

Physical Education Program and

National Student Physical Health Standards (NSPHS)

HANDBOOK

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Program Overview

The primary aim of our physical education (PE) program is to provide students with an opportunity to explore and learn about various activities they can adopt as part of their lifelong journey to achieving personal and professional success. Although physical education and the National Students Physical Health Standards test (NPHST) are two mandatory graduation requirements for students from the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (HMT), all DKU students are eligible to register and take PE classes and earn graduation credits.

Graduation requirements and essential points:

- 1. All PE courses are CR/NCR.
- 2. 7-week session = 0.5 PE CR.
- 3. Graduation requirement of 4 PE credits should be completed during freshman and sophomore year.
- 4. After completing graduation requirements students may continue to take as many PE courses as they would like.
- 5. Students may not take more than 1 PE class at a time until the graduation requirement is met. After acquiring 4 PE credits, students may take multiple PE classes at one time.
- 6. PE classes are non-repeat unless students receive NCR for any reason.
- 7. Students who take PE while attending Duke can transfer credits to DKU.
- 8. The same medical absence policy applies to all PE classes (see below).
- 9. Students selected for one of the Varsity teams may be eligible to receive up to 2 PE credits.

PE curriculum

All PE classes have Level 1 and Level 2 courses. Level 1 course is <u>a prerequisite</u> to taking Level 2. However, the class instructor may waive the prerequisite requirement for students with previous backgrounds. Students are encouraged to contact class instructors before registering for the level 2 class. Not all classes are offered every semester. Classes like skiing, snowboarding, scuba, and surfing are offered during summer and winter breaks during a week-long excursion.

PHYSEDU 123 Kendo
PHYSEDU 124 Spinning
PHYSEDU 125 Kunqu
PHYSEDU 126 Ultimate Frisbee
PHYSEDU 127 Flag football
PHYSEDU 128 Sport dance
PHYSEDU 129 Sailing
PHYSEDU 130 Scuba
PHYSEDU 131 Skiing/snowboarding
PHYSEDU 132 Surfing
PHYSEDU 133 Baguazhang
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Medical exemption and absence policy

To ensure that students receive the full benefits of skill-based PE classes, attendance is crucial given the short duration of the courses. This policy aims to establish clear guidelines for attendance, absences, and the implications for non-compliance.

- 1. Students are expected to <u>attend all scheduled PE classes</u>. Due to the condensed nature of DKU courses, a maximum of two (2) excused and one (1) unexcused absence will be allowed for any reason over the 7-week period.
- 2. Absences due to <u>medical reasons</u> must be substantiated with a <u>valid medical notice</u> from a certified healthcare provider. Medical notices must be provided proactively and <u>cannot be</u> <u>accepted retrospectively to excuse a previous absence.</u>
- 3. If a student is absent for more than two classes, they <u>must withdraw</u> from class to avoid receiving a 'No Credit Received' (NCR) grade. It is the student's responsibility to initiate the withdrawal process before the withdrawal deadline.
- 4. Students with two or more <u>unexcused absences</u> will receive an NCR grade for the class and will not be able to withdraw. An unexcused absence is any absence not justified by a legitimate reason as per the instructor's judgment or without previous approval from the instructor.
- 5. To prevent any misunderstandings due to absences students are highly advised to communicate with their instructor as soon as possible prior to an anticipated absence, or immediately following an unforeseen one. This communication must be made in a timely manner via official communication channels to allow for proper documentation and consideration of the circumstances.
- 6. Students with permanent physical disability who cannot participate in any form of PE classes, should apply for permanent graduation exemption through the Office of Undergraduate Studies.
- 7. For <u>permanent exemption from PE requirements</u>, students should contact Department of Athletics directly.





NATIONAL STUDENT PHYSICAL HEALTH STANDARDS

The National Student Physical Health Standards (NSPHS) is an annual assessment of students' physical health and development, and part of the implementation of National Standards for Physical Exercise in schools. It is established to promote students' physical fitness and wellness, and to encourage active participation in physical exercise.

As a national standard, passing the NSPHS is <u>a mandatory graduation requirement for Chinese students</u>, and each student's score is recorded in the "Registration Card of the *National Student Physical Health Standards*".

To truly embrace our commitment to health and wellness as part of the greater DKU mission, in addition to Chinese we also encourage our international students, faculty, and staff, to join and participate together in building and promoting the culture of health and wellness in the DKU community.

