

KNES 4553 Y20 Law & Ethics in Recreation, Leisure, & Sport

Course Syllabus Spring 2025

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Course Information

- Type: Hybrid
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Contact Information

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Contact Preference

My preferred method of communication is by email. I check my email throughout the day (MTWRF), so you can expect to hear back from me usually within a few hours of receiving your message. I generally do not respond during the evening hours or over the weekend. If you should call and leave a message, I would appreciate it if you would also send me an email as I most often do not pay attention to the phone.

Course Description

This course will familiarize students with the legal and ethical issues surrounding recreation, leisure, and the sport industry. In addition, the course will assist students in self-evaluating and examining the basic philosophical issues concerning ethics and moral reasoning and develop an ethical decision-making process.

Textbook

Champion, W.T., Karcher, R.T., & Ruddell, L.S. (2020). *Sports Ethics for Sports Management Professionals* (2nd ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of negligence, liability, risk management, and gender equity.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of current ethical and moral issues facing professionals in physical education and athletics.

3. Students will discuss standards of conduct expected of teachers, coaches, and athletic administrators.

Course Essentials

Syllabus

The syllabus provides general information about the course, assignment expectations and requirements, and assessment information.

Course Calendar

The course calendar is the road map for this course. The course calendar identifies: (1) the topics to be studied, (2) the assessment activities to be completed, and (3) the completion dates for the assessments.

Textbook

The textbook is a supplement for this course. The authors are leading scholars in the field, the research is current, and examples and discussion relevant.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

This course is supplemented by the MSU Texas online platform D2L. Each student is expected to be familiar with this platform. Course materials are posted on D2L, and some assignments are submitted through online drop boxes. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Texas Homepage.

Learning Modules

The content for this course is organized into modules by topic on D2L. The modules are listed in the course browser or can be located by clicking on the content icon on the course homepage.

Assessment

Daily Activities

Activities/quizzes associated with the topic of the day will be completed during or at the end of each class period. Students must attend class to earn these points. Daily activities are worth 10 points each.

- Total Points: 110 points
- Percent of Final Grade: 29%

Missed class make-up: Students who wish to earn the daily points missed should schedule a 30-minute face-to-face meeting for a discussion and quiz over the topic missed. This session should take place during the week of the missed class.

D2L Learning Activities

Five learning activities are required throughout the semester that give students an opportunity to apply concepts and principles to various situations. Learning activities are worth 20 points each, plus 5 points for submitting the assignment on time. Twenty-five points are possible for each activity. These assignments must be submitted through the appropriate D2L drop box.

- Total Points: 125 points
- Percent of Final Grade: 32%

Essay Exams

Three essay exams will be administered in class covering the in-class lecture material and activities. Each exam is worth 50 points. Blue books and black pens will be provided.

- Total Points: 150 points
- Percent of Final Grade: 39%

Missed exam make-up: Students missing an exam should immediately schedule a time to take the exam during the week of the missed exam. Make-up exams will be given on Thursdays or Fridays.

Student Expectations

- COURSE CONTENT: Students are responsible for reading/viewing course materials posted in the course learning modules.
- SCHOLARLY RESEARCH: Students are responsible for locating scholarly material through the MSU library or other online scholarly sources when needed to complete assignments.
- ORIGINAL WORK: Students are expected to submit original work.
- WRITING CONVENTIONS: Written assignments should be double spaced using 12-point font. Copying and pasting information is not acceptable.
- CITATIONS AND REFERENCES: When references are requested, citations and reference information should be complete and formatted following APA guidelines. The APA manual 7th edition can be found online at [Purdue Owl APA](#) or [American Psychological Association](#).

- **ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION:** Be sure to submit the correct document to the assignment drop box. Submitting incorrect or blank documents does not excuse you. A grade of zero will be recorded.
- **LATE ASSIGNMENTS:** Five-point deduction for late submissions.
- **RESUBMISSIONS:** There are no redoes for assignments or exams.
- **EXTRA CREDIT:** There are no opportunities for extra credit.
- **QUESTIONS:** I expect you to take the initiative to stop by the office or contact me via email if you have questions about the class or an assignment.
- **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:** I expect any interaction or communication to be professional and respectful.

Assessment

Assignments, Points, Due Dates

Assignments	Points	Due Date
D2L Activity Legal Concepts	25	Friday January 24
In-class Activity	10	Monday January 27
In-class Activity	10	Wednesday January 29
D2L Activity Ethical Concepts	25	Friday January 31
In-class Activity	10	Monday February 3
In-class Activity	10	Wednesday February 5
D2L Activity Supervision	25	Friday February 7
In-class Activity	10	Monday February 10
Exam 1	50	Wednesday February 12
In-class Activity	10	Monday February 17
In-class Activity	10	Wednesday February 19
D2L Activity Consequences	25	Friday February 21
In-class Activity	10	Monday February 24
Exam 2	50	Wednesday February 26
In-class Activity	10	Monday March 3
In-class Activity	10	Wednesday March 5
D2L Activity Equipment	25	Friday March 7

Assignments	Points	Due Date
In-class Activity	10	Monday March 17
Exam 3	50	Wednesday March 19
Total Points Possible	385	

Final Grade Determination

Grade	Points	Percent
A	346-385	90-100
B	308-345	80-89
C	269-307	70-79
D	231-268	60-69
F	000-230	00-59