

Course Syllabus **HHPS 539.01W Sport Law (Online)**

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Class Meeting Class Meeting: Online

Textbook Required:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: APA.

Epstein, A. (2003). *Sports Law* (1sted.) Clifton, NY: Cengage.

Course Description This course will focus on the legal aspects of the sports industry, including the ways in which contract, labor, tort, and antitrust law influence, impact, and direct the development of relationships between leagues, teams, athletes, agents, television, internet, advertisers, and fans. There will be a critical analysis of law as it impacts sport in educational institutions and communities.

Grading Policy

A	89.5 - 100	(Exceptional, Mastery)
B	79.5 – 89.4	(Above Average, Good Performance & Learning)
C	69.5 – 79.4	(Average)
D	59.5 – 69.4	(Poor)
F	59.4 and below	(Failing)

20%	Discussions
20%	Quizzes
20%	Case Study Research Project
40%	Culminating Research Paper

Late assignments will receive a grade of zero "0".

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

- Have a basic understanding of U.S. law as it relates to sport.
- Identify laws that affect the way sport and business related to sport is conducted in the U.S.
- Be able to apply principles of sport law to their specific careers.
- Demonstrate competency in relating course topics to peer-reviewed, academic literature by generating a culminating research paper.
- Demonstrate the ability to write in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the American

Psychological Association (6th ed.).

eCollege This course in an online course that will be 100% online and is located within eCollege. To log onto eCollege, visit the University's main website, then click on "My Leo." Log on using your CWID and your password, which is probably your birthday in 6 digits (e.g. May 6, 1980 would be 050680). Then click on eCollege. Select this course and use the headings on the left to navigate.

The following support options are available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week:

- **Help:** Click on the 'Help' button on the toolbar for information regarding working with eCollege (i.e. How to submit to dropbox, How to post to discussions etc...)
- **Chat Support:** Click on 'Live Support' on the tool bar within your course to chat with an eCollege Representative.
- **Phone:** 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- **Email:** helpdesk@online.tamuc.org to initiate a support request with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- **Contacting Your Instructor:** If you have questions pertaining to the content of this course (e.g., questions about an exam, course due dates, grades, etc.), please email me directly.

Statement of Student Behavior "All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment." (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct). Inappropriate behavior will result in a warning followed by class dismissal and a student / teacher conference. Continued inappropriate behavior will result in permanent dismissal from the course.

ADA Statement *Texas A&M University-Commerce is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations will be made in accordance with the law. To request ADA accommodations, please communicate your needs (number) of days before the activity or program you plan to attend by contacting the Director of Disability Resources and Services, 903.886.5835.*

- Course Policies and Procedures**
1. eCollege and myLeo email will be our primary method of communication. Please refer to it regularly.
 2. The due date listed for assignments are the LAST chance to submit them. Please turn in your work early. I DO NOT accept late assignments. Any student missing an exam or assignment without prior arrangement will receive a score of zero.
 3. If you have a question or concern, TALK to me. I am here to help. If you need to reach me and I am not in my office, e-mail me.
 4. Academic honesty: At no time should you submit work in place of your own or utilize the words, thoughts, or phrases of other authors. You are required to abide by APA guidelines which state "researchers do not claim the words and ideas of another as their own; they give credit where credit is due (APA Ethics Code Standard 8.11, Plagiarism). Plagiarism and academic cheating is a violation of the university's student code of conduct and will be reported the Dean of Students on all occasions. Please err of the side of caution and become very familiar with your APA Manual.

**Tentative
Course
Schedule**

Dates	Week
July 7 - 21	<p>Unit 1</p> <p>Reading Topics:</p> <p>Sport Agents Contracts Torts & Crimes Title IX and Other Women's Issues</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Discussion I Discussion II Discussion III Unit 1 Quiz</p> <p>Case Study Research Project</p> <p>Due Date:</p> <p>Thursday, July 11th at 8am Monday, July 14th at 8:00am Thursday, July 17th at 8:00am Thursday, July 17th at 8:00am Monday, July 21st at 8:00am</p>
July 21 - Aug. 7	<p>Unit 2</p> <p>Reading Topics:</p> <p>Drugs, Disability, and Religion in Sport Antitrust and Labor in Sport International, Intellectual, OR Alternative Dispute Resolution Issues in Sport (Your choice)</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Discussion IV Discussion V Discussion VI Unit 2 Quiz</p> <p>Culminating Research Paper</p> <p>Due Date:</p> <p>Thursday, July 24th at 8:00am Monday, July 28th at 8:00am Thursday, July 31st 8th at 11:59pm Thursday, July 31st at 11:59pm Tuesday, August 5th at 11:59pm</p>