

KSS 5215
Legal Aspects of Sport
Eastern Illinois University
Credit Hours 3-0-3

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Course Description:

This is a graduate course relating to the application of tort law, contract law and constitutional law within the sport and fitness industry. The course will provide a legal framework concerning negligence, liability, contract law and risk management practices pertaining to sport businesses.

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze and interpret the intersection between law, sport and society.
2. Utilize the library and electronic resources to research and critique sport law cases and legal principles.
3. Differentiate law cases and identify future applications of the legal principles within sport & fitness, which include tort law, agency law, intellectual property, and antitrust law.
4. Analyze and apply legal concepts regarding contract law and how it affects sport operations.
5. Analyze and evaluate cases which involve discrimination, based upon gender, race and age, and recognize how to protect these classes.
6. Synthesize and evaluate how sports contracts and collective bargaining agreements are formed pertaining to sport.
7. Evaluate and differentiate the types of constitutional law and how it affects sport managers and fitness professionals.
8. Evaluate the connection of legal and business issues and learn to deal with possible constraints of sports managers and fitness professionals

Exams:

Exams will be offered as essay exams in class during the face to face session via D2L. Quizzes may be offered at the instructor's discretion if students are not reading assignments.

Group Assignments:

Members of the class will be assigned to a group for group assigned which may include assignments such as a Risk Management Presentation/Manual of an offsite facility, collective bargaining agreement, sponsorship agreements, etc.. Group assignments may also be offered through class discussion and collaboration during the class session.

Each student will also be responsible for bringing a current law topic to class. This can be very informal, and unassigned, but if no one volunteers, I will create assigned dates. These topics are important for each one of us to understand the applicability to law in sport.

Writing Assignments:

The writing assignments may include but are not limited to a case analysis or a legal research paper, in which the students perform advanced scholarly activity in research as well as a well-produced written work. There will be 4 case analysis and one research paper that will be due this semester.

Grading Policy

Grading will be as follows:

Exams and or quizzes:	30%
Group Assignments:	30%
Writing Assignments:	40%
Total	100%

Class Policies:

Attendance and Participation: Attendance is **required** for successful completion of this course. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class by signing in. Please be timely in your arrival to class. Arriving late causes a disruption to your classmates; if you arrive late it is your responsibility to sign the attendance book and get the material you missed. If you insist on missing class it will affect your grade in a negative manner.

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.

Academic integrity-

Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU’s Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>). Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards.

Eastern Illinois University is committed to the learning process and academic integrity that is defined in the Student Conduct Code (1.1). To encourage original and authentic written work, any written assignment created in this course may be submitted for review to Turnitin.com and will become a searchable document with the Turnitin-protected and restricted use database."

Students with Disabilities-

If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217-581-6583 to make an appointment

The Student Success Center-

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center (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 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Topical Outline

Week	Topic	
Week 1 August 22, 24	Importance of Law in our Profession/ Risk Management	<i>Review Chap 1 & 2 to get acquainted & review</i>
Week 2 Aug 29, 31	Risk Management	<i>Chapter 3 & 4</i>
Week 3 Sept 5, 7	Application & Analysis of tort law	<i>No Class Sept 5 Labor Day Rd Ch. 3, Case Analysis #1 Due Sept 9</i>
Week 4 Sept 12, 14	Athletic Associations	<i>Rd. Ch. 5</i>
Week 5 Sept 19, 21	Athletic Associations	<i>Exam</i>
Week 6 Sept 26, 28	Drug Testing	<i>Rd. Ch. 7 Case Analysis #2 Due</i>
Week 7 Oct 3, 5	Discrimination	<i>Ch. 8 Group Project Due</i>
Week 8 Oct 10, 12	Contract Law	<i>Rd. Ch. 9</i>
Week 9 Oct 17, 19	Antitrust Law	<i>Rd. Ch. 10 Case Analysis #3 Due</i>
Week 10 Oct 24, 26	Antitrust Law	<i>Exam</i>
Week 11 Oct 31, Nov 2	Employment & Labor Law	<i>Ch. 8</i>
Week 12 Nov 7, 9	Business Law	<i>Rd. Ch. 15 Case Analysis #4 Due</i>
Week 13 Nov 14, 18	Employment Law	<i>Rough Draft of Research Paper Due</i>
Week Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving BREAK	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
Week 14 Nov 28, 30	Broadcasting Issues	<i>Rd. Ch. 14</i>
Week 15 Dec 5, 7	Other Law issues	<i>Research Paper Due</i>
Week 16 Finals Week	Exam	<i>Wed Dec 14 10:15 am-12:15pm</i>

This is a tentative schedule. Instructor reserves the right to adjust or change as needed as the course progresses.