

Course Description:

This inter-disciplinary course draws faculty from across (and outside) the University to examine and to integrate important elements of the world of sport and competition, including: sport, society in general and fans in particular; race and sport; legal, economic and public policy frameworks; psychological and neurological aspects of competition; the contributions of physics and material sciences to sports; and statistical measurements of performance.

Participating Faculty:

Sian Bellock, W. Clark Gilpin, Dennis Hutchinson, John Kelly, Steven Levitt, Thomas Rosenbaum, Allen Sanderson, Stephen Stigler, Roy Weiss
[Course Assistant: Ryan Dahl (rpdahl@uchicago.edu)]

Individual Class Sessions:

[Tue & Thr, 3:30 – 4:50 p.m., Stuart 104]

Thr, Jan 4:	Introduction to the Course: Hutchinson & Sanderson
Tue, Jan 9 & Thr, Jan 11:	Nation, Globalization & Baseball, John Kelly
Tue, Jan 16 & Thr., Jan 18:	The Economics of Sports, Allen Sanderson
Tue, Jan 23 & Thr, Jan 25:	Religion and Sport, Clark Gilpin
Tue, Jan 23, 7 p.m.:	The Sports Fan, Holly Swyers, Lake Forest College
Tue, Jan 30 & Thr, Feb 1:	Sports, Law and Public Policy, Dennis Hutchinson
Tue, Feb 6:	In-Class Examination over Material from Weeks 1-5
Thr, Feb 8 & Tue, Feb 13:	The Psychology of Competition, Sian Bellock
Thr, Feb 15:	Sport and Medicine, Roy Weiss
Tue, Feb 20:	Sports Betting Markets, Steve Levitt
Thr, Feb 22 & Tue, Feb 27:	The Physics of Sports, Thomas Rosenbaum
Wed, Feb 28, 7 p.m.	Material Sciences, Engineering & Performance, Katherine Faber, Northwestern University
Thr, Mar 1 & Tue, Mar 6:	Statistics and Sports, Stephen Stigler
Tue, Mar 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.	Final Examination over Material from Weeks 6-10

Course Requirements and Grading:

Closed-Book/No Notes In-Class Midterm and Final Examinations; One Written/Analytical Project; and Active Participation in Class Discussions

Required Readings:

Texts and Course Packets for Purchase in the University / Barnes & Noble Bookstore and the Law School, respectively; Materials also on Regenstein E-Reserve and/or Chalk.