

Course Syllabus
Econ 2520: Economics of Sports and Leisure
Department of Economics, University of Manitoba
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Class Schedule: 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm, 235 Isbister (Sept 5 – Dec 7, 2018)

Required Text: Economics of Sports, 6th Edition, Leeds, Von Allmen, and Matheson. This text is rather expensive to buy in hardcopy and so I'd recommend purchasing or renting the ebook version. I'll discuss this in class. Also the 5th edition can probably be purchased cheaply but is missing at least one chapter that is in the 6th edition.

Course Website: UMLearn

Catalogue Course Description: Economic analysis of current issues in professional and amateur sports, and leisure.

Preferred Form of Address: Please refer to me as Dr. or Professor Compton. Once you are through with my class feel free to call me what you want :)

Email: compton@cc.umanitoba.ca. (You must use your UofM email when corresponding with me. I will ignore all other emails)

Phone: 204-474-9520 (email me!!)

Office Hours: 10:15-11:15 Fridays in Fletcher Argue 643.

Prerequisites: There are no formal prerequisites for this course. I assume however that you have basic knowledge of the 4 main professional sports in North America (NHL, MLB, NBA, NFL) as I will be spending my time teaching you about the economics of sports, not the sport itself. If you don't know what the difference is between a defenseman and a puck, or what NHL, MLB, NBA, and NFL stand for, you will do **poorly**. As well, previous training in microeconomics will make the course much easier for you.

Attendance: Lecture attendance is very important to success in this course. The textbook is very useful, but the main source of information in the class will be in the lectures. Plan to attend class. Exams will be based primarily on lecture notes. Some of this material is not covered in the textbook and will involve outside material to supplement the chapters of the text. Plan to read the chapter ahead of time, attend class, and make friends so you can borrow their notes if you miss class. Also note that I will place solutions to practice questions on UMLearn. A password will be given in class twice (only in class, I will not email students this password) to access the solutions. If you do not have the password for the solutions at this point you will have to find someone (other than myself) to give them to you. This is to cut down on paper waste and the rash of emails to me days before exams for solutions already made available over the course of the semester.

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Responsibilities:

- Everyone in this class is an adult.
- As the professor, it is my responsibility to determine, organize, and present the material for this course, and to help *facilitate* your learning of the material.
- As a student, you have responsibility for *your* own learning. That means you need to come to class, participate in discussion, read the text, work on the problem sets, and use my office hours, all to learn the material. Whether or not you succeed or fail in this or any course is a result of your efforts, not the professor. The professor facilitates you in the learning process but is only one part of it. It is you that will earn an A or earn an F, I don't *give* grades.
- At all times, I expect civility in all classroom and email interactions. I will treat you with respect, and I expect the same treatment. All students should be aware of the Student Discipline By-Law and adhere to its principals.

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Student_Discipline_Bylaw_-_2009_01_01.pdf

Grading Procedures:

There will be **2 examinations**

Exam 1: (40%) Friday, October 19, 2018 in class.

Exam 2: (60%) During finals period in December 2018. This exam is cumulative. The exam date will be announced in class. If you miss the announcement simply check umanitoba.ca for the date. Again, this exam is cumulative. You must be available for this exam. Do not plan vacation until you know the exam date for this class.

Your letter grade will be determined by adding the total scores you received in the exams. The letter grades are distributed as follows (note: all grades are subject to departmental approval):

A+ = 92-100%

A = 83-91.9%

B+ = 75-82.9%

B = 70-74.9%

C+ = 65-69.9%

C = 60-64.9%

D = 50-59.9%

F = 0-49.9%

Feedback: I will go over the midterm in class and am happy to explain any of the practice questions upon request in class.

Contact Policy: Please use my office hours on Friday. Due to my past experience with email from students (such as numerous emails the night before an exam is scheduled), I will only respond immediately to emails which request an appointment with me. Other emails will be responded to in the next class (so if you ask me something come to class because I may answer it at the start of the next class). Also I only respond to emails from your University of Manitoba account, not your personal email account. The best way to make your issue/concern/question known to me is to raise it at the start of class when I begin with “Are there any questions?” or during the countless times during class when I ask “Is everyone all good?”

