

Course Number and Title: ACT 175 ~ Introduction to Fly Fishing
Instructor(s): Jed Fiebelkorn
Days & Class Time: Tuesdays 3:30 pm - 6:20 pm (Aug 30, Sep 6, 20, 27)
Field trips Saturdays 9:00 am - 4:50 pm (Oct 15, 22)
Location: Gallagher Business Building L04

Overview: An introduction to fly fishing includes a brief history of the sport, beautiful places in which to enjoy it, ways in which to preserve fish habitat, casting mechanics and fishing technique practice. Students' introduction to the sport will include: knowledge of equipment, fish identification, knot-tying, casting mechanics, fishing techniques, reading still and moving water, entomology, and environmental preservation and restoration projects.

Objectives:

- Learn** to be a self-sufficient angler and confidently enjoy fly fishing, wherever you live.
- Learn** and understand the history of the sport and specific ways in which to preserve it for future generations.
- Develop** an understanding of where fish live, and their feeding and spawning behavior.
- Acquire** the knowledge and ability to accurately present an appropriate fly, hook, play and release a fish.
- Have** fun and develop an interest or giant sized passion in fly fishing.

Requirements:

- Attire** – Come to every class prepared to spend time practicing casting mechanics and fishing techniques, outside. Check the weather and layer clothing accordingly.
- Equipment provided** – Fly rods and reels are provided by Endless Drift Outfitters.
- Supplies needed** – LUNCH and beverage for our field trips

Grading/Attendance: All students are allowed 6 hours of absences during the semester without jeopardizing their credit. All absences count as such, even if for documented medical illness/injury, family emergency, sleeping in, missing class to study for a test, University of Montana sponsored events, personal days not recognized by UM, or staying out too late the night before. In other words, **WE DO NOT EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR ANY REASON. It is strongly recommended that students plan ahead and save their 6 hours of allowed absences for minor illnesses or other unexpected events that may occur during the semester.** Missing 7 or more hours will result in a grade of "NCR" (No-Credit). Due to the large number of ACTivity Classes and limited facility availability **we do not offer make-up classes or other alternatives to making up for missed hours (papers, reports, etc.).**

Punctual attendance and appropriate attire is required of all students. Students are required to be dressed down and ready to participate at the beginning of class, and participate for the duration of the class. Any student that is unable to participate for the duration of the class due to late arrival, early exit, or inappropriate attire will be marked absent for that hour. Students should plan accordingly to meet these requirements. ACTivity Class Instructors have the independent authority to allow their **entire class** no more than 5 minutes of flexibility at the beginning OR at the end of class, depending on the course constraints.

Each registered student voluntarily and knowingly assumes the risks inherent to the activity in which they are participating. If a student experiences a significant event (for example, a **documented extended** illness, major injury, or the death of an immediate family member) and cannot complete the minimum participation and attendance requirements, the ACTivity Class Director will assist the student with class withdrawal or work with the student to complete a "Petition to Extend Allowed Absences".

Students should consult their instructors immediately if they have special needs related to their attendance. **Petitions to Extend Allowed Absences are not permitted after the last instructional day prior to finals week**, and are available from ACTivity Class Instructors, McGill Hall 117, or the HHP website at;

http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/hhp/activity_classes/petition/default.php

A note from the Curry Health Center or other medical provider that serves as documentation that a student missed class due to a minor illness or routine appointment will NOT be considered an "excused" absence. It is still an absence and will count towards the 6 hours of allowed absences each student receives for the semester. Students cannot petition to extend absences when missing a single ACTivity Class for any reason. Missing a single ACTivity Class will count towards the 6 hours of allowed absences each student receives for the semester.

Accommodations: The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). If a student thinks he/she may have a disability adversely affecting their ACTivity Class participation or attendance, the student should contact DSS in Lommasson 154. The H²PAC Program may be able to work with the student and DSS to provide an appropriate accommodation. A student needing an accommodation for another reason should immediately notify the ACTivity Class Director; hence options for an accommodation that will not substantially alter the fundamental objectives of the course can be explored.

Any student requesting ACTivity Class accommodations for a religious observance should provide the ACTivity Class Director with a written request to consider a reasonable modification for that observance by the end of the second week of the ACTivity Class. If the Department of Health and Human Performance and the student cannot agree on a reasonable accommodation, the student may file a complaint with the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action/Title IX Coordinator at 243-5710; www.umt.edu/eo

Safety: **Let the instructor know if you have any pre-existing injuries or if you are pregnant. Immediately report any in-class injuries to the instructor. Listen to your body and go at your own pace.**

Semester Schedule:

Week 1 - Introduction to the course, attendance policy, facility and class rules, safety considerations, equipment, brief history of the sport, knot tying and casting mechanics.

Week 2 - Fish identification, water quality, fish habitat terminology, learning to be good stewards by preserving the health and function of land and water, knot tying, insect identification and fishing techniques.

Week 3 - Aquatic and terrestrial insect identification, fly patterns which imitate insect's life cycle, alternative fish food, knot tying, and casting mechanics.

Week 4 -Fly fishing around the world, casting mechanics, guided fishing trip on a river or lake.