower-Body Resistance Exercises: A Meta-Analysis*. *Sports Med* 45:1191-1205. 2015.
5. Sloth, M., Sloth D., Overgaard, K., and U. Dalgas. *Effects of sprint interval training on VO2max and aerobic exercise performance: A systematic review and meta-analysis*. *Scand J Med Sci Sports* 2013; 23: e341-e352.
6. Seitz, L.B., Reyes, A., Tran, T.T., Saez de Villarreal, E, and G. Haff. *Increases in Lower-Body Strength Transfer Positively to Sprint Performance: A Systematic Review with Meta Analysis*. *Sports Med* 44:1693-1702. 2014.
7. Williams, T.D., D.V. Toluoso, M.V. Fedewa, and M.R. Esco. *Comparison of Periodized and Non-Periodized Resistance Training on Maximal Strength: A Meta Analysis*. *Sports Med* 47:2083-2100 (2017)
8. V.B. Issurin. *Benefits and Limitations of Block Periodization Training Approaches to Athletes Preparation: A Review*. *Sports Med* 46:329-338 (2016)
9. Howe, L.P., P.Read, and M. Waldron. *Muscle Hypertrophy: A Narrative Review on Training Principles for Increasing Muscle Mass*. *Str. Cond. J.* 39(5) 72-81.
10. Kraemer, W.J., N.A. Ratamess, S.D. Flanagan, J.P. Shurley, J.S. Todd, and T.C. Todd. *Understanding the Science of Resistance Training: An Evolutionary Perspective*. *Sports Med* 47:2415-2435 (2017).
11. Denadai, B.S., R. Alves de Aguiar, L. Coelho Rabello de Lima, C. C. Greco, and F. Caputo. *Explosive Training and Heavy Weight Training are Effective for Improving Running Economy in Endurance Athletes: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*. *Sports Med* 47:545-554 (2017).
12. Young, W.B., B. Dawson, and G.J. Henry. *Agility and Change of Direction Speed are Independent Skills: Implications for Training for Agility in Invasion Sports*. *Int. J. Sport Sci & Coach* 10(1) 159-171.
13. Wirth, K., H. Hartmann, C. Mickel, E. Szilvas, M. Keiner, and A. Sander. *Core Stability in Athletes: A Critical Analysis of Current Guidelines*. *Sports Med* 47:401-414 (2017).

*(Additional Readings from those listed may be added at the discretion of the instructor)*

## Grading

| Assessment                     | Points     | Weight |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Exam 1                         | 30 points  | 10%    |
| Exam 2                         | 30 points  | 10%    |
| Exam 3                         | 30 points  | 10%    |
| Exam 4                         | 30 points  | 10%    |
| Module Quizzes                 | 150 points | 10%    |
| Program Design Project         | 50 points  | 20%    |
| Training Modality Presentation | 50 points  | 10%    |
| TopHat Questions/Participation |            | 10%    |
| Lab Practical Exam             | 20 points  | 10%    |

93.0% - 100% = A

90.0% - 92.99% = A-

87.0% - 89.99% = B+

80.0% - 86.99% = B

77.0% - 79.99% = C+

70.0% - 76.99% = C

67.0% - 69.99% = D+

60.0% - 66.99% = D

<60 = E

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

## Exams

There are four semester exams. The semester exams will be not be comprehensive, Lecture Exams will be administered through Canvas. All exams will be taken online outside of class and will be open book. Exams will consist of essay questions. Students may NOT work together on exams. Exams will be available for 24 hours but must be completed in one sitting and will be time limited to **60min**. Students with accommodation letters from the DRC will be given additional time per their letter. All exams will be taken on **Canvas ONLY**. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their computers will connect successfully to wifi prior to all exams. **HARD COPIES OF QUIZZES AND EXAMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

Please see your instructor at least 72 hours prior to your exam if circumstances arise that will prevent you from taking the exam. If you have a schedule conflict for an exam you must take the exam early and not after the scheduled exam. Missed Exams will be scored a zero with no make-up exams permitted.

## Module Quizzes

Weekly module quizzes will be administered via Canvas. These quizzes will consist of objective questions (i.e. multiple choice, matching, ordering, etc.). Weekly module quizzes will be available for 24 hours Friday of the week the module is covered in class. Students will complete the quizzes outside of class. The LockDown Browser is required for taking each quiz and there will be a **15min** time limit for each quiz. Students with accommodation letters from the DRC will be given additional time per their letter.