General requirements

- All registered Chinese students must take NSPHST every year of their undergraduate study.
- Students must apply for an exemption if they cannot attend the NSPHST for any reason.
 - Students who study away at Duke will be exempted for that specific year, but still <u>must apply</u> for an exemption.
 - Students who do not study abroad at any time may
 - apply for an exemption for Junior year as "Duke Exemption".
 - participate in the test, and higher score between junior and senior year will be used for the final score calculation.
- Students who do not attend the test, and do not apply for an exemption, will receive "0" and are not eligible for a make-up opportunity.
- Students whose score is less than 60.0, will be recorded as "fail" and must participate in the makeup opportunity. If they also fail in the makeup test, the higher of the two failed scores will be recorded.
- Per Jiangsu Education Department regulations, students who fail the test in their senior year, will not receive the National Student Physical Healthy Standard Level Certificate(国家学生体质健康标准等 级证书).
- Students must score more than 70% to be eligible to apply for <u>National Scholarships funded by the</u> Ministry of Education and Jiangsu Education Department.
- Students who score more than 90% on the NSPHST are eligible to receive 1 PE credit.
- Chinese Ministry of Education sets NSPHS testing criteria differently for male and female students, and students of different age. We recognize that this structure may be a challenge to students for several reasons. For any further inquiries, please feel free to contact the Director of Athletics directly.





Graduation score calculation

National guidelines for calculating graduation eligibility are as following:

Total score= $((average\ score\ of\ year\ 1,\ 2,3)\ x\ 50\%) + (last\ year\ score\ x\ 50\%).$

Students whose total score is less than 60% do not meet the graduation requirement.

However, DKU students are eligible for exemption for one year they go to Duke, and therefore, graduation eligibility for DKU students is based on 3 tests as following:

Total score = $((average\ score\ of\ year\ 1\ \&\ 2)\ x\ 50\%) + (last\ year\ score\ x\ 50\%).$

Students whose total score is less than 60% do not meet the graduation requirement.

For students that do not go to Duke, and decide to take the 4th test to improve their result, higher of the two results will be used as the "last year score".

Exemption of postponement criteria

Students whose physical or mental health concerns may prevent them from taking the NSPHST may be eligible for a *postponement* or one of the *exemption* options. Please note that the criteria for an exemption or postponement are strictly enforced, and not all medical or mental health concerns meet eligibility criteria. For example, students with "chronic" musculoskeletal conditions for <u>which there are</u> no explicit recommendations to refrain from physical activity will not be exempted.

- Exemption To receive an exemption students must obtain a medical certificate from a specialist
 that explicitly indicates that the student may not participate in any form of physical activity. Medical
 certificates that only state that students "refrain from vigorous physical activity" will be evaluated
 on a case-by-case basis and do not guarantee that students will be exempted. Medical certificate
 date must be relevant to the medical condition duration, and state clearly during which period
 students cannot participate in physical activity.
 - a. <u>Permanent exemption</u> from NSPHST (all 4 years) is for students with a permanent physical disability that also prevents them from participating in physical education classes. Therefore, students who are not exempt from physical education classes are not eligible for *permanent exemption*. Therefore, to apply for a permanent exemption students must also be eligible to apply for an exemption from physical education classes. This waiver must be requested by the UG and Registrar Office immediately upon arrival at DKU in their first year. The exemption will be recorded in the student's recording file (学生档案), and will not affect graduation.
 - b. <u>Individual test exemption</u> (current year only) is for medical cases where recovery is not expected in time for the second opportunity, generally scheduled 6-weeks after the first test.





Exemption is solely based on the medical diagnosis and the expected recovery time under reasonable normal circumstances. (For example, an ankle sprain at the time of the first time does not exempt student from NSPHST, if the recovery time indicated on the medical notice is 2-3 weeks. In this case, students must participate in 2nd opportunity. However, in case of a broken bone, or major medical surgery where the expected healing time and recovery to normal function are beyond 6 weeks, clearly puts the student beyond reasonable recovery time and therefore, the exemption is granted.)

