

# The Science and Practice of Yoga

## I. The Practice of Yoga

- A. The Wheel of Awareness
- **B.** Setting up for Meditation
- C. Mindfulness Meditation
- D. Body Scan
- E. Diaphragmatic Breath

### II. Being Well in a Digital Age

- A. Introduction to the Digital Age
- B. The Effects of the Digital Age
- C. Well-Being: An Introduction
- D. The Meaning of Well-Being
- E. The Brain Science of Well-Being
- F. A River of Well-Being
- G. On the mat.
  - 1. Victorious Breath, poses
  - 2. Mindfulness Meditation
  - 3. Compassion Meditation
  - 4. 5 Senses Meditation

#### H. Off the mat

- 1. Awakening to Habits
- 2. Wiring in the Pause
- 3. Monitoring Your Goal

#### III. The science of yoga

A. Why We Need the Science of Yoga

- **B.** Western and Eastern Perspectives
- C. Introduction to the Research on Yoga
- D. Yoga and Physical Health
- E. Yoga and Mental Health
- F. On the mat
  - 1. Warrior 1, Warrior 2
  - 2. Crescent Lunge and Crescent Twist
  - 3. High Plank, Low Plank, Up-Dog & Down Dog Transition
- G. Off the mat.
  - 1. Reflecting on Your Goal
- IV. Stress: Survive and Thrive
  - A. What is Stress?
  - **B.** Bodily Systems Involved in Stress
  - C. How Stress Affects Your Body
  - D. Autonomic Imbalance
  - E. The Intervention of Presence
  - F. The Science of Self-Compassion
  - G. On the mat.
    - 1. The Science of Self-Compassion
    - 2. Halfway Lift, Triangle, Pyramid, and Revolved Triangle
    - 3. Expansive Breath
  - H. Off the mat.
    - 1. The Off Switch
    - 2. Exploring Common Humanity
    - 3. Practicing Mindfulness with Your Course Goal
- V. Linking Mind & Body
  - A. The Mind-Body Connection
  - **B.** Musculoskeletal Wellness
  - C. The Anatomy of Breath
  - D. Breath and the Vagus Nerve
  - E. On the mat
    - 1. 4-7-8 Breath
    - 2. Coherent Breathing Practice
    - 3. Sphinx, Seal, Bridge, and Wheel

- 4. Legs-up, Half pigeon, and Full Pigeon
- 5. Single Leg Forward Fold, Supine Twist, and Twisted Roots