

SPM 3204 Spring 2025

Ethical Issues in Sport

Course Syllabus

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Classroom:	FLG 210
Class Time:	T 3-6 pm

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher

Course Description: This course examines ethical issues in sport. The course provides an analysis of ethical issues facing youth, interscholastic, intercollegiate, Olympic and professional sport.

Course Objectives:

The students will be able to:

- ◆ describe the major foundational theories of ethical decision-making
- ◆ define values and morals and their development in individuals
- ◆ discuss social responsibility in sport
- ◆ identify personal ethics in the rights and responsibilities of the athlete, coach, administrator and fan
- ◆ apply ethical theory to practical situations in sport
- ◆ discuss current ethical issues in sport

Resources:

Sport Business Journal, Athletic Business Journal, Athletic Administration, NCAA News, Athletic Management, Coach & Athletic Director.

Grading:

Examinations	60%
Regular Written Assignments and Final Course Paper	40%

Examinations: There will be three examinations 20 points each.

Regular Written Assignments and Final Course Paper: There will be five written assignments 4 points each and one course paper 20 points.

Course Policies:

1. Written assignments and course paper are due at the end of the day.
2. Performance on examinations, written assignments, course paper and participation in class discussions will determine final grades.

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Course Outline

Month	Day	Topic	Notes
Jan	14	Introduction	
	21	Ethics	Assignment 1
	28	Historical Lessons	
Feb	4	Coaches And Fan Behavior	Assignment 2
	11	Examination	
	18	Women's Sports	Assignment 3
	25	College and Professional Sports	
Mar	4	Sports Wagering	Assignment 4
	11	Examination	
	18	Spring Break	
	25	House Case Settlement	Assignment 5
Apr	1	Academics and Finances	
	8	Race in Sports	
	15	Performance Enhancing Drugs	Course Paper
	22	Examination	