## Weekly Assignments

Each week a unique collection of daily assignments will be made available on Canvas or TopHat. Participation assignments may include quizlet assignments, lab questions, research article questions, research article synopses, and program design questions. **Please note that there is an assignment due every weekday throughout the semester.** A particular day's assignment will be available for 24 hours so that students spend approximately 20 minutes each weekday engaged with the course material. Similar assignments will be due on the same day each week according to the following outline:

**Monday** – TopHat Chapter Module Questions – Due by 1:55PM each Monday (Participation Assignment)

Peer Review of Previous Week's Training Program Update – Due by 11:59PM each Monday  
(Participation Assignment)

**Tuesday** – Quizlet Activity – Due by 11:59PM each Tuesday (Participation Assignment)

Weekly Lab Questions – Due by 11:59PM each Tuesday (Participation Assignment)

**Wednesday** – Weekly Research Article Questions – Due by 11:59PM each Wednesday (Participation Assignment)

**Thursday** – Weekly Research Article Synopsis Assignment – Due by 11:59PM each Thursday (Participation Assignment)

**Friday** – Weekly Module Quiz – Due by 11:59PM each Friday (Graded Assignment)

Weekly Training Program Update Submission – Participation Assignment

### **Applied Program Design Project**

Students will administer a 12-week periodized performance-training program to another individual between weeks 3-15 of the semester. Weekly updates of training progress are required to be submitted to Canvas for peer review. Students will conduct a needs analysis, create SMART goals, coach the individual on proper technique while administering each training session within the program, and re-test at the end of the program to identify if program goals were met. Students will create a presentation discussing the components and results of the program and upload it to Canvas for evaluation. The presentations are due Sunday April 28, 2019.

### **Applied Program Design Project Rubric**

|  | 7- 10 points  | 3 - 6 points  | 0- 2 points   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Part 1: Needs Analysis                   | Thorough and complete needs analysis including assessments and results  | Partially complete needs analysis                   | Incomplete or missing needs analysis lacking sufficient details, assessments, and results                     |
| Part 2: Periodization Plan               | Thorough and complete 12-month annual plan including full description of macro-, meso-, and microcycle elements | Partially complete annual plan                      | Incomplete or missing annual plan lacking sufficient details of macro-, meso-, and microcycle elements        |
| Part 3: Representative Training Sessions | Thorough and complete description of representative training sessions as directed in instructions               | Partially complete representative training sessions | Incomplete or missing representative training sessions lacking several components as directed in instructions |

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| Part 4: Results of Program             | Thorough and complete description of the results of the training program   | Partially complete results of the training program                                    | Incomplete or missing results of the training program                                    |
| Part 5: Lessons Learned during Program | Thorough and complete explanation of the positive and negative attributes of the program and opportunities for improvement | Partially complete explanation of the positive and negative attributes of the program | Incomplete or missing explanation of the positive and negative attributes of the program |

### **Training Modality Presentation**

Students will select a strength and conditioning training modality from a list proved by the instructor and upload a 10-minute presentation to Canvas describing the history, use of, supporting evidence, program design considerations, and certification opportunities for the modality.

### **Training Modality Presentation**

|  | 6-10 points   | 1-5 points   | 0 points  |
|--|---|--|---|
| Part 1: Modality Description and Development | Thorough and complete description of the modality and its use in strength and conditioning                  | Partial description of the modality and/or its development                                       | No description of modality nor discussion of its development.                                       |
| Part 2: Common Techniques and Errors         | Details on 5 or more common exercises utilizing the modality  | Details on 1-5 common exercises utilizing the modality   | No details of any exercises using the modality  |
| Part 3: Common Prescription Characteristics  | Thorough and complete description of how intensity, volume, and frequency are commonly prescribed           | Partial description of how intensity, volume, and frequency are commonly prescribed              | No description of how intensity, volume, nor frequency are commonly prescribed                      |
| Part 4: Evidence Supporting Use              | Description of 3 or more original research articles involving use of the modality in an athletic population | Description of 1-2 research articles involving the use of the modality in an athletic population | No description of any research articles involving the use of the modality in an athletic population |
| Part 5: Certification Resources              | Complete listing of organizations offering certifications with modality                                     | Partial listing of organizations offering certifications with modality                           | No organizations offering certifications in the modality provided                                   |

**Lab Practical Exam**

Students will be assessed on their ability to safely lead another individual through exercises representative of a strength and conditioning program. Proper technique and coaching recommendations will be provided in weekly laboratory experiences. The practical exam will consist of objective questions involving viewing videos of exercise demonstrations and answering questions regarding technique and coaching recommendations.

**Top Hat**

We will be using the Top Hat ([www.tophat.com](http://www.tophat.com)) classroom response system in class. You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text message. Questions administered in class and within the TopHat textbook modules count towards your final grade. Each lecture will include approximately 5 questions worth 1 point each (as participation points). In-class and textbook TopHat questions will contribute to the participation component of the course that constitutes 15% of the final grade.

You can visit the Top Hat Overview (<https://success.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide>) within the Top Hat Success Center which outlines how you will register for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system.