- c. <u>Exemption based on mental health concerns</u> Students whose mental health concerns allow them to participate in regular physical education classes and student activities, may not claim exemption from NSPHS on mental health grounds. However, Counselling and Wellness Services (CAWS) may issue a certificate for an exemption on case-by-case basis.
- 2. Postponement is given to students who are unable to participate in the NSPHS test due to minor medical conditions recovery is reasonably expected within the make-up opportunity period. Some of the health conditions include but are not limited to dysmenorrhea, fever, diarrhea, joint sprains, menstruation, etc. Students eligible for postponement must participate in the make-up opportunity, tentatively scheduled approximately after 6 weeks. Students granted postponement are not eligible for additional exemptions of postponements unless they meet conditions for exemption per 1a and 1b.

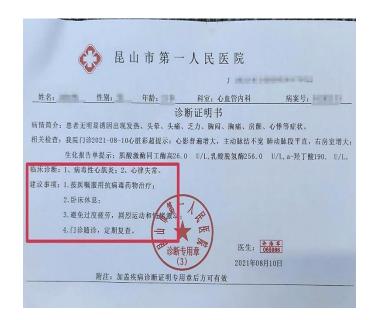
Application for Exemption or Postponement

To apply for an exemption or postponement, students must submit the following:

- 1. <u>Completed Medical Exemption/postponement Form "申请表" (Appendix)</u>. Please print and handwrite your application form. All basic information and reason descriptions must be clear and accurate, otherwise the application form will be invalid.
- 2. Medical certificate issued by a Grade II A or above hospital ("疾病证明"). A qualified medical certificate must contain 1) a description of the medical condition/diagnosis, 2) doctor's clear exercise recommendation, and 3) specific duration of the rest period. Certificates that do not contain all 3 elements may not be granted automatic exemption/postponement and will be reviewed on case-by-case basis.





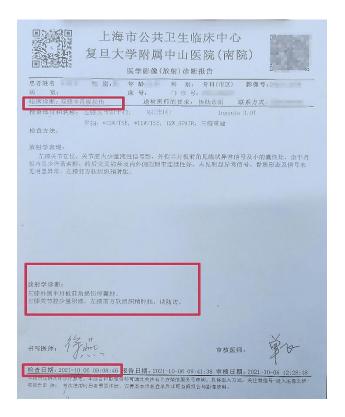




- 3. <u>Treatment history ("病例")</u> is highly recommended to ensure each case is reviewed with consideration to all relevant information. Both printed and handwritten versions are accepted. The originals will be returned after review and the copies will be kept in your application materials archive.
- 4. Examination reports" 检查报告" for acute medical conditions must be <u>current</u> the date of report must be relevant to the medical condition and will be examined on a case-by-case basis. To ensure reports are accepted, please ensure they are as recent as possible and to consider the time any additional tests may be required. The originals will be returned after review and the copies will be kept in your application materials archive.







CERTIFICATION AND ARCHIVE

All NPHST scores will be permanently archived in students' 档案. Students who pass the graduation requirement of 60% will receive a certificate issued by Jiangsu Education Department upon graduation.





NATIONAL STUDENT PHYSICAL HEALTH STANDARDS

INDIVIDUAL TEST DESCRIPTION

Body mass index (BMI)



Instructions:

Stand up straight on the BMI machine barefoot. Your heel, hip, and scapula should touch the machine's pole. Keep your body in a natural vertical position with your head forward and straight.

BMI grading scale - Male (Unit: kg/m2)

Grade	Normal	Underweight	Overweight	Obesity
Score	100	8	0	60
Test result	17.9~23.9	≤17.8	24.0~27.9	≥28.0

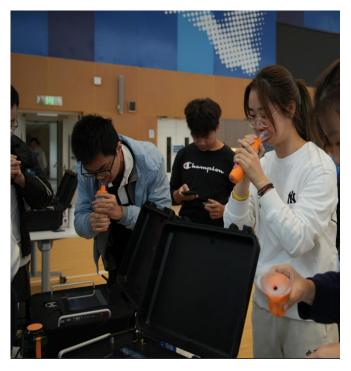
BMI grading scale – Female (Unit: kg/m2)

Grade	Normal	Underweight	Overweight	Obesity
Score	100	8	0	60
Test result	17.9~23.9	≤17.1	24.0~27.9	≥28.0





Vital (lung) capacity



Instructions:

Stand up straight, take a deep breath, and put your mouth against the mouthpiece. Start exhaling when you hear the beep, **the exhaling process must be continuous**. Gradually increase your effort until out of breath and the test value stops changing, you will listen to the beep again indicating the end of the test.

