

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**College of Education and Professional Studies**  
**Kinesiology and Sport Studies**  
**KSS 4760.001 Sport Law Spring 2018 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. This course is restricted to KSS majors

Course Objectives:

1. Integrate key legal terms, principles, and concepts applicable to the sport industry.
2. Analyze how elements of law apply to administering sport and fitness management.
3. Examine common case studies of negligence that occur in the sport-fitness environment.
4. Develop risk management guidelines and checklists for sport-fitness environment.
5. Analyze case law and apply established legal precedence to recent situations and scenarios.
6. Evaluate the use of collective bargaining agreements in professional sports.

In addition students taking this course for graduate credit will:

1. Analyze group discussions on legal concepts to navigate particular areas of sport interest and their intersection with the law
2. Produce independent research involving an issue relating to sport and the law.

Required Text:

Spengler, J.O., Anderson, P. M., Connaughton, D.P., Baker, & T. A. (2016) *Introduction to Sport Law*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Grading Scale

A	B	C	D	F
100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	Below 60

#### Method of Evaluation: Undergraduate Students

Written Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case Analysis</li><li>• Coaches Contract</li><li>• Reading Questions</li></ul>	10%
Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk Management Project</li><li>• Group Projects</li><li>• Current Topic</li></ul>	40%
Examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 Semester Exams/quizzes (over each chapter)</li><li>• 1 Final Exam</li></ul>	50%
Total	100%

#### Method of Evaluation: Graduate Student Assignments

Written Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case Analysis</li><li>• Coaches Contract</li><li>• Reading Questions</li><li>• Legal Paper</li></ul>	40%
Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk Management Project</li><li>• Group Projects</li></ul> Current topic	30%
Examinations (ESSAY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 Semester Exams/quizzes over each chapter</li><li>• 1 Final Exam</li></ul>	30%
• Total	100%

#### Assignments

##### *Writing Assignments*

#### Case Analysis

Each student will prepare one case analyses. The case analysis will provide a summary of the case along with a risk management section on how the case could have been prevented. Please submit the analyses through D2L, and either scan the original case in, provide the link, or provide the hard copy to me in class. Further instructions will be provided as the semester progresses.

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Graduate Students will prepare 4 case analyses to present at the end of the semester in a formal 5 minute presentation.

#### 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.

### **Reading Questions**

Reading questions may be presented through D2L on a few significant chapters. You will be required not only to read the chapter but also seek an outside source in your field of choice of how this applies to your field. This will allow you to relate the law concepts to the area of your choice, plus see what your classmates are interested in.

### **Extra Credit**

Extra Credit may be given throughout the semester if it will improve your professional experiences and “toolbox.” Opportunities such as professional conferences and volunteering (excluding internship opportunities) for sporting events may be used as such. A written summary of one page will also be required to describe your experience. Only three extra credit opportunities will be given per student, however, you should always continue to grow as a young professional.

### **Class Participation**

Participation is key to understanding the material in this course. 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.

Other assignments may be necessary to not only deepen your understanding of the material, but also to make the course more interesting. These assignments may vary in points from 5-30. Please come prepared for class to make it more interesting.

### **\*\*\*\*Graduate Research Presentation\*\*\*\***

**Legal Research Presentation:** Each Graduate student will select a legal topic relating to sport and prepare a legal research presentation. The presentation will include your analysis of your 4 cases and include a summary for the class.

### ***Group Work***

#### **Group Projects**

Group projects will be in class projects that will cover the topics that we have discussed recently in class. Each member should participate in the group project, which does not mean that the group allows one or two people to do all of the work. It will reflect poorly on your group.

#### **Risk Management Presentation**

This will be a GROUP project. Each group will complete a risk analysis of high school athletic facilities, or fitness club 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.

#### **Current Topic**

Each student will be assigned a date to present a current topic and how it applies to the law and sport. The presentation is informal, but you will be required to write a one-page summary with a submission to D2L.

Requirements: Who are the parties involved? Who is the defendant and prosecutor? What is the issue at hand? Who does it affect? How could it affect sport managers or you in the future? Consider what the repercussions of the case or issue may be. Also prepare 2 questions for the class discussion.

## **Exams**

There will be 2 semester examinations and 1 comprehensive final examination. The examinations generally consist of Short answer and multiple choice questions. During the first class meeting as a class we will decide if we want to class examinations or quizzes over the content. We will still finish with a cumulative final.

\*\*\*\*Graduate students will take an essay examination for each examination/ quiz.\*\*\*\*

## **Course Policies**

**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.

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones may be useful for research and data in this course. However, during lecture, group work, and discussion, your phone should be put away and not be visible to the instructor. Facebook, twitter, and text messages can wait for the duration unless they are viable to the discussion

**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](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 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

### Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Topic	
Week 1	Course Intro, Foundations of Law	
Week 2	US Legal System Continued	
Week 3	Tort Law	
Week 4-	Managerial Strategies to Minimize Risk	<i>Case Analysis Due</i>
Week 5	Risk Management	
Week 6	Agency Law	
Week 7	<i>Risk Management Presentations</i>	
Week 8	Contract Law <i>Coaches Contract Due</i>	<i>Coaches Contract Due</i>
Week 9	Employment Law	
Week 10-	Constitutional Law	
Week 11	Gender Equity	
Week 12	Intellectual Property	
Week 13-	Antitrust	
Week 14-	Development & Protection of Intellectual Property	
Week 15	Labor Law Finish up Material, <i>Special Olympics on the 28<sup>th</sup>!!</i>	
Week 16	Finals Week	<i>Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:15-12:15</i>

**\*\*Course information is tentative. Course Dates and Material are subject to change upon the course progression.\*\***