

SYLLABUS

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Course Name: Success in Sports

Course Number: PYED 4356/PYED 5354

Success in Sports (SIS) is an integration of cross-boundary research documenting the determinants of success in sports. Special emphasis will be placed on elite athletic performance. The course will be organized around theoretical accounts for the attainment of elite performance. In addition, the themes of Who in which profiles characteristics of elite athletes will be presented, Why in which inherited and acquired capacities responsible for elite performance will be presented, and How in which selected techniques to maximize training effects will be examined.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Dates	Session
1/19 to 1/24	Session 1
1/26 to 1/31	Session 2
2/2 to 2/7	Session 3
2/9 to 2/14	Session 4
2/16 to 2/21	Session 5
2/23 to 2/28	Session 6
3/2 to 3/7	Session 7
3/9 to 3/14	Session 8
3/16 to 3/21	Session 9
3/23 to 3/28	Session 10
3/30 to 4/4	Session 11
4/6 to 4/11	Session 12
4/13 to 4/18	Session 13

ASSIGNED READINGS

There is no textbook required for this course. Students will complete an assigned reading and complete the corresponding study question(s) before each class session.

PDF and HTML files containing the readings for the course can be downloaded to the hard drive of your computer and printed. These files can be obtained by clicking on: Assigned Readings. To read these files you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. You can download a free copy of Acrobat Reader from the Adobe website (<http://get.adobe.com/reader>).

STUDY QUESTIONS

The study questions for each class session can be found within the Sessions and Discussion tabs. The answers to the study questions should not be longer than 500 words. The answers to the study questions must be posted on the Discussion Board by 12:00 a.m. on the due date. There are a total of 36 study questions. Each study question will count for 5 pts, for a total of 180 pts toward the class. The study questions are always due the Saturday following the start of the session. For example, Session 1 starts on the 19th of January, the responses to the study questions are due by the 24th of January at 11:59 p.m. You will not be able to post your response after that time and there will be no late assignments accepted. You will always have Sunday off from this class.

Class participation is encouraged in this course by allowing students to reply to the study questions posted by their colleagues on the Discussion Board. Students will receive 2 pts for each reply they post in response to their colleagues study question answers. Students should post one reply for each day for which study questions are posted. Students may reply to more than one study question answer for a particular class session, but they will receive credit for only one reply. Thus the total points for replies are 26. Replies to study question answers must be posted during same time as the Session is open. Please see above for an example of the time frame.

TERM PAPERS/CRITIQUES

All students will complete a term paper that should be no longer than 5 double-spaced typed pages including references. The format for the term paper is APA. There will be no exceptions. The term paper will count for 40 points toward the class total. Term papers will be posted using the Discussions tab.

Graduate students will be required to write a 10-page, double-spaced paper with at least 8 scientific references. The graduate papers will be evaluated at a higher level by the professor.

All students will critique three of the term papers that are posted on the Term Papers forum by their colleagues. Students will receive 5 points toward the total points in the class for each critique. These critiques should be no longer than 500 words in length. The critiques will NOT be posted on the Term Paper forum, but will instead be E-mailed to Dr. Marzilli directly. This will allow the confidentiality of the critiques. The subject or topic line for these emails must be: Success in Sports Critique. This will allow Dr. Marzilli to filter the incoming messages from the class and not lose the critiques in his other email.

SPORT RELATED URLs

In addition, class participation will be facilitated by students posting noteworthy information concerning topics related to elite sports performance on the Discussion Board that has been

created for this purpose. The name for this Discussion Board is Sport Related URLs, and it can be accessed by clicking on the Discussions tab. Students should provide a brief overview of the topic of no more than 500 words. They may state their opinion or interpretation of the topic they have posted. Students should provide references and preferably a web site (URL) where further information on the topic can be obtained. Students will receive 5 points for each of 3 Sport Related URL topics posted. Thus, students will receive 15 possible points. Other students in the class can reply to topics of interest, however they will not receive points for these replies. This is a fun way to experiment with the Internet.

GRADING EVALUATION

The grading of this course will be out of 276 points (see below). The 100-90, 89-80, etc. scale will be used. The +/- system will be utilized for all grades except for an A. If you earn a 90% or better in this class you earn an A.

Activity	Points
Study Questions (36 x 5 pts. Each)	180
Study Question Replies (13 x 2 pts. Each)	26
Term Paper	40
Term Paper Critiques (3 x 5 pts. Each)	15
Sport Related URLs (3 x 5 pts. Each)	15
Total Points Possible	276

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Scholastic Dishonesty and Cheating Policy:

If cheating or plagiarism occurs it does mean you will receive a grade of 0 and you may fail. Scholastic dishonesty includes the submission, as one's own work of material that is not one's own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Both faculty members and students are required to report an observed or suspected case of academic dishonesty immediately to a faculty member.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness:

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to do so will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three course repeats; graduates, for two course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler.

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule,

a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the 12th day of class (See Schedule of Classes for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule include, but are not limited to, the following: totally withdrawing from the university; being administratively dropped from a course; dropping a course for a personal emergency; dropping a course for documented change of work schedule; or dropping a course for active duty service with the U.S. armed forces or Texas National Guard. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Registrar's Office and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.

Disability Services:

In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact [Ida MacDonald](#) in the Disability Support Services office in ADM 360, or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance:

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For issues or problems with Blackboard, you can contact the [Blackboard Administrator](#). Additional information can be found in the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#).

GETTING STARTED

Refer back to the information contained in this syllabus anytime you have a question regarding the basic course information. Please begin this course by clicking on Sessions in the left-hand navigation bar.

