

POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

KIN4804 (1 unit—15 weeks): Orientation to Kinesiology

Meeting Days:	Mondays— <i>only specific dates</i>	Instructor:	Alisa Ward
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Final Exam:	Monday, May 2 nd	Office Hours:	<i>By appointment</i>

PLNU Mission: To Teach—To Shape—To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Institutional Learning Outcomes

- 1. Learning, Informed by our Faith in Christ**—students will acquire knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world while developing skills and habits of mind that foster life long learning.
- 2. Growing, In a Christ-Centered Faith Community**—students will develop a deeper and more informed understanding of others as they negotiate complex professional, environmental and social contexts.
- 3. Serving, In a Context of Christian Faith**—Students will serve locally and/or globally in vocational and social settings.

Course Description

An introductory course dealing with the expectations, opportunities, organizations and nature of the professions students in the Kinesiology Department might pursue. Topics addressed will include essential networking and professional skills, research and writing techniques and methodologies for department assignments. An overview of major course requirements, internships and graduate school opportunities are presented. Living a purposeful life will be a course theme.

Course Orientation

- 1. To get to know your professor better:** [Alisa Ward, Bio](#)
- 2. Student role:** to glean the best experiences out of this course, students will lead discussions board topics on a rotating basis, will be expected to participate in breakout sessions on zoom, and will be asked to converse with peers and faculty within the university during our networking sessions.
- 3. Instructor role:** the professor will act as a guide and mediator as we move through the semester schedule.
- 4. Tips for success:**
 - a. Be sure to make notes of due dates: they are strict and late assignments will not be accepted.
 - b. Be sure to make the connection that ALL discussion board posts are due Monday before midnight and ALL other assignments are due on Friday before midnight.
 - c. Get to know your peers and faculty members as they will be your closest allies as you prepare for a future in the healthcare industry.

Course Learning Outcomes

A. Students will summarize personal story as bookends of the course. Students will reflect upon a life of purpose and consider the implications in their own professional lives.

We will be reading and discussing various devotional readings, stories about vocation, and discussing professionalism as future healthcare professionals. In doing so, we want to think about living a life of purpose and what this entails.

B. Students will prepare and experiment with various networking assignments and then will implement their practices by conversing with peers and faculty within the university.

As part of your practice toward professionalism you will need to dive into the art of networking, where you will have the chance to read, discuss, and practice with others.

E. Students will administer information searches on selected topics utilizing peer reviewed, current articles.

Searching for, identifying, and summarizing evidence-based practices found in various databases will allow you to practice reading and writing at a technical level necessary for upper division and/or graduate courses.

F. Students will examine AMA format and will display proficient AMA formatting while participating in technical writing assignments.

The American Medical Association (AMA) is one of the formats that will be used in our discipline. It is important to learn more about formatting and to take notice of the various formats utilized in peer-reviewed journals so you know how to glean necessary information. It is also important to practice technical reading and writing skills that are far different from our conversational tones.

G. Students will define and integrate foundational exercise science cognates and utilize the advanced language of the professionals.

Familiarizing yourself with the language used in our various disciplines will set you apart and allow you to properly articulate yourself in a healthcare setting.

Course Credit Hour Information

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a one unit class delivered over one semester. **Synchronous classes will take place over zoom on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:20pm on 2/21 & 3/14.** Class meetings will be recorded in the event that a student is unable to attend; however, points will be deducted for not participating in the live session.

Semester Readings—no text book is necessary.

Students will read a few short excerpts & quotes from the following books which will be posted on Canvas. Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law. All supplemental materials posted on this course site (including articles, book excerpts, or other documents) are provided for your personal academic use. These materials may be protected by copyright law and should not be duplicated or distributed without permission of the copyright owner:

1. Faulkner M, Nierenberg A. *Networking for college students and graduates: nonstop business networking that will change your life.* Nierenberg Consulting Group, 2017.
2. Warren R. *The Purpose Driven Life: what on earth am I here for?* Zondervan, 2012.
3. Goff B. *Love does.* Thomas Nelson, 2012.
4. Rezac D, Thomson J, Hallgren-Rezac G. *Work the pond: the power of positive networking to leap forward in work and life.* Prentice Hall Press; 2005.

Students will also read the following articles:

1. Oaklander M. The Coronavirus killed the handshake and the hug. What will replace them? *Time*. May 2020. <https://time.com/5842469/coronavirus-handshake-social-touch/>.
2. Jeffrey J. Coronavirus: will we ever shake hands again? *BBC*. May 2020. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52506079>.
3. Perez A. It's not just about jobs. Colleges must help students find the passions. *The Washington Post*. 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2017/03/10/its-not-just-about-jobs-colleges-must-help-students-find-their-passions/?utm_term=.28bb2565287a.
4. Roeder A. The scarlet F: why fat shaming harms health, and how we can change the conversation. *Magazine of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*. 2017. [https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/magazine/magazine_article/the-scarlet-f/?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Update%2006.16.2017%20\(2\)&utm_content=](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/magazine/magazine_article/the-scarlet-f/?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Update%2006.16.2017%20(2)&utm_content=).

Course Topics—Throughout the semester* address the following topics by engaging in current events, discussing articles, pondering and journaling, dialoguing on discussion boards, and producing assignments of great value.

*See Canvas for a full semester schedule

- A. Networking and professionalism
- B. Vocation and calling
- C. Living a purposeful life
- D. Advising and mapping your future
- E. Information Searches & AMA Formatting
- F. Scholarly and technical writing, reviewing and summarizing

Assessment and Grading—Points per assignment can be found on Canvas.

Grading Scale:	A = 93-100	B = 80-82	D+ = 67-69
	A- = 92-90	C+ = 77-79	D = 63-66
	B+ = 87-89	C = 73-76	D- = 60-62
	B = 83-86	C- = 70-72	F = 0-59

Incomplete and Late Assignments

All assignments are to be submitted onto Canvas by their due date and time. Canvas assignments will cease to exist once the due date has expired. It is up to you to get your assignments in on time or ahead of time in the event of a conflict on your part. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy

Regular and punctual attendance at all **synchronous** class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of the class sessions (virtual or face-to-face), the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. In some courses, a portion of the credit hour content will be delivered **asynchronously** and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates. If absences exceed these limits but are due to university excused health issues, an exception will be granted.

Asynchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

A day of attendance in asynchronous content is determined as contributing a substantive note, assignment, discussion, or submission by the posted due date. Failure to meet these standards will result in an absence for that day. Instructors will determine how many asynchronous attendance days are required each week.

Course Closure: Final Examination Policy

The final for this class will be a pre-recorded panel of experts from the field who were interviewed during an event titled “HealthCare@Work” put on by your professor and the Career Center. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved as the final presentation is a guest professional panel. During the week of final exams, you will need to submit two final assignments (reflection on the guest panel and final reflection paper) onto Canvas.

PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU’s Educational Access Center (EAC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at DRC@pointloma.edu. See [Educational Access Center](#) for additional information.

PLNU Academic Honesty Policy

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one’s own when in reality they are the results of another person’s creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

State Authorization

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location.