

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
PA 1820
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COURSE LEVEL 1 (Rock Climbing)
Fall 1997

1. **General Information**

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Class Times: Tuesday, Thursday - 300 - 420

Credit: 1.5

Transferability: Equivalent to PAC 182 U of A (1.5)

2. **Course Objectives**

1. To introduce basic indoor wall climbing skills.
2. To demonstrate and practice the procedures required for safe climbing
3. To provide information relevant to the selection and care of climbing equipment.
4. To introduce issues relevant to the ethics and administration of sport climbing

3. **Course Content**

1. Stretching, training, and injury prevention
2. Climbing technique - balance, foot/hand techniques, weight transfer, etc.
3. Top rope belay systems - knots, belay devices, procedures.
4. Rappelling, jumarring, and related rope techniques.
5. Issues of climbing history and practice - ethics and current controversies.

4. **Evaluative Procedure**

The following elements will be used in evaluating student performance and assessing grades according to the weighting and criteria noted for each element.

A) Safety systems and rope skills (10% of final mark)

The students will be assessed on their knowledge of and ability to execute the skills and procedures necessary to the use of various reliable rope safety systems. This will include examination in knot tying, belaying, and simple anchors. An unsafe system will be assigned a mark of zero.

B) Bouldering (32% of final mark)

Climbing skills will be assessed through the performance of individual bouldering routines. The following points will be considered in this grading.

- Fluidity and rhythm in moving on the wall
- Demonstrated ability in a broad range of climbing skills

C) Quantitative climbing evaluation (33% of final mark)

Routes of varying difficulty will be set up and a mark attached to each of them depending on its difficulty. The mark a student receives for this element will be that which is assigned to the most difficult climb which they complete during the course.

D) A final written examination (25% of final mark)

5. **Resources**

Required readings for the course will be made available through the reserve list at the library. The climbing equipment required for the course will be provided through the Altitude Addictions Climbing Gym both for class time and practice at a cost of \$65 per student. Open access to the climbing gym during normal operating hours is also offered to the students for the extent of the course as part of this fee. Those with their own equipment are eligible for a lower fee.