

Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Respond In Writing

Course Number: **SPLD 543** **or Degree Plan(s):**
New Course Application - SPLD 543 - Ethics and Legal Issues in Sport

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	Campus-Level Academic Review				
	Change to a Course Include signatures from all program directors/chairs for cross-listed courses. ¹				
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	A	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I
9.	Course restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G <i>or</i> G to U)	A	A	A	A
11.	Cross list course	A	A	A	A
12.	Program/department of record	A	A	A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A
	Change to a Degree Plan				
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A

	Full Review	Department Chair	Academic Vice President	Dean	Senior VPAA	
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)					
18.	General requirements for Bachelor’s and Associate Degrees	-	-	A	A	I
19.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	-	-	A	A	I
20.	Requirements for graduating with honors	-	-	A	A	I
	Change to a Degree Plan					
21.	Educational Program — Add or Discontinue ²	A	A	A	A	I
22.	Educational Program — Discontinue (proposed by Senior VPAA)	R	R	A	A	I
23.	Minor — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	I
24.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Senior VPAA)	R	R	A	A	I
25.	Degree — Add or Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	I
26.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Senior VPAA)	R	R	A	A	I

	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)	Department Chair	Academic Vice President	Dean	Senior VPAA	Senior VPAA	Senior VPAA	
27.	Change course outcomes of an included course	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	A	-	A	A	A	I
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	A	-	A	-	A	I
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	A	A	A	I

Notes

¹ Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

² For undergraduate majors, a minimum of 30 hours is required. These programs must have a minimum of 6 elective hours, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible. Master's programs must include a minimum of 30 hours, and doctoral programs must include a minimum of 30 hours beyond the master's.

³ When a program faculty or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the program. A proposal by campus academic administration or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "proposed by the Senior VPAA" routing on the chart.

Updated 8/1/2023

Program Director/Department Chair


Aline Ayala (Mar 15, 2024 14:20 CDT)

Mar 15, 2024

Program Director Signature

Date

Program Director/Department Chair Signature

Date

Dean(s)



Mar 15, 2024

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Campus Academic Council

Chair's Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Chair's signature

Date

University Faculty

Dallas Faculty Council Chair's signature

Date

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair's signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Dallas New Course Application

You may delete the preceding instructional pages before submitting application.

Course ID (<i>Subject Code and Number</i>)	SPLD 543
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1. Systems and Catalog Information Complete each item.

A	Course Developer	TBD
B	Course Instructor	TBD
C	Course Title	Ethics and Legal Issues in Sport
D	Course Abbreviation for Banner if title is more than 30 characters	Ethics Legal Issues Sport
E		CGPS - College of Graduate and Professional Studies
F		SEL - School of Organizational Leadership
G		3
G1		3
G2		0
H	Is the course for a fixed or variable number of credit hours?	Fixed If variable, explain rationale:
I	Is the course repeatable for additional credit?	No
J	Maximum total number of credit hours a student can earn for this course	3
K		<u>Lecture (LEC)</u> See Schedule Type definitions in the Reference section.

L		3 <i>Use same number as response to 1G unless under lead/facilitator model.</i>
M		<u>Standard</u>
N	Maximum Enrollment	24
O	Catalog Description (50 words or less)	<i>The course examines the key areas of law that impact the operation of amateur, professional sports teams, and leagues, and the rights of athletes. Students will also explore the related ethical issues that influence behavior as well as decision-making.</i>
P	List any prerequisites (course/s, test scores, class standing, major, etc.)	none
Q	List any corequisites (these <i>must</i> be taken at the same time; note that a single requirement cannot be both a prerequisite <i>and</i> a corequisite)	none
R	If the course is cross-listed, specify the subject code and course number of the other course	N/A
S	Does this course require any additional student course fees?	<u>No</u> If yes, attach a completed course fee form .
T1	Will the course be offered in fall terms?	<u>Yes</u>
T2	Will the course be offered in spring terms?	<u>Yes</u>
T3	Will the course be offered in summer terms?	<u>Yes</u>
U	First semester this course will be offered under new Course ID. <i>May not be earlier than the coming fall semester.</i>	Spring 1 2025

V	Is this course required for a program(s)?	<u>Yes</u> If yes, attach a completed curriculum proposal to change the program(s).
W	Should the addition of this course be retroactively applied to the degree plan it supports? <i>This is rare, and rationale should explain compelling extenuating circumstances.</i>	<u>No</u> If yes, provide rationale:
X	Has this course been offered as a Special Topics course? <i>New courses are not required to be taught as Special Topics courses prior to approval.</i>	<u>No</u> If yes, provide course ID, term, and enrollment:
Y	List any courses in which the content overlaps the proposed course. (Course ID and Name). <i>Attach a statement from the instructor/dept chair of the existing course justifying the new offering.</i>	None

2. Curriculum

- A. Explain any effects of this course on any degree plans. If the addition of the course alters program requirements, submit a separate [Approval Chart for Curriculum Change](#) to update the program.

