

**ECON 4200
SENIOR SEMINAR
Spring 2020**

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TEXT: Economics of Sports, 6th Edition, Michael A. Leeds, Peter von Allmen, Victor A. Matheson, Routledge, New York, 2018.

ECON 4200: Senior Seminar. Prerequisite (s): ECON 3112, ECON 3122, ECON 3123, all with grades of C or above; Economics major; and senior standing. An integrated capstone course for the Economics major that should normally be taken during the student's last semester of study. The primary objective is to provide a framework in which senior Economics majors can review and solidify their understanding of economic concepts by applying those concepts to specific economic issues. Topics vary. Analytical ability and written and oral communication skills are assessed.

Course Objectives:

To provide students with an opportunity to analyze private and public sectors issues using economic theory, concepts, and tools.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to make all classes (please refer to your UNCC Catalog). All students are expected to make class on time.

Late Policy:

Assessments, papers, and presentations are to be taken/completed/presented on the scheduled date at the scheduled time. Only students with pre-approved absences will be allowed to make up assessments/papers/presentations.

Grading Policy:

Grades will be based upon two take-home assessments (30%), class participation (20%), group project/paper (30%), and class presentation (20%).

Grading Scale	
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	Below 60

Grades are rounded to the nearest whole percentage.

Students who arrive late for tests, quizzes, and/or the final examination will be permitted to sit the test, quiz, or exam provided that no student has turned in their paper prior to the student's arrival. Once a paper has been turned in, late arriving students will not be permitted to begin the test or exam. A student who begins a test or exam late will not be given extra time at the end of the regular test or examination period.

Attendance and Test Make-up Policy:

This course has no formal attendance policy. Students are expected to make all classes on time. All students are expected to make all tests when scheduled. Make-up exams will only be allowed for pre-excused absences. Written proof of the reason for absence must be provided. Examples of acceptable reasons are; medical (minor illnesses not included), death of or serious illness to family members, major traffic accident, and athletes and others who represent the university on a regular basis. Remember excused absences must provide a written reason from the appropriate official(s) indicating the exact dates for which class was or will be missed. If a student misses a test or tests with an excused absence, the student must take the make-up exam during the final exam period.

Statement of Educational Philosophy:

Each student is responsible for his/her own education. The ultimate goal of a college education is for each student to develop independent learning skills and to cultivate a desire for life-time learning. Each of you will likely face several career changes over your lifetime with each change presenting new challenges and requiring a new set of abilities. Returning to college or some other educational institution each time your career changes is not a viable alternative. Perhaps the most important benefit that you can take from college is the ability and confidence to learn independently.

Academic Integrity:

Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of The UNC Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity. This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNC Charlotte. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases, the course grade is reduced to F. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Dates	Chapters	Material Covered
January 14	Chapters 1-2	Introduction to the Economics of Sports
January 21	Chapter 2	Economic Tools
January 28	Chapter 3	Sports Leagues and Franchises
February 4	Chapter 4-5	Monopoly/Competitive Balance
February 11	Assessment 1	Chapters 1-5
February 18	Chapter 6	Public Finance of Sports
February 25	Chapter 6-7	Public Finance of Sports
March 3	No Class	
March 10	Chapter 8	Mega -Events
March 17	Chapter 9	Pro Sports Labor Markets
March 24	Chapter 10	Labor Market Imperfections
March 31	Chapter 11	Discrimination
April 7	Chapter 12	College Sports
April 14	Assessment 2	Chapters 6-11
April 21	Presentations	
April 28	Presentations	
May 5	Presentations	2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.