

PEDS 3420 Managing the Legal Aspects of Sports

Fall 2006

MWF 11:15-12:05

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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:

- Adam Epstein, *Sports Law*, (West Legal Studies, 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 4 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.

Assignments:

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

Final Exam: The Final Exam will be much like the Midterm. The Final will not be cumulative. It will cover materials presented after the midpoint of the semester. This includes readings from the book, lecture notes, and information on quizzes. The Final will be a closed-book exam. The Final Exam for this course is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2006 from 12:00-3:00.

Grades:

The University has implemented a new plus/minus grading system. However, there is no A+ in the University plan. Therefore, my grading will be based on the following scale:

100-96% =	A
95-90% =	A-
89- 87% =	B+
86-84% =	B
83-80% =	B-
79-77% =	C+
76-74% =	C
73-70% =	C-
69-60% =	D
59 and below	F

Quizzes (4):	40%
Midterm:	25%
Final Exam:	25%
Class Participation:	10%

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)

W	08/16	Introduction
F	08/18	What is Law?
M	08/21	What is Law?
W	08/23	Law concluded; <u>Kemp v. Ervin</u>
F	08/25	Chapter 2: Sports Contracts
M	08/28	Chapter 2 cont.

W	08/30	Case 2: <u>Vanderbilt University v. DiNardo</u>
F	09/01	In-class assignment
M	09/04	LABOR DAY (no class)
W	09/06	Chapter 1: Sports Agents
F	09/08	Chapter 1 cont.
M	09/11	Case 1: <u>United States v. Walters</u>
W	09/13	Chapter 7: Drugs and Sports (Quiz 1 Due)
F	09/15	Case 9: <u>Board of Educ. Of Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 92 v. Earls</u>
M	09/18	Chapter 8: International Sports Issues
W	09/20	Case 10: <u>DeFrantz v. U.S. Olympic Committee</u>
F	09/22	Chapter 3: Sports Torts
M	09/25	Chapter 3 cont.
W	09/27	Case 3: <u>Schick v. Ferolito</u> ; Case 4: <u>Benjamin v. Detroit Tigers, Inc.</u>
F	09/29	Chapter 4: Sports Crimes
M	10/02	Chapter 4 cont.
W	10/04	MIDPOINT (Quiz 2 Due)
F	10/06	In-class Assignment
M	10/09	MIDTERM
W	10/11	Chapter 5: Title IX and Other Women's Issues
F	10/13	Chapter 5 cont.
M	10/16	Case 5: <u>Boucher v. Syracuse Univ</u> ; Case 6: <u>Mercer v. Duke Univ.</u>
W	10/18	Chapter 6: Disabilities and Sport
F	10/20	Chapter 6 cont.
M	10/23	Case 7: <u>Maddox v. Univ. of Tenn.</u> ; Case 8: <u>PGA Tour v. Martin</u>
W	10/25	Chapter 9: Antitrust and Labor Issues in Sport (Quiz 3 Due)
F	10/27	FALL BREAK
M	10/30	Chapter 9 cont.
W	11/01	Case 11: <u>Black v. NFLPA</u> ; Case 12: <u>Law v. NCAA</u>
F	11/03	Chapter 10: Intellectual Property Issues in Sport
M	11/06	Case 13: <u>Indianapolis Colts, Inc. v. Metro. Baltimore Football Club</u>
W	11/08	Chapter 11: Alternative Dispute Resolution in Sport

F	11/10	In-class Assignment
M	11/13	Case 14: <u>NBA Properties, Inc. v Adirondack Software Corp.</u>
W	11/15	Chapter 12: Religion and Sport
F	11/17	Chapter 12 cont.
M	11/20	TBA
W	11/22	THANKSGIVING BREAK (no class)
F	11/24	THANKSGIVING BREAK (no class)
M	11/27	TBA
W	11/29	Quiz 4 Due
F	12/01	TBA
M	12/04	TBA
W	12/06	LAST DAY OF CLASS