This course is part of the required sequence for the Masters of Sport Leadership & and Learning as part of the core courses in the degree plan.

- A. Justify the addition of this course to the current curriculum, explaining the gap it meets.

The course is included in the new SL&L program. There is not a graduate-level sport ethics and legal issues in sport course in the ACU curriculum.

3. Course Design

- A. Audience and Course Goal
1. Describe the intended audience, including prerequisite skills.

Required for all M.S. in Sport Leadership & Learning students as part of the core courses.

1. State the overarching course goal(s) in performance terms.

A survey core course in the degree plan for the MS in Sport Leadership & Learning. Focus on ethical behavior, sports law, morality, values, decision-making. Topics may include legal and ethical topics: Stakeholders: athletes, teams, leagues, governing bodies, sports facilities, licensees, broadcasters, and fans, Areas of the law: by-laws, contract, antitrust, labor, intellectual property, constitutional, and tort law.

B. Student Learning Outcomes and Measurements

	Student Learning Outcome	Measurement
1	Examine the current and historical legal frameworks that govern both amateur and professional sport and how these laws impact the industry and its stakeholders.	Assignments and Discussion
2	Appraise the relationship between leader decision-making and ethical dilemmas that affect the operation of professional sports teams and leagues, and the rights of athletes.	Assignments and Discussion
3	Develop negotiation documentation for a supportive stance and ethical judgment related to a current issue in the sport industry.	Assignments and Discussion
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C. Text and Resources

Give the full publication information of the textbook/s and other required resources and outside readings. For **combined undergraduate/graduate** courses, make two lists:

- A. full publication information; label **Undergraduate**.
- B. full publication information; label **Graduate**.

- TBD
- This course will also use a collection of scholarly resources and articles and video files.

Relevant Resources for this course

Online Documents:

- <https://sports-entertainment.brooklaw.edu/key-industry-documents/>
- <https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/online-documentary-supplement>
- [Fact Patterns with Confidentials](#)

Governance Documents:

- For an edited version of relevant statutes, click [here](#)
- Excerpts from league constitutions and rules:
 - MLB Constitution click [here](#)
 - MLB Rules click [here](#)
 - NFL Constitution click [here](#)
 - NBA Constitution and By-Laws click [here](#)
 - NHL Constitution click [here](#)
- Collective Bargaining Agreements full text attachments:
 - Major League Baseball click [here](#)
 - National Football League click [here](#)
 - National Basketball Association click [here](#)
 - Women's National Basketball Association click [here](#)
 - National Hockey League click [here](#)
 - Major League Soccer CBA click [here](#)
 - {Relatedly, though not in a CBA}: for the Minor League Baseball standard player contract (the major league versions are as appendices to their CBAs), click [here](#)
- For excerpts from Agent-related regulations and statutes, click [here](#)
- For the NCAA Constitution, click [here](#)

4. Supporting Documentation

Required of all applications	
1	Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes
2	Syllabus — Attach the syllabus for the course based upon the anticipated first-semester offering.
3	Library — Submit new course application and syllabus to the Library dean's office. Attach the Library's memo.

Attach if applicable	
4	Content Overlap — Include one document for each course you listed in Section 1Y. Attach statement from instructor/dept chair of existing course justifying the new offering.
5	Departmental Resources — List the resources that support the course and are available only through the department, if applicable. Attach the list of the holdings and the location(s).
6	Resources — List resources (other than library or departmental resources) that are needed to support this course (computers, lab equipment, other technology, etc.). Attach a complete list of all items and indicate possible sources or estimated cost of each. List the sources of any needed funds.
7	Expenses — List additional expenses needed to implement this course (full-time or part-time faculty, graduate or lab assistants, student employees, travel, special student costs, room renovation, storage facility, etc.). Attach a complete list of all items, the estimated cost of each and the source of the funds.
8	Justification — Attach any documents to which you refer in Section 2B.