Exam Policy: To be fair to all of the students in the class, I must insist that the following exam policies be followed. Anyone who must miss an exam should notify me as soon as possible, but at least three days before the scheduled exam time. The only exceptions to this rule will be a *verified*, serious illness or serious family emergency. Even in this case, students should notify me of the illness *prior to the exam*. Students that miss an exam will be given a grade of 0 (**zero**). **I do not provide rewrites. Should a student have an acceptable (to me) verified reason to miss the midterm the weight of the midterm will be added to the final exam.**

I cannot postpone exams because of deadlines or exam dates in other courses. Such actions would not be fair to other students in the class who likely also face pressure from work in other classes but take the exams at the scheduled time anyway.

The exams will be graded very carefully. If you believe that a grading mistake has been made on an exam, however, you may submit a re-grade request to me in writing explaining why the question has been graded incorrectly. Keep in mind that if a re-grade request is submitted, I will re-grade the entire exam, not simply the individual question. The exams are closed book, meaning that you may not consult the text, your notes or any other material, nor may you communicate with each other while taking the tests. **IMPORTANT NOTE: ANYONE THAT FAILS TO FULLY FOLLOW THE EXAM INSTRUCTIONS IN ANY WAY WILL RECEIVE A ZERO ON THE EXAM.**

Possible Topics Covered

PART ONE: Introduction and Review of Economic Concepts

Chapter 1. Economics and Sports (Read on your own, this is testable)

Chapter 2. Review of the Economist's Arsenal

Appendix 2B. Econometrics (Regression Analysis in Brief)

PART TWO: The Industrial Organization of Sports

Chapter 3. Sports Leagues and Franchises

Chapter 4. Monopoly and Antitrust

Chapter 5. Competitive Balance

PART THREE: Public Finance and Sports

Chapter 6. The Public Finance of Sports: Who Benefits and How

Chapter 7. The Public Finance of Sports: Who Pays and Why

Chapter 8. Mega Events

PART FOUR: Introduction to Hockey Analytics

Outside Material. Hockey Analytics

PART FIVE: The Labor Economics of Sports

Chapter 9. An Introduction to Labor Markets in Professional Sports

Chapter 10. Labor Market Imperfections

Chapter 11. Discrimination

Chapter 12. Economics of Intercollegiate Sports

NOTE: These topics may be reordered or skipped due to time limitations or course flow.

****A few things to note****

1. Evaluative feedback will be provided by the voluntary withdrawal deadline, which is November 19, 2018.
2. Students will not be permitted to write make-up tests or hand in assignments late, except for documented medical or compassionate reasons. (Please make note of my earlier discussion of this above as well.)
3. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam impersonation, ("Impersonation at Examinations" (Section 5.2.9) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (Section 8.1)) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at <http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/index.html>. Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.
4. Penalties for Academic Dishonesty: The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is F on the paper and F (CW) (for Compulsory Withdrawal) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay and

repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism. The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (CW) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty. The Faculty is considering adopting a *zero tolerance* approach for “cheating” on either a term test or a final examination. Under this approach, students for whom allegations of cheating has been upheld will receive a final course grade of F (CW) and a minimum two year suspension.

5. Students appealing any term work whether it is an informal or formal appeal must appeal their term work within 10 working days of receiving their mark.
6. Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. At the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed term work will be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines.

****As required by the University, please note the following as well:****

Section (A)

Writing and Learning Support

The Academic Learning Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you throughout your academic program. Through the ALC, you can meet with a learning specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, learning strategies, and test-taking strategies. The ALC also offers peer supported study groups called Supplemental Instruction (SI) for certain courses that students have typically found difficult. In these study groups, students have opportunities to ask questions, compare notes, discuss content, solve practice problems, and develop new study strategies in a group-learning format.

