***Department of Kinesiology***

***Course Syllabus and Outline***

***Introduction to Fishing***

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***11 January***

Introduction to the course including the following;

\*Cost

\*Equipment needed (rod and reel)

\*Expectations of the course from both the student and instructor

\*Expectation of the course from the Kinesiology Department

\*Fishing the sport of Presidents

\*What species of fish will we be angling for ?

\* Bluegill (ie Bream, shellcracker)

\* Crappie

\* Bass (largemouth, spotted, smallmouth, striped bass)

***13 January***

\*Meet the Bluegill (bream, shellcracker).

\*Habitat

\*Characteristics

\*When do they bite the best ?

\*What is the best bait ?

\*Methods of catching bluegill.

***18 January***

\*Field Day, meet on the intramural field in front of the softball stadium with your

rod and reel.

***20 January***

\*Meet the Crappie (spec, sok u lee, white, and black).

\*habitat

\*Characteristics

\*When do they bite the best?

\*What is the best bait?

\*Methods of catching crappie

***25 January***

\*Field day, meet on the intramural field with your rod and reel.

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***27 January NO CLASS***

***01 February***

\*Meet the Largemouth Bass (bucket mouth, Large head, Big Mamma)

\*Habitat

\*Characteristics

\*When to they bite the best?

\*What are the best baits?

\*Methods of catching largemouth bass

***03 February***

\*Field day, meet on the intramural field with your rod and reel.

***08 February***

\*Continuation of the Largemouth Bass in the classroom

***10 February NO CLASS***

***15 February***

\*Field trip to DICK’S Sporting Goods (TigerTown)

***17 February***

\*Meet the Spotted Bass (Kentucky Bass, Coosa River Spot, Alabama Spotted Bass)

\* Habitat….ever expanding, why ?

\* Characteristics

\* When do they bite the best ?

\* What are the best baits……….welcome to finesse fishing !

\* Methods of catching the Spotted Bass……….color matters !

***22 February***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

***24 February***

\*Meet the Striped Bass (striper, lineside, rock bass)

\*Habitat…………..no not just a saltwater fish

\*Characteristics……BIG and STRONG

\*When do they bite the best ?

\*What are the best baits ?

\*Methods of catching the Striped Bass

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***01 March***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

***03 March***

\*Meet the Smallmouth Bass………the fish is brown

\*Habitat…………………….not this far South, except for Yates Lake

\*Characteristics………..acrobatic

\*When do they bite the best ?

\*What are the best baits ?

\*Methods of catching Smallmouth Bass……think pea gravel !

***08 March***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

***10 March***

\*Lakes and ponds, yes there is a difference.

***14 – 18 Spring Break***

\*Reading a lake map, understanding a Sonar/GPS electronics.

\*Photographs count

\*Contour lines and what they represent.

***22 March***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

***24 March***

\*Fishing line and fishing knots

\*Monfilament

\*Braid

\*Flourocarbon

\*Three basic knots; Trilene, Palomar, clinch

***29 March***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

***31 March***

\*Rods and reels, what is the best fit??

\* Spinning, baitcasting, and spincast reels

\* Graphite and fiberglass fishing rods

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***05 April***

\*Continuation of rods and reels; care and maintenance

***07 April***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field and bring your rod and reel, last field meeting

**12 April**

\*Care of your fish

\*Ice vs. Oxygen

***14 April NO CLASS***

***19 April***

\*Water Safety: PFD’s, First Aid, and Sun Protection

***21 April***

\*So you want to see how good you are……Competitive Fishing 101

\* Crappiethons

\* Bass Tournaments

***26 April***

\*Final Exam