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General Syllabus

PHYE 2353 Sports Officiating

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: None

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Sports officiating is designed to teach the basic rules of football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and volleyball for people interested in becoming sports referees.

B. Additional Information

This course is designed for persons seeking training in football and basketball officiating for an avocation and/or to increase knowledge and appreciation of sports. Emphasis will be on developing knowledge, skills, techniques, and mechanics of football and basketball. Evaluation will consist of an objective and skill test and each class will work two intramural athletic contests. The teaching method will include lecture, discussion, films, demonstrations, guest lectures, and practical work with intramural sports.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Pass the Arkansas Officials Association test in football and in basketball.
2. Identify and demonstrate signals and penalties used in football and basketball.
3. Pass a skills test of the proper mechanics of football and basketball officiating.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will apply critical thinking skills during game situations. Evaluation

and analysis of officiating techniques are emphasized.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will orally convey information concerning game play with coaches, athletes, and other officials.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will identify ethical issues and will be able to discuss them in the context of game play. Students will also develop sound professional attitudes in the field.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Officiating fundamentals in football and basketball
- B. Rules of the games
- C. Floor mechanics
- D. Communication with Coaches, Players and Fans
- E. Joining the Arkansas Officials Association