You can also meet one-to-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. If you are interested in meeting with a writing tutor, reserve your appointment two to three days in advance of the time you would like to meet. Also, plan to meet with a writing tutor a few days before your paper is due so that you have time to work with the tutor's feedback.

These Academic Learning Centre services are free for U of M students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at:
<http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/>

You can also contact the Academic Learning Centre by calling 204-480-1481 or by visiting 201 Tier Building.

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: <http://bit.ly/WcEbA1> or name: <http://bit.ly/1tJ0bB4>. In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: <http://bit.ly/1sXe6RA>. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries' homepage: www.umanitoba.ca/libraries.

Section (B)

For 24/7 mental health support, contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.

Student Counselling Centre

Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as individual, couple, and group counselling. *Student Counselling Centre:* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html>

474 University Centre or S207 Medical Services

(204) 474-8592

Student Support Case Management

Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team.

Student Support Intake Assistant <http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html>

520 University Centre

(204) 474-7423

University Health Service

Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation.

University Health Service <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/>

104 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus

(204) 474-8411 (Business hours or after hours/urgent calls)

Health and Wellness

Contact our Health and Wellness Educator if you are interested in information on a broad range of health topics, including physical and mental health concerns, alcohol and substance use harms, and sexual assault.

Health and Wellness Educator <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health-wellness/welcome.html>

Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca

469 University Centre

(204) 295-9032

Live Well @ UofM

For comprehensive information about the full range of health and wellness resources available on campus, visit the Live Well @ UofM site:

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/livewell/index.html>

Section (C)

All students are required to respect copyright as per Canada's *Copyright Act*. Staff and students play a key role in the University's copyright compliance as we balance user rights for educational purposes with the rights of content creators from around the world. The Copyright Office provides copyright resources and support for all members of the University of Manitoba community.

Visit <http://umanitoba.ca/copyright> for more information.

Section (D)

Your rights and responsibilities

As a student of the University of Manitoba you have rights and responsibilities. It is important for you to know what you can expect from the University as a student and to understand what the University expects from you. Become familiar with the policies and procedures of the University and the regulations that are specific to your faculty, college or school.

The [Academic Calendar](http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html) <http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html> is one important source of information. View the sections *University Policies and Procedures* and *General Academic Regulations*.

While all of the information contained in these two sections is important, the following information is highlighted.

- If you have questions about your grades, talk to your instructor. There is a process for term work and final **grade appeals**. Note that you have the right to access your final examination scripts. See the Registrar's Office website for more information including appeal deadline dates and the appeal form <http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/>
- You are expected to view the General Academic Regulation section within the Academic Calendar and specifically read the **Academic Integrity** regulation. Consult the course syllabus or ask your instructor for additional information about demonstrating academic integrity in your academic work. Visit the Academic Integrity Site for tools and support <http://umanitoba.ca/academicintegrity/> View the **Student Academic Misconduct** procedure for more information.
- The University is committed to a respectful work and learning environment. You have the right to be treated with respect and you are expected to conduct yourself in an appropriate respectful manner. Policies governing behavior include the:

Respectful Work and Learning Environment

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html

Student Discipline

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/students/student_discipline.html and,

Violent or Threatening Behaviour

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/669.html

- If you experience **Sexual Assault** or know a member of the University community who has, it is important to know there is a policy that provides information about the supports available to those who disclose and outlines a process for reporting. The **Sexual Assault** policy may be found at:
http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html
More information and resources can be found by reviewing the Sexual Assault site <http://umanitoba.ca/student/sexual-assault/>
- For information about rights and responsibilities regarding **Intellectual Property** view the policy
http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Intellectual_Property_Policy_-_2013_10_01.pdf

For information on regulations that are specific to your academic program, read the section in the Academic Calendar and on the respective faculty/college/school web site
<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/>

Contact an **Academic Advisor** within our faculty/college or school for questions about your academic program and regulations <http://umanitoba.ca/academic-advisors/>

Student Advocacy

Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy/>

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