



## **HHPS 539 01W – Sport Law (Online) Winter-Mini, 2022**

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### **COURSE INFORMATION**

#### **Textbook(s) Required:**

Spengler, J.O., Anderson, P. M., Connaughton, D. P., & Baker, T. A. (2009). *Introduction to sport law*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics (or newer edition)

#### **Recommended:**

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: APA.

#### **Course Description**

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

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

*Syllabus/schedule subject to change*

- Have a basic understanding of U. S. law as it relates to sport (amateur and professional)
- 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 the ability to write in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the American Psychological Association (6th ed.).

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### **Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments**

This course will consist of required readings from the textbook, quizzes to test your knowledge and understanding of the material and written assignments. More detail into these aspects of the course is provided in the grading section below.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Student should be proficient in Microsoft Word, web browsing, and navigating an online learning platform.

### **Instructional Methods**

This course will consist of required readings from the textbook, quizzes to test your knowledge and understanding of the material and written assignments. More detail into these aspects of the course is provided in the grading section below.

### **Student Responsibilities**

It is your responsibility to submit all required quizzes and assignments by the due date and time listed for each section. **Failure to turn in work by the due date will result in a zero grade for any assignments!**

## GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

## Assessments

<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Point value</u>
Section 1	200pts
Section 2	200pts
<b>Total</b>	<b>400pts</b>

**I will round up from a .5 or higher. Example: You end with a 79.5, this will round up to an 80.**

## Assessments

The sections will include the following:

Quizzes: You will take several multiple choice and true/false questions to test your understanding of the required readings (APA quizzes will be scored out of 25pts and textbook reading quizzes out of 50pts).

Discussions: You will be asked to lead the class in several discussion threads. These will be scored out of 25pts.

Written assignments: You will be asked to write short papers on a variety of issues/topics. These assignments will have instruction sheets for them and will be graded out of 100pts.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

[https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser\\_support.htm](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

## **ACCESS AND NAVIGATION**

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

### **Technical Support**

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

### **Interaction with Instructor Statement**

It is my goal to respond to any questions you have within a 24 hour period Monday through Friday (weekends are an exception). If the matter is urgent, please include the word "urgent" in the email subject line.

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

- 1) Because this is an online course, you may never meet me or your other classmates face-to-face. That means that written communication must be clear in all circumstances.
- 2) While completing assignments, chatting, etc within the D2L environment (within this class), be professional. Write clearly with correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Actively prepare by reading the assigned

materials. Share your thoughts (ask and answer questions). Have course materials with you when you are online (you can use materials during quizzes, etc).

- 3) Due dates: The "due dates" listed for sections are the LAST chance to submit them. Please submit your work early. I DO NOT accept late assignments. **A zero grade will be given for any work not turned in on time unless you discuss any circumstances beforehand.**
- 4) If you have a question or concern, e-mail me. Please include in the subject of the e-mail ("HHPS 539") and the subject of the message. I will respond within 24hrs during the week.
- 5) Use the following e-mail address for me: [steve.prewitt@tamuc.edu](mailto:steve.prewitt@tamuc.edu)
- 6) You MUST check your e-mail regularly in case I need to communicate with you.

### **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

### **University Specific Procedures**

#### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

#### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

### **Academic Integrity**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)  
[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

### **Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

#### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

### **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

### **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COURSE IS  
JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**See the course calendar on the next page:**

## COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

<b>Section 1: 12/20/21 – 1/2/22 (11:59pm)</b>		
Readings:	Spengler et al. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	
Topics:	U.S. Legal System Tort Law and Product Liability Risk Management Agency Law Contract Law	
Assignments:	Introduction discussion	Due by: 12/22/21
	APA Quiz 1	Due by: 12/26/21
	Quiz 1 (Spengler et al. Chapters 1-5)	Due by: 12/31/21
	Discussion 1	Due by: 12/31/21
	Sport Law Case Study Paper 1	Due by: 12/31/21
<b>Section 2: 1/1/22 – 1/11/22 (11:59pm)</b>		
Readings:	Spengler et al. Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10	
Topics:	Employment Law Constitutional Law Gender Equity Intellectual Property Law Antitrust Law	
Assignments:	APA Quiz 2	Due by: 1/9/22
	Quiz 2 (Spengler et al. Chapters 6 - 10)	Due by: 1/9/22
	Discussion 2	Due by: 1/11/22
	Sport Law Case Study Paper 2	Due by: 1/11/22
<b><u>Last day to withdraw from course is</u></b> <b><u>Jan 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>		