Vital (lung) capacity grading scale - Male (Unit: ml)

Grade	E:	xcelle	nt	Go	od					Pa	ass					Fail				
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	5040	4920	4800	4550	4300	4180	4060	3940	3820	3700	3580	3460	3340	3220	3100	2940	2780	2620	2460	2300
Test result Junior&Senior)	5140	5020	4900	4650	4400	4280	4160	4040	3920	3800	3680	3560	3440	3320	3200	3030	2860	2690	2520	2350

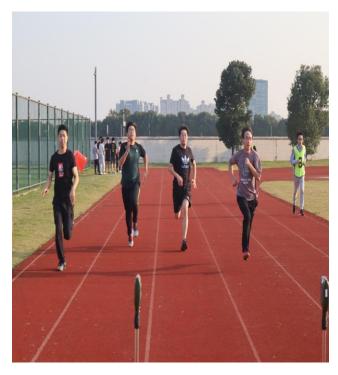
Vital (lung) capacity grading scale - Female (Unit: ml)

Grade	Е	xcelle	ent	Go	od					Pa	ass							Fail		
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	3400	3350	3300	3150	3000	2900	2800	2700	2600	2500	2400	2300	2200	2100	2000	1960	1920	1880	1840	1800
Test result (Junior&Senior)	3450	3400	3350	3200	3050	2950	2850	2750	2650	2550	2450	2350	2250	2150	2050	2010	1970	1930	1890	1850





50-meter run



Instructions:

Get ready at the starting line, start running after you hear the beep, and follow the track. The timing system will record your test result automatically after you cross the finish line.

50-meter run grading scale – Male (Unit: second)

	Grade	E×	celle	nt	Go	od					Pa	ISS							Fail		
	Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
(est result Freshmen& Gophomore)	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.1
	est result nior&Senior)	h.h	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.8	10.0

50-meter run grading scale – Female (Unit: second)

Grade	9	E>	celle	ent	Go	od					Pa	ass							Fail		
Score		100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test res (Freshme Sophomo	n&	7.5	7.6	7.7	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.3
Test res (Junior&Se		7.4	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.8	11.0	11.2





Sit-and-Reach flexibility test



Instructions:

Sit on to the plank of the testing machine with your legs stretched straight and the soles of your feet against the vertical plate, heel closed, toes slightly separated. Put your hands close to each other, extend your upper limbs straight forward, and use the fingertips of both hands to push the vernier forward gradually and continuously until you reach your limit.

Sit-and-Reach flexibility test grading scale – Male (Unit: cm)

Grade	E	celle	nt	Go	od					Pas	S							Fail		
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	24.9	23.1	21.3	19.5	17.7	16.3	14.9	13.5	12.1	10.7	9.3	7.9	6.5	5.1	3.7	2.7	1.7	0.7	-0.3	-1.3
Test result (Junior&Senior)	25.1	23.3	21.5	19.9	18.2	16.8	15.4	14.0	12.6	11.2	9.8	8.4	7.0	5.6	4.2	3.2	2.2	1.2	0.2	-0.8

Sit-and-Reach flexibility test grading scale – Female (Unit: cm)

Grade	E	xcelle	nt	Go	od					Pa	SS							Fail		
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	25.8	25.0	22.2	20.6	19.0	17.7	16.4	15.1	13.8	12.5	11.2	9.9	8.6	7.3	6.0	5.2	4.4	3.6	2.8	2.0
Test result (Junior&Senior)	26.3	24.4	224	21.0	19.5	18.2	16.9	15.6	14.3	13.0	11.7	10.4	9.1	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	4.1	3.3	2.5

Standing long jump







Instructions:

Get ready at the starting line, and pay attention not to cross the starting line, otherwise, there will be a warning beep from the system. Jump forward and land within the test area, your result will be calculated automatically, please don't move until you hear a beep indicating the end of the test.

