Physical Activity Modification Policy

Under the university core curriculum, UCFH 120 Concepts of Fitness and Health is required of all students. Depending on the program, one or two additional physical activity courses may also be required. Students who have a disability affecting physical activity may need to request a modification to the Physical Activity Core Requirements, and should follow the procedures outlined below.

The process for requesting a physical activity modification or substitution is as follows:

1. The student should complete the application for accommodations. Instructions for accessing this can be found at www.samford.edu/dr, click on “Requesting Accommodations.”
2. The student should submit documentation of their disability which adheres to the documentation guidelines (www.samford.edu/dr, click on “Requesting Accommodations”) in addition to the Physical Restrictions Form on page 2 of this policy.
3. The student will be asked to meet with a Disability Resources staff member to discuss their disability and the requested accommodations.
4. The student will be notified of any approved modifications and will be responsible for discussing these with their professor. If a modification cannot be provided and a physical activity course substitution is necessary, then curriculum substitutions will be determined by Disability Resources, the Chair of Kinesiology, and the Physical Activities Coordinator.

Questions regarding housing accommodations should be addressed to:

Samford University Disability Resources University Center Room 205
Phone: 205-726-4078 Fax: 205-726-2842 Email: disability@samford.edu
Documentation Guidelines and Physical Restrictions Form

Documentation Guidelines for each disability category are available on the Disability Resources website (www.samford.edu/dr, click on “Requesting Accommodations”) and should be shared with the student’s treatment provider. In addition to the information requested in the documentation guidelines, the following form should be completed by a qualified medical professional to determine if physical activities can be satisfactorily modified (also refer to course requirements on the next page):

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Physical restrictions:

_____ Able to complete course without physical restrictions

_____ Able to complete course with the following restrictions:

_____ Limited use of right/left upper extremity _____ No walking

_____ Limited use of right/left hand _____ No running

_____ No lifting over ________ pounds _____ No pulling

_____ No prolonged sitting/standing _____ No climbing

_____ No repetitive bending _____ No pushing

_____ No repetitive lifting/carrying _____ No squatting

Other restrictions____________________________________________________

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_____ Unable to participate in course even with physical activity modifications

Physician Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Students should submit their documentation and this completed form to Disability Resources. The student should also share a copy of this form with their physical activity course instructor.

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