

PDP MB 103 Zen Meditation

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Meets once per week: 1.0 Credit

Course Description:

Includes sitting, breathing exercises and interactive exercise to gain insight into ourselves and be more relaxed and awake for our day-to-day life.

The course is made up of four parts to help develop a meditation practice for students. It includes:

Ten minutes of breathing exercise with motion

A deep relaxation

Meditation and teaching

An interactive activity for the group

Grading Policy:

This class will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Below is a list of possible grades you may receive in this class:

P – Pass: Completed course requirements, 85% attendance

W – Withdraw: If you drop this class after the Registrar's drop deadline, you will receive a "W" grade.

I – Incomplete: If you fail to meet the attendance requirements of this course, you will receive an "I" until you have made up all missed classes. Please make arrangements with the instructor to do so within the following semester. Your grade will be changed to a "P" once all classes have been made up.

AU – Audit: If you intend to audit this class, please fill out and obtain your instructor's signature for the Class Adjustment/AU form and turn it into the Registrar's Office by the specified deadline.

F – Fail: It is very unlikely that you will receive a failing grade. Your instructor will be happy to work with you to make up any missed classes. A grade of "F" will only be given in extenuating circumstances, such as violating the BU Student Code of Conduct.

Attendance Policy:

All Mind/Body classes have the same attendance policy. Classes are graded primarily on attendance and learning is cumulative, so it is important that you attend each class. You will need an 85% attendance record to receive a passing grade.

If your class meets once a week, you are allowed 2 absences.

If your class meets twice a week, you are allowed 4 absences.

If your class meets three times a week, you are allowed 6 absences.

At the instructor's discretion, one additional absence for illness or family emergencies may be granted; the student must receive the instructor's approval in writing before the end of the semester.

Make-Up Policy:

Mind/Body classes may be made up by attending other Mind/Body classes. Please email your instructor and Ramelle Adams at rfadams@bu.edu before attending a make-up class. This is to ensure that there is

space in the class and to alert the instructor that they will be having a make-up student. If no Mind/Body classes fit in your schedule, you must get permission from your instructor for an alternate make-up.

It is recommended that students make up the class within two weeks of the absence. Make-up slips may be obtained at the PERD office on the second floor of FitRec. They must be signed by the instructor of the make-up class and turned into either your instructor or the PERD office.

You are responsible for keeping track of your attendance record and making up any missed classes.

Blackboard, FitRec Website & Course Evaluation:

A Blackboard course site may be available for this class online at <http://www.learn.bu.edu> and can be accessed by entering your BU username and password. All students enrolled in this class should have access to this site, even if your school does not use Blackboard. This site will give you access to the course syllabus, any additional content, and allow you to email other students in this class. Emergency cancelations as well as other announcements may also be posted here.

For a detailed explanation of PDP credit class policies, please visit the FitRec's website:

<http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/about/physical-education/>

Course evaluations will be sent via email at midterm and at the end of the semester. Please take the time to fill these out – your feedback is very important to us!

Student Conduct:

Boston University's codes of conduct are enforced at the Fitness and Recreation Center at all times. Use of Boston University facilities is a privilege and participants are expected to be good citizens and respect the rights of others. Individuals who engage in unacceptable or irresponsible behavior may have their access to the Fitness and Recreation Center revoked or modified indefinitely as determined by the Executive Director of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Students may be subject to further university disciplinary action as outlined in the Boston University Code of Student Responsibilities (www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities).