The University of Texas at Austin
Department of Kinesiology & Health Education

KIN 347:
HIST/ETH ISS IN PHYS CULTURE & SPORT (75470)

Time & Location:

TWTh 10:00-12:30 (BEL 602B)

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Course Objectives:

This undergraduate survey course focuses on examining ethical issues in sport through historical analysis. Students will gain insights into ethical reasoning through a series of case studies concerning what many consider the most important issues in contemporary sport and physical culture. Topics include race, gender equity, declining levels of physical fitness, and physical education in schools.

Grading and Assignments:

1. Ethical analysis (20%): Essay on an ethical issue in contemporary sport. (At least 2.5 pages, 12 point font in Times New Roman, one inch margins, double spaced, stapled).

2. Film Review of TBD: (At least 3 pages, 12 point font in Times New Roman, one inch margins, double spaced, stapled).

3. Mid-Term Examination (25%)

4. End-of-Semester Examination (25%)

5. Participation/Attendance (10%): Students will come to each class prepared to discuss one or two news articles regarding an ethical issue in sport. These will be used to talk about contemporary subjects for the first few minutes of each meeting. In addition to regular attendance, unannounced quizzes covering assigned readings will be issued throughout the semester. Attendance is mandatory.
Tentative Schedule:

Week 1:

Thursday, June 2: Introduction to the Class

Week 2:

Tuesday, June 7: Historical and Ethical Analysis

1. Reading:

2. Primer on Ethical Essay

Wednesday, June 8: Case Study on the Ethics of an Olympic Boycott

1. Reading:

Thursday, June 9: Doping and the Olympic Movement


2. Film: TBA

Week 3:

Tuesday, June 14: The Cold War and the “Muscle Gap”

1. Readings:

Wednesday, June 15: Kinesiology and Health Education in Historical Perspective
3. Film: Supersize Me

Thursday, June 16: Obesity and Ethics
2. J. Eric Oliver, “Why We Hate Fat People,” in Fat Politics: The Real Story Behind America’s Obesity Epidemic.
3. Review for Examination #1

Week 4:

Tuesday, June 21:
4. Examination #1

Wednesday, June 22

Thursday, June 23 Violence & Sport

Week 5:

Tuesday, June 28: Gender & The Body
2. Reading: TBA

Wednesday, June 29: The Ethics of Intercollegiate Athletics?
2. Rod Gilmore, “College Football Players Deserve Pay for Play,” *ESPN Magazine* at:

**Thursday, June 30: Gambling & Sport**

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2. *Sports Illustrated* Special Report: Poker Nation

**Week 6:**

**Tuesday, July 7:** Gambling and Sport
3. Film Review Due

**Wednesday, July 8:**
1. Test Review

**Thursday, July 9:**
2. 2nd Examination

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Use of E-Mail for Official Correspondence to Students
Email is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, you are responsible for reading your email for university and course-related information and announcements. You are responsible to keep the university informed about changes to your e-mail address. You should check your e-mail regularly and frequently—I recommend daily, but at minimum twice a week—to stay current with university-related communications, some of which may be time-critical. You can find UT Austin’s policies and instructions for updating your e-mail address at http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.php.

Resources for Learning & Life at UT Austin
The University of Texas has numerous resources for students to provide assistance and support for your learning.
- The UT Learning Center: http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/
- Undergraduate Writing Center: http://uwc.utexas.edu/
- Counseling & Mental Health Center: http://cmhc.utexas.edu/
- Career Exploration Center: http://www.utexas.edu/student/careercenter/
- Student Emergency Services: http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/

Religious Holy Days
By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, I will give you an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL)
If you are worried about someone who is acting differently, you may use the Behavior Concerns Advice Line to discuss by phone your concerns about another individual’s behavior. This service is provided through a partnership among the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC), the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Call 512-232-5050 or visit http://www.utexas.edu/safety/bcal.

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- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform me in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow my instructions or those of class instructors. Do not re-enter a building unless you’re given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.

**Q drop Policy**
The State of Texas has enacted a law that limits the number of course drops for academic reasons to six (6). As stated in Senate Bill 1231:

“Beginning with the fall 2007 academic term, an institution of higher education may not permit an undergraduate student a total of more than six dropped courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education, unless the student shows good cause for dropping more than that number.”