

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
College of Education and Professional Studies
Kinesiology and Sport Studies
KSS 4760-002 Sport Law FALL 2013 Semester

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Course Description:

A survey of the law as it relates to professionals in the field of sport and fitness management. Pertinent concepts and legal constraints including liability, negligence, and tort related to employment in various professional positions in the sport industry.

Course Objectives:

1. To understand key legal terms, principles, and concepts applicable to the sport industry.
2. To understand how elements of law apply to administering sport and fitness programs.
3. To analyze common case studies of negligence that occur in the sport environment.
4. To develop risk management guidelines and checklists for sport programs.
5. To analyze case law and apply established legal precedence to recent situations and scenarios.
6. To understand the use of legal means in professional sport.

Required Text:

Spengler, J.O., Anderson, P.M., Connaughton, D.P., & Baker, T.P. (2009) *Introduction to Sport Law*, Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Course Policies

Office of Disability Services Statement for Persons with Disabilities: In conjunction with the overall mission of Eastern Illinois University, the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS) is committed to facilitating the provision of equal access and opportunity to all campus programs and services for students with disabilities. Through collaboration and support of the entire campus community, OSDS promotes universally accessible design principles, so that everyone has access to university life. OSDS is located in Ninth Street Hall (the corner of Ninth and Roosevelt) in room 2006. Phone: (217) 581-6583

Student Success Center (SSC): Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center ([www.eiu.edu~success](http://www.eiu.edu/~success)) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696 or go to the 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Those students reasonably suspected of academic dishonesty by the course instructor will fail the coursework involved and/or the course and details will be submitted to the Office of Judicial Affairs for student conduct.

Attendance and Participation: Attendance is required for successful completion of this course. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Please be timely in your arrival to class. Arriving late causes a disruption to your classmates, if you arrive late please let the instructor know so that your attendance can be counted.

Excused Absences

There are some situations which are constituted as an “excused absence” from the class meeting time. Excused absences include 1.) Individuals who participate in University sanctioned events; 2) students who have documented death in the family/serious family emergency; 3) students who are observing religious holidays; 4) students who are seriously ill and may be contagious to the health of their classmates. Students who will be absent must contact the instructor BEFORE class to make arrangements to make up the work they will have missed. Students who do not notify the instructor before their absence, whether excused or not, will not be able to make up work.

Graduate Students

Students who are taking this course for graduate credit shall follow the syllabus as outlined above the three additions that increase the rigor of this course.

1. There will be an increased accountability for student presence and engagement in class and group discussions.
2. Graduate students will take essay examinations instead of the standard examinations for midterm and final.
3. Graduate students will also have an increased responsibility when it comes to group work. The graduate students will serve as the group captain, who will then make sure the group stays on task, on time and on the same page.

Method of Evaluation:

Assignments	Points
Group/Class Participation	25
Coach Contract Assignment	25
Examinations (2)	100 (50) each
Group Projects (5)	100 (20) each
Case Analysis	25
Risk Management Presentation	75
Final Examination	75
Total	425

Grading Scale

A	B	C	D	F
100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	Below 60
425-382.5	382.5-340	339-297.5	296.5-255	Below 254

Group Participation/Class Participation

You are awarded points for class discussion and interaction. Points may be awarded for questions answered in class regarding the readings that were assigned for each lecture. The Instructor may choose to quiz on readings if they suspect that students are not attending class to have a fulfilling class discussion.

Group Projects

Group projects will be in class projects that will cover the topics that we have discussed recently in class.

Coach Contract Assignment

The contract assignment presents a good opportunity to demonstrate your understanding about how to find information concerning legal matters relating to contracts. Specifically, you are asked to find a contract on your assigned/chosen coach from one of the various Division I (FBS) institutions and put together a brief description. More information will be provided as the course progresses.

Case analysis

Each student will prepare one case analyses. The analyses will be submitted on the schedule outlined above A hard copy of each case will be attached to the case analysis. Further instructions will be provided as the semester progresses.

Risk Management Presentation

This will be a GROUP project. Each group will complete a risk analysis of high school athletic facilities within the greater Charleston/Mattoon Area. Each group will travel to a facility and assess the risks and how to improve upon a facility. More details will be presented as the semester progresses.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week 1 August 19, 21, 23		Course Intro, Legal System Ch. 1
Week 2 August 26, 28, 30		US Legal System Cont., Tort Law (Ch. 2)
Week 3 September 2, 4, 6		No Class, Tort Law (Ch. 2), <i>Group Project #1</i>
Week 4 September 9, 11, 13		Risk Management (Ch. 3); Tour
Week 5 September 16, 18, 20		<i>Group Project 2</i> , Sport Crimes
Week 6 September 23, 25, 27		Exam #1 , Agency Law (Ch. 4)
Week 7 Sept. 30, Oct. 2, 4		Contract Law (Ch. 5) Coaching Contract Assignment Due
Week 8 October 7, 9, 11		Employment Law, (Ch. 6), <i>Group Project #3</i> , NO CLASS
Week 9 October 14, 16, 18		Constitutional Law; Religion in Sport, Case Analysis Due
Week 10 October 21, 23, 25		Drugs in Sport,
Week 11 Oct. 28, 30, Nov. 1		Examination #2 , History of Discrimination
Week 12 November 4, 6, 8		Gender Equity, Project #4
Week 13 November 11, 13, 15		Intellectual Property Law, Anti-trust Law (Ch. 10)
Week 14 November 18, 20, 22		Group Project #5, Presentations
Week 15 November 25-29		Thanksgiving Break ENJOY!!
Week 16 December 2, 4, 6		Presentations , Final PREP Course Conclusion
Finals Week December 9-13		Final Exam: Thursday December 12 8-10 am

****Exam Dates & course Dates are Subject to Change based upon the course progression****