Standing long jump grading scale – Male (Unit: cm)

	Grade	Ex	celle	nt	Go	od					Pa	SS							Fail		
	Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
	Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	273	268	263	256	248	244	240	236	232	228	224	220	216	212	208	203	198	193	188	183
(Test result Junior&Senior)	275	270	265	258	250	246	242	238	234	230	226	222	218	214	210	205	200	195	190	185

Standing long jump grading scale – Female (Unit: cm)

Grade	Ex	kcelle	ent	Go	od					Pa	SS							Fail		
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	207	201	195	188	181	178	175	172	169	166	163	160	157	154	151	146	141	136	131	126
Test result Junior&Senior)	208	202	196	189	182	179	176	173	170	167	164	161	158	155	152	147	142	137	132	127

1-minute Pull-up (male only)







Instructions:

Stand on the side facing the detector, hold on to the horizontal bar with a pronated grip, the distance between the grip point and the detector should not be over 20cm. When you hear the beep, start pulling up until your chin crosses the horizontal bar to make a complete pull-up. The total count within 1 minute will be recorded automatically.

1-minute pull-up grading scale (by count)

Grade		Excellent Good						Pass									Fail				
Score	10	00	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test resu (Freshmen	g 19	9	18	17	16	15	/	14	/	13	/	12	/	11	/	10	9	8	7	6	5
Test resu (Junior&Sen	/	0	19	18	17	16	/	15	/	14	/	13	/	12	/	11	10	9	8	7	6

^{*}Students score above 100% may receive extra points corresponding to the number of counts exceeded, 1 count equals 1 point.

1-minute sit-up (female only)







Instructions:

Lie down on the mat and bend your knees at 90 degrees. Put your hands behind your ears. Start testing when you hear the beep. To make a complete sit-up, raise your upper body until your elbows touch your knees then lie down till your scapula touches the mat. Finish as many as you can in 1 minute until you hear a beep indicating the end of the test.

1-minute sit-up grading scale (by count)

	Grade	Ex	celle	nt		Pass									Fail						
	Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
	Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	56	54	52	49	46	44	42	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16
(.	Test result Junior&Senior)	57	55	53	50	47	45	43	41	39	37	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17

^{*}Students score above 100% may receive extra points corresponding to the number of counts exceeded, 1 count equals to 1 point.





1000/800 - m run (male/female)



Instructions

Get ready at the starting line. Start running after you hear the beep and follow the track. The timing system will record your test result automatically after you finish all the laps and cross the finish line.

1000-m run grading scale (Unit: minute • second)

Grade	Go	od		Pass										Fail						
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	3'17''	3'22''	3′27″	3′34″	3'42''	3'47''	3'52"	3'57"	4'02''	4'07''	4'12''	4'17''	4'22''	4'27''	4'32''	4'52''	5'12''	5'32"	5'52"	6'12''
Test result (Junior&Senior)	3'15''	3'20''	3′25″	3′32′′	3′40′′	3'45''	3′50′′	3'55"	4'00''	4'05''	4'10''	4'15''	4'20''	4'25''	4'30''	4'50''	5'10''	5'30''	5'50''	6'10''

800-m run grading scale (Unit: minute • second)

Grade		Go	od	Pass									Fail							
Score	100	95	90	85	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	50	40	30	20	10
Test result (Freshmen& Sophomore)	3′18″	3′24″	3′30″	3′37″	3'44''	3'49''	3′54"	3'59''	4'04''	4'09''	4'14''	4'19''	4'24''	4'29''	4'34''	4'44''	4'54''	5'04''	5'14''	5'24''
Test result (Junior&Senior)	3'16''	3'22''	3′28″	3′35′′	3'42''	3′47"	3'52"	3'57"	4'02''	4'07''	4'12''	4'17''	4'22''	4'27''	4'32''	4'42''	4'52''	5'02''	5'12''	5'22''

^{*}Students score above 100% may receive extra points corresponding to the seconds shortened. 1 second equals to 1 point.





免予/推迟执行《国家学生体质健康标准》申请表

Application Form for Exemption/Postponement of Implementation of the National Student Physical Health Standards Test

姓 名 Name	性 别 Gender		学 号 Netid		
手机号码 Phone NO.	出生日期 Date of birth		类别 Type	推迟 Postponemen 免测 Exemption(t()
原因 Reasons				oplicant: 月 Date :	
体育教师签: PE teacher's		家长/学生签 Parent/stude			
学校体 育部门 意见 Comme nt of PE departm ent			至章 Seal: 期 Date:		

注:请打印并填写申请表,基本信息和原因描述请务必准确、清晰,否则将导致申请无



