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**COURSE TITLE: RSA 542 Investigations of Current Issues in Interscholastic Athletics  
(3 credit hours)**

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**Textbooks: None Required**

**Course Objective:**

Upon the completion of this course, students will be able to describe, explain, and identify critical issues related to interscholastic sport.

**Course Format:**

This on-line course consists of readings, case studies, various related assignments and discussions. Each assignment is related to the readings and will involve the creation of a presentation corresponding to the topic. These presentations will be appropriate to your field/work setting. The on-line class sessions are asynchronous and allow students to work within specified time parameters for each section. Students will complete the assignments and submit them on or before the required submission date.

**Instructional Strategies:**

Instructional strategies include assigned readings and summaries, power point/presentations and related discussion board topics.

**Attendance Policy:**

The University policy states "Registration in a course obligates the student to be regular and punctual in class attendance." Since this is an online course, the student is expected to participate in class (postings) and submit materials by the due dates. You are responsible for all course information, reading, class discussions, and assignments. The course is designed so that students can work at their own pace EXCEPT there are specific deadlines for each section. If you are falling behind with a legitimate reason, please contact me about your situation. You are responsible for turning all material in on time. If your assignments are not completed and submitted on time, then you will be subjected to 1/2 credit for that assignment. You are also responsible for your own work and your grade will be affected by lack of contribution to the course.

**WKU Center for Literacy Assistance:**

The WKU Center for Literacy is located in Gary A. Ransdell Hall 2066. At the Center for Literacy, students can receive assistance in developing strategies to help **reading/studying to learn** and **writing for evidence and argument**. The Center for Literacy offers both individual

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and small group sessions throughout the semester. More information about the WKU Center for Literacy can be found on the website: <http://www.wku.edu/literacycenter/>

**Academic Honesty:**

Academic integrity is an essential component of an academic community. Every student is responsible for fostering and maintaining a culture of academic honesty by committing to the academic values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, trust, respect for self and others, fairness, and justice. In addition, students are expected to abide by the code of ethics for their profession and the student code of conduct for the university. Violations of academic integrity include cheating, plagiarism, or lying about academic matters. Plagiarism is defined as any use of another writer's words, concepts, or sequence of ideas without acknowledging that writer properly. This includes not only direct quotations of another writer's words, but also paraphrases or summaries of another writer's concepts or ideas without acknowledging the writer properly (i.e., citing them). Cheating includes behaviors such as giving or receiving data or information under any circumstances not permitted by the instructor. Lying about academic matters includes falsification of data or information as part of an academic exercise, or knowingly providing false information to a faculty member. Students who have plagiarized an assignment or otherwise cheated in their academic work or examination may expect an "F" for the assignment in question or "F" for the course, at the instructor's discretion. Students who are unfamiliar with the University's policy on plagiarism should consult the most recent edition of the Western Kentucky University Student Handbook.

<https://www.wku.edu/judicialaffairs/process-for-academic-dishonesty.php>.

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**Title IX Misconduct/Assault Statement:**

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at

<https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and

Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at

[https://wku.edu/policies/hr\\_policies/2040\\_discrimination\\_harassment\\_policy.pdf](https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf).

Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121. Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and **MUST** report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.

**ADA Accommodation Statement:**

In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource

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Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at [sarc.connect@wku.edu](mailto:sarc.connect@wku.edu) . Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

**Class Policies:**

1. All class correspondence will be done via your official WKU email and blackboard. It is your responsibility to check these regularly.
2. You will need access to a computer with a reliable internet connection.
3. Technological problems are not an excuse for a late assignment or late test. If you experience computer problems or you do have problems with a WKU site or technology product, call the helpdesk at 270-745-7000 or log onto their website [www.wku.edu/helpdesk](http://www.wku.edu/helpdesk). Then contact me via email with a case number and I will resolve the problem from my end if it is necessary.
4. Back-up all of your files and the course work you submit. Since we are dealing with the imperfections of cyberspace, unexpected errors can occur.
5. I am available to answer your questions via email, I will respond within 24 hours.
6. Usually I don't check my email during weekend. Thus, if you send me an email on Friday late afternoon, you may receive my response on Monday.
7. The penalty for plagiarism or cheating of any kind will be a zero for the assignment.

**Assignments:**

1. All assignments/discussions are due on or before 12:00 midnight (CST) on the assigned date. Late assignments will not be accepted unless arrangements are made.
2. All assignments will be submitted via Blackboard. Assignments submitted via email will NOT be accepted.
3. All assignments are explained in detail on BB.
4. All work must be in APA format.

**Grades:**

Grades are based on an accumulated point system.

**Points:**

Assignments:	=600 pts
Discussions:	=300 pts
Introduction:	=100pts
Total	=1000pts

**Scale:**

900 – 1000	= A
800 – 899	= B
700 – 799	= C
600– 699	= D
Below 600	= F