An email invitation will be sent to you by email, but if don't receive this email, you can register by simply visiting our course website:

<https://app.tophat.com/e/372804>

Note: Course Join Code is 372804

Top Hat will require a paid subscription, and a full breakdown of all subscription options available can be found here: [www.tophat.com/pricing](http://www.tophat.com/pricing).

Should you require assistance with Top Hat at any time, due to the fact that they require specific user information to troubleshoot these issues, please contact their Support Team directly by way of email ([support@tophat.com](mailto:support@tophat.com)), the in app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491.

**Grading**

Notification of final grades will be made by the Registrar or you may check your grade by using ISIS. Final grades will not be posted.

You must earn your grade! Grades will not be rounded! The extra credit opportunities are designed to help any individual with a borderline grade by demonstrating their commitment to the course.

**Class Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend all classes and to have completed assigned reading prior to class as scheduled by the instructor. Questions related to assigned readings will be available on Canvas. The following link outlines the UF Attendance Policy found in the Graduate Catalog

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

**Cell Phone Policy**

Students in this course are expected to behave professionally, politely, and considerately. Cell phone use with regard to phone conversations, text messaging, and social media use during lectures, labs, and exams is banned in this class. Smartphone or tablet devices may be used to participate in discussions and answer questions administered through TopHat.

**Academic Honesty**

Cheating will not be tolerated in this course. All students are required to abide by the Academic Honesty Guidelines and Honor Code, which have been accepted by the University. Cheating is defined as the improper taking or tendering of any information or material, which shall be used to determine academic credit. Violations of the Honor Code will be handled according to the guidelines set by Student Judicial Affairs. UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with me.

### **Accommodations for students with disabilities**

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester

### **Online course evaluation process**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies

The University of Florida has enacted a policy of allowing NO food or drink of any kind in any campus classroom. This policy will be enforced during the meeting times of this course.

### **U Matter. We Care:**

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

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**\*Indicates a homework assignment is due at the end of the week. Consult Canvas for details**

| Week | Dates        | Topic  | Module   |
|------|--------------|--|----------|
| 1    | (1/7 – 1/11) | <i>Designing a Needs Analysis</i><br>Introduction, Review of Syllabus<br>Assessment Lab 1                            | 1.1      |
| 2    | (1/14-1/18)* | <i>Designing an Annual Training Plan</i><br>Assessment Lab 2   | 1.2      |
| 3    | (1/21-1/25)* | <i>Designing an Integrated Training Plan</i><br>Assessment Lab 3<br><b>NO CLASS MONDAY – MLK DAY</b>                 | 1.2      |
| 4    | (1/28-2/1)   | <i>Designing a Corrective Exercise Program Design</i><br>Corrective Exercise Techniques Lab                          | 1.3      |
| 5    | (2/4-2/8)*   | <i>Designing a Movement Preparation/Warm Up</i><br>Dynamic Warm Up Lab<br><b>Exam 1 – Thursday 2/7 (Module 1)</b>    | 2.1      |
| 6    | (2/11-2/15)* | <i>Designing a Flexibility Program</i><br>PNF Stretching Lab   | 2.2      |
| 7    | (2/18-2/22)* | <i>Designing a Core Training Program</i><br>Core Stability, Strength, Power Lab (online)                             | 2.3      |
| 8    | (2/25-3/1)   | <i>Designing a Muscular Hypertrophy Program</i><br>Fundamental Resistance Exercise Lab                               | 2.4      |
| 9    | (3/4-3/8)    | <b>SPRING BREAK</b>  |          |
| 10   | (3/11-3/15)* | <i>Designing a Maximal Strength Program</i><br>Olympic Weightlifting Lab<br><b>Exam 2 – Thursday 3/14 (Module 2)</b> | 3.1      |
| 11   | (3/18-3/22)* | <i>Designing a Power Training Program</i><br>Plyometric Drills Lab   | 3.2      |
| 12   | (3/25-3/29)  | <i>Designing a Maximal Linear Speed Program</i><br>Speed Drills Lab  | 3.3      |
| 13   | (4/1-4/5)*   | <i>Designing a SAQ Program</i><br>SAQ Drills Lab   | 3.4      |
| 14   | (4/8-4/12)   | <i>Designing a Conditioning Program</i><br>Conditioning Lab (online)<br><b>Exam 3 – Thursday 4/11 (Module 3)</b>     | 4.1      |
| 15   | (4/15-4/19)* | <i>Designing Sports Nutrition Recommendations</i><br><b>Lab Practical Exam (4/19)</b>                                | 4.2, 4.3 |



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(4/22-4/24)

*Designing a Periodized Nutrition Program*  
**Exam 4 - Wednesday 4/24 (Module 4)**

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**Applied Program Design Project and Presentation Due**  
**Sunday April 28th by 11:59PM**

**Training Modality Presentation Due**  
**Sunday, April 28th by 11:59PM**