

PEDS 7260 Legal Issues in Sport Management

Spring 2006

T/Th 12:30-1:45

202 Ramsey Center

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Course Description and Goals: This course offers an introduction to current scholarship and debates surrounding legal issues in sport. A critical perspective will be used to examine the American legal system as it applies to sport. This course is intended to help develop and foster critical thinking skills, to learn and understand the historical and social context underlying the legal aspects of sport, and to improve written and verbal communication skills.

Required Text:

- Doyice J. Cotten and John Wolohan, *Law for Recreation and Sport Managers*, 3rd ed. (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company 2003).

Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance and participation is required because much of the course content will be based on in-class discussion and lectures. Each student will be allowed 3 unexcused absences. After the University's drop/add period is over, a final roll sheet will be created. It is the student's responsibility to sign the attendance sheet each day. If there are extenuating circumstances and you will not be able to attend class or may have to leave class early, please let me know prior to the class period. If a student exceeds the maximum number of unexcused absences, points will be deducted from the class participation grade for each additional absence.

Assignments:

Research Paper: The student shall prepare a research paper on a legal issue of his or her own choice. The paper should be at least 10 typed pages. It should describe and critique the legal issue and explain its importance in the scope of sports law. More information regarding the paper will be forthcoming.

Quizzes: There will be a total of 4 quizzes given throughout the semester. These quizzes will be available on WebCT. The quizzes will generally not be cumulative; however, I reserve the right to change this if I deem it necessary. Students will be allowed to use their notes and the textbook on these quizzes.

Midterm: There will be a midterm examination given in this course. It will cover all materials presented in this class from the beginning of the semester until the midpoint of the semester. This

includes lecture notes, information on quizzes, and notes from the Socratic discussions. The midterm will be a closed-book exam.

Final Exam: The final exam will cover MAINLY information from the second half of the semester, but I reserve the right to ask questions of particular importance from the beginning of the semester. The final exam will be closed-book.

Note: No late papers will be accepted without my advance permission and those late papers may be subject to penalty. Failure to attend class on the day of your Socratic discussion and summary without giving me 24 hours notice may result in a zero. All emergency situations will be taken into consideration.

Grades:

Grades will be based on the following scale: 100-90%=A; 89-80%=B; 79-70%=C; 69-60%=D; 59-0%=F

Research Paper:	25%
Quizzes (4):	20%
Midterm:	25%
Final Exam:	25%
Class Participation:	5%

Academic Integrity

All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty.” Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. All acts of dishonesty in any work constitute academic misconduct and the University of Georgia’s Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures will be followed in the event of suspected misconduct. More details regarding the University’s policies and procedures can be found at www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon/htm.

Disability Accommodations

To request disability accommodations, contact Disability Services at 542-8719. After initial arrangements are made with that office, please inform me.

Upon entering class, please place all cell phones on vibrate or silent mode.

Class Schedule (subject to change)

T	01/10	Introduction
TH	01/12	In-class assignment
T	01/17	Introduction to Sport Law Read: 2-8, 44-52
TH	01/19	Researching Legal Cases

Read: 12-19

- T 01/24** Negligence Law
Read: 55-62
- TH 01/26** Negligence Law
Read: 78-86
- T 01/30** Negligence Law
Read: 126-136
- TH 02/02** Negligence Law
Read: 138-143, 149-153
First Quiz Due
- T 02/07** Negligence Law
Read: 169-178, 180-190
- TH 02/09** Olympics and the Law
- T 02/14** In-Class Assignment
- TH 02/16** International Sport Law
Read: 34-37, 48-51
- T 02/21** Property Law
Read: 206-213
Second Quiz Due
- TH 02/23** Property Law
- T 02/27** Property Law
- TH 03/02** Review for Midterm
- T 03/07** **MIDTERM**
- TH 03/09** In-Class Assignment

SPRING BREAK

No Class 03/13-03-17

- T 03/21** Intentional Torts and Criminal Acts
Read: 230-234, 240-246
- TH 03/23** Intentional Torts and Criminal Acts

Read: 271-275, 282-293

T 03/28 Risk Management
Read: 296-303, 308-316

TH 03/30 Risk Management
Read: 341-358

T 04/04 Contract Law
Read: 384-400
Third Quiz Due

TH 04/06 Contract Law

T 04/11 Constitutional Law
Read: 455-475

TH 04/13 Constitutional Law
Read: 484-493, 495-511
PAPER DUE

T 04/18 Constitutional Law
Read: 513-534

TH 04/20 Sport and Legislation

T 04/25 Sport and Legislation
Fourth Quiz Due

TH 04/27 **LAST DAY OF CLASS**
Review for Final