

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

College of Education and Human Development
School of Sport, Recreation and Tourism Management
SPMT 201 Introduction to Sport Management (3)
Fall 2023

DAY/TIME:	TR 10:30am-11:45 am	LOCATION:	Sandbridge 107
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PREREQUISITES

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduces sport management profession. Primary focus is on sport industry, including professional sport entertainment, amateur sport entertainment, for-profit sport participation, nonprofit sport participation, sporting goods, and sport services.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Differentiate between the various functional areas of sport management;
2. Describe the organizational and managerial foundations of sport management;
3. Identify the historical, sociological, cultural, and psychological foundations of sport management;
4. Identify current trends and issues in sport management;
5. Demonstrate an understanding of professional preparation in sport management.
6. Appreciate current research in sport management.

INSTRUCTOR EXPECTATIONS

1. All assigned reading for each class is expected to be done prior to coming to class.
2. All written assignments must be typed.
3. Regular attendance and participation is expected. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain class materials from sources other than the instructor. Attendance will be monitored and attendance is defined as arriving on time for class and remaining in class.
4. You will be expected to check Bb regularly as well as being alert to emails from the instructor. The instructor will email you using *Bb email*.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

It enhances your academic success to be in class; therefore, you should attend ALL scheduled class meetings. Students are expected to attend the class periods of the courses for which they register and attend those classes **on time**. In-class participation is important not only to the individual student, but to the class as a whole. Because class participation is a factor in grading, instructors may use absence, tardiness, or early departure as de facto evidence of nonparticipation. Texting in class is **NOT** acceptable behavior; neither is falling asleep. It is assumed that laptops are being used to take notes or to follow Blackboard power points; other use is a distraction to me and your classmates. *Taking notes during every class is recommended.*

PARTICIPATION

Respect the free exchange of thought in an academic environment and the participants therein. For example: a) do not have any sound emitting devices turned on; b) wait until the teacher/guest speaker has finished prior to gathering your belongings; and c) do not smoke, chew tobacco, eat, sleep, disrupt others by inappropriate talking, or disrespect the class schedule by being tardy. You are encouraged to a) feel free to openly and respectfully contribute your thoughts; b) listen actively to the comments of others; c) be punctual; d) ask any and all appropriate questions that you have; and e) maintain civility in your interpersonal communications. Class discussions will be conducted in a civil, informed fashion. Your contributions are not only welcomed, they are essential.

ALTERNATIVE WORK

There is NO make-up work. Only those excused absences supported by documentation will be addressed at the instructor's discretion on an individual basis (e.g. a physician's note for an illness). Alternative work due to intercollegiate athletic competitions or other legitimate university activity must be arranged **PRIOR** to due date. A grade of '0' will be assigned to all missed work unless otherwise determined by the instructor. You are strongly encouraged to hand assignments in on time.

GRADING *There will be NO extra credit.*

The instructor is solely responsible for assigning grades. As such, the instructor reserves the right to assess student performance in each of the categories identified in the EVALUATION section of this syllabus. Student non-compliance with stated academic, honor, attendance, or participation expectations will result in a '0' for the associated evaluation.

NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY

Face to face [Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am in Sandbridge (ground floor of dorm)]

REQUIRED READINGS

Seventh Edition: *Contemporary Sport Management*

Paul M. Pedersen and Lucie Thibault (Eds) Human Kinetics (2022)

ISBN paperback 9781718202992

**Also available in eBook and looseleaf formats

EVALUATION

This course will be graded on a percentage system, with a total of 100% possible for each assignment, test and the interview project; your grade will be calculated by using the formula explained under requirements. Note that a percentage of the course grade will be calculated based on attendance, class participation and enthusiasm for this course.

