

Competency Areas and Descriptions

Attitude: Listens to instructional staff, willing to accept constructive criticism, and shows a desire to implement the instructions and suggestions from staff members to improve overall performance. Demonstrates a concern for others, willingness to help, and promotes umpiring.

Instinct: Recognizing the development of plays in advance of their occurrence.

Hustle: When necessary, moving quickly with a purpose during a play while demonstrating a good understanding of the concept of distance and angle.

Mobility and Positioning: Possesses the physical ability to move around the field efficiently to be in the best possible position on the field to see the developing play, cover all responsibilities, and move to future responsibilities.

Coordination: Ability to make a combination of umpire body movements while remaining under control and in a manner that is well-timed, smooth, and that demonstrates proper agility.

Poise and Demeanor: Displays appropriate level of confidence, assertiveness, and energy in all movements, decisions, calls, and interactions.

Appearance: Exhibits adequate physical condition, posture, body movements, and mannerisms while looking professional in uniform.

Plate Fundamentals: Demonstrates proficient stances, timing, signals, voice, communication, and two-man system mechanics while working the plate.

Base Fundamentals: Demonstrates proficient stances, timing, signals, voice, communication, and two-man system mechanics while working the bases.

Judgment: Uses all of the technical evaluation criteria to ultimately make correct decisions for pitches and check swings, and for all routine and non-routine plays and scenarios.

Applied Rules Interpretation: Ability to apply knowledge of OBR rules, interpretations, and protocols on the field.

Written Tests Score: Displays understanding of the information presented during classroom lectures and on-field demonstrations on written tests.

Performance Grading Scale and Criteria

Excellent: Performance and ability demonstrated exhibits an exceptionally high level of competence and knowledge in the particular category.

Above Average: Performance and ability exhibited is better than the majority of student body in the particular category.

Average: Performance and ability exhibited is adequate and at a level equivalent with the majority of students displaying competence and functionality in the particular category.

Below Average: Performance and ability exhibited below the level of most students and lacking full competence and functionality in the particular category.

Poor: Unacceptable performance and ability displayed in the particular category.

Incomplete: Due to injury, illness, or other unforeseen circumstances, competency based on performance and ability could not be determined.

Written Tests Requirements

Students must complete the course with an accumulative written tests score of 70% or higher to qualify for a position in professional baseball.