

SPX203

Exercise Prescription and Programming II

School: School of Health - Sport and Exercise Science

2025 Semester 1

 UniSC Sunshine Coast
 UniSC Moreton Bay

 BLENDED
 LEARNING

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This course enables you to understand advanced principles behind prescribing an exercise program, and to gain advanced practical skills required to prescribe an exercise program. You will be able to identify the principles of exercise, including training variables such as overload, frequency, intensity, and periodisation. You will understand the human responses to exercise, and the physiological, biomechanical and psychological factors that influence an exercise program.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – On-line	2hrs	Week 1	13 times
Laboratory 1 – Face-to-face	2hrs	Week 1	13 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Benefits and risks of exercise training,
- Principles of exercise prescription and programming,
- Training periodization,
- Exercise prescription and programming for: flexibility, range of movement, muscular fitness, cardiorespiratory fitness, and specialised populations.

2. What level is this course?

200 Level (Developing)

Building on and expanding the scope of introductory knowledge and skills, developing breadth or depth and applying knowledge and skills in a new context. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally, undertaken in the second or third full-time year of an undergraduate programs.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Describe and explain the human factors influencing exercise performance, including physiological, biomechanical and psychological factors.	Knowledgeable
2	Screen potential exercise participants to determine current health status and risks associated with exercise. Evaluate potential participants' suitability for exercise. Keep records of health screening and exercise risk assessments for participants' and practitioners' reference.	Empowered Ethical
3	Prescribe exercise for low risk individuals based on participants' aims and physiological goals. Document and record exercise programs for participants' and practitioners' reference.	Creative and critical thinker
4	Describe and explain the effects various exercise testing procedures and equipment have on human exercise performance and responses.	Knowledgeable
5	Compare and contrast methods of periodization for exercise programming.	Knowledgeable
6	Compare and contrast resistance training exercise protocols and equipment. Demonstrate safe, effective use of resistance training equipment.	Knowledgeable

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of "pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites".

5.1. Pre-requisites

SPX121 is a prerequisite for enrolment in SPX203

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

It is assumed that students will have foundational knowledge in human muscular, respiratory, and cardiovascular anatomy and physiology.

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

In week 3 students will be assessed on their ability to assess movement screening tools and prescribe exercise correctives based on their screening.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Practical / Laboratory Skills	Individual	20%	10 minutes	Week 3	In Class
All	2	Quiz/zes	Individual	30%	20 multiple choice questions	Refer to Format	Online Test (Quiz)
All	3	Practical / Laboratory Skills	Group	50%	30 minutes	Week 13	In Class

All - Assessment Task 1: Practical Exam

GOAL:	Completion of practical exam	
PRODUCT:	Practical / Laboratory Skills	
FORMAT:	10 minute practical demonstration	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Completion of movement screen 2
	2	Demonstration of correctives exercises based off the screen 3 6
GENERIC SKILLS:		

All - Assessment Task 2: Quiz

GOAL:	Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary issues in prescription and programming based on recent research articles in conjunction with lab based activities and learning materials.	
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes	
FORMAT:	Submit: Weeks 5,7,9,11,13. Five online quizzes delivered via Canvas on contemporary issues in prescription and programming based on recent research articles in conjunction with lab based activities and learning materials. Two research articles will be available to students prior to each quiz with similar themed topics in the lab and from the learning materials.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Exercise prescription 4
	2	Exercise programming 5 6
GENERIC SKILLS:		

All - Assessment Task 3: Presentation and practical exam

GOAL:	Practical exam	
PRODUCT:	Practical / Laboratory Skills	
FORMAT:	Design and implement a 30 minute training session for your client .	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge and understanding of theoretical and practical principles of exercise prescription and programming pertaining to the materials covered throughout the semester 1 3 4 6
GENERIC SKILLS:		

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

Please note that you need to have regular access to the resource(s) listed below. Resources may be required or recommended.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Recommended	Haff , G. Gregory ,Triplett , N. Travis	2015	Essentials of Strength Training and Conditioning 4th Edition	n/a	Human Kinetics

8.2. Specific requirements

It is compulsory for all students to wear suitable exercising clothing and covered footwear appropriate for physical activity in practical classes and for all practical sessions.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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