GRADING SCALE

A+ 98-100	B+ 88-89	C+ 78-79		
A 94-97	B 84-87	C 74-77	D 60-69	F Under 60
A- 90-93	B- 80-83	C- 70-73		

REQUIREMENTS	% of Grade
<p>Attendance, Assignments and Participation: Students are expected to attend class regularly and participate, in person and online, in active discussions and lectures. Assignments must be typed and evidence a minimum standard of college work.</p>	15%
<p>Midterm Examination: Multiple choice, true/false, matching, definition, essay and fill in the blank – All materials covered up to the day of the midterm exam will be included (10/3)</p>	25%
<p>Final Examination: Multiple choice, true/false, matching, definitions, essay, fill in the blank – All materials covered between the midterm exam and the final exam will be included; will add two or more chapters from midterm to the final exam coverage (12/12).</p>	35%
<p>Interview Project: Students are required to develop an interview protocol and conduct a 15-30 minute interview with an individual <i>employed full-time</i> in the sport industry. Students provide a college level paper with a title page, an introduction, a question and answer section and summary/opinion/conclusion to satisfy the written portion of the assignment. Students also give an oral presentation of approximately 5 minutes describing who they interviewed and what they learned in the interview during the last three days of in person class (11/16, 11/28 and 11/30/23).</p>	25%
Total	100%

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE			TOPIC	READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS DUE
T	August	22	Introduction to class and the sport industry; expectations for semester, how you are evaluated	Syllabus; Blackboard Buy Textbook
R		24	Managing Sport	Chapter 1
T		29	Developing a Professional Perspective	Chapter 2
R		31	Management Concepts and Practice in Sport Organizations	Chapter 3
T	September	5	Managing and Leading in Sport Organizations	Chapter 4
R		7	Sociological Aspects of Sport Management	Chapter 5
T		12	Sport Management Research	Chapter 6
R		14	CATCH UP DAY	Chapter 1-6
T		19	Managing Sport Participation across the Life Span	Chapter 7

DATE			TOPIC	READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS DUE
R		21	Interscholastic Athletics	Chapter 8
T		26	Intercollegiate Athletics	Chapter 9
R		28	Midterm exam review/Professional Sport	Chapter 10
T	October	3	MIDTERM EXAM	<i>Bring blue or black ink pen—no pencils</i>
R		5	Careers in Sport Management/SPMT at GMU	Read ahead
T		10	Monday Classes Meet on this day ONLY	Read ahead/ NO CLASS
R		12	Sport Management and Marketing Agencies	Chapter 11
T		17	International Sport Management	Chapter 12
R		19	Emerging Developments in Sport Management	Chapter 13
T		24	Sport Marketing	Chapter 14
R		26	Sport Sales and Consumer Behavior	Chapter 15
T		31	Analytics in the Sport Industry	Chapter 16
R	November	2	Communication in the Sport Industry	Chapter 17
T		7	CATCH UP DAY	Chapters 11-17
R		9	Finance and Economics in the Sport Industry	Chapter 18
T		14	Sport Facility and Event Management	Chapter 19
R		16	Guest Speaker/Oral Presentations	
T		21	Legal Considerations in Sport Management	Chapter 20
W		23	<i>Start of Thanksgiving break</i>	<i>Catch up/review textbook/work on paper</i>
T		28	Oral Presentations Day #2 Interview Project	Attendance Mandatory
R		30	Oral Presentations Day #3/Review for Final	Attendance Mandatory

DATE			TOPIC	READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS DUE
<i>Sat</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Interview Project Paper due 11:59pm/Word Doc</i>	<i>Post to Bb portal</i>
T	December	12	FINAL EXAM (10:30pm-1:15pm) Classroom	Selected first half content/ALL second half course content

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/>].
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <http://ds.gmu.edu/>].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>].
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Questions, or regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to: <https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>

- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>
- For additional information on the School of Sport, Recreation, and Tourism Management, please visit our website [See <http://srtm.gmu.edu>].
- *Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:* As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Responsible Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

CORE VALUES COMMITMENT

The College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.