SPLD 543: Ethics and Legal Issues in Sport

2024 Section SPLD 543 3 Credits 10/14/2019 to 10/14/2020 Modified 03/07/2024

Mission Statements

University Mission Statement

The mission of Abilene Christian University (ACU) is to educate its students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world.

This mission is achieved through the following:

- Exemplary teaching, offered by a faculty of Christian scholars, that inspires a commitment to learning;
- Significant research, grounded in the university's disciplines of study, that informs issues of importance to the academy, church, and society; and
- Meaningful service to society, the academic disciplines, the university, and the church, expressed in various ways, by all segments of the Abilene Christian University community.

College Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS) is to prepare students for Christian service and leadership by providing them with the knowledge and skills to advance their careers, thereby placing them in positions of influence for the expansion of God's purposes in the world.

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Master's in Sports Leadership program is to prepare students for successful careers as sport leaders, coaches, and administrators through a dynamic, respected program that challenges them to grow intellectually, academically, emotionally, and spiritually.



Integration of Christian Faith

The Master's of Sports Leadership fits within ACU's mission to educate students for Christian service and leadership. The profession of leadership, especially within athletics, is a service. Coaches and athletic administrators spend their days guiding young people to greater athletic ability, but also to become

contributing members of society, while being good role models. Graduates of our program will be able to help others achieve goals and aspirations of athletic performance, overall mental and physical health, and academic achievement all while reflecting Christian values that were modeled during their time at ACU.

Course Description

The course examines the key areas of law that impact the operation of amateur, professional sports teams, and leagues, and the rights of athletes. Students will also explore the related ethical issues that influence behavior as well as decision-making.

Program and Student Learning Outcomes

	Student Learning Outcome	Measurement
1	Examine the current and historical legal frameworks that govern both amateur and professional sport and how these laws impact the industry and its stakeholders.	Assignments and Discussion
2	Appraise the relationship between leader decision-making and ethical dilemmas that affect the operation of professional sports teams and leagues, and the rights of athletes.	Assignments and Discussion
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Course Policies

Note: Please see the Canvas course for information on the faculty as well as all due dates.

Engaged Learning in an Online Format

This online course invites students into a community of engaged scholarship. The course consists of seven weekly modules, with a new module beginning each Tuesday morning in the Canvas LMS (Learning Management System). We expect students to log in to the course frequently, master the course material, whether written or in other digital media formats, and to engage the professor and fellow students through the Canvas medium.

Note: If a student fails to log in the course for the first 7 days of the official course, the student will receive an email notifying them that they are at risk to be administratively withdrawn from the course. The student will have 72 hours to log into the course from that email notification. If the student does not log into the course in that period of time, they will be administratively withdrawn. The last day to withdraw from a course is the Wednesday before the last week of class. Please reference the handbook calendar for a full list of dates. If a student has not participated in the course at any point, before the last week of class the student will be administratively withdrawn. An assignment is defined

as a paper, quiz, discussion post, or project in the course. If a life situation occurs that will prevent the student from participating in the course for a brief period of time, the student is responsible for communicating this to their Student Service Advisor and/ or New Student Ambassador, and instructor to make appropriate arrangements.

Technology Requirements

Students should ensure they meet the technology requirements as outlined in the ACU Online Student Handbook.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due by 11:59 pm Central Standard time on the due date. Refer to the Canvas Syllabus link or the Canvas Modules link for a list of all due dates. Penalty for late assignments is 10% per calendar day late. Weekend days are counted as late days. For administrative purposes, a zero will be placed in the gradebook for work not submitted on time. If an assignment is submitted after the zero is given or if an arrangement for late submission has been made with the instructor, the noted penalty percentage will be used to re-assess the assignment (removing the zero). Extensions are allowed at the discretion of the instructor and/or Program Director. No credit will be awarded for late discussion posts. Extra credit will not be available in this course.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is defined as academic work completed as assigned for each class by the individual or group responsible for the work. Academic work includes but is not limited to reading assignments, assessments and examinations, attendance at required out-of-class activities, written or oral presentations, laboratory experiments and research. Assignments may or may not be submitted through the TurnItIn plagiarism checker.

The Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy is available on the ACU Provost's Office [webpage](https://cdn01.acu.edu/community/offices/administrative/office-of-the-provost/academic-integrity-policy/expanded-definitions-and-advice.html) (<https://cdn01.acu.edu/community/offices/administrative/office-of-the-provost/academic-integrity-policy/expanded-definitions-and-advice.html>), where you may find detailed information regarding what constitutes academic dishonesty and resultant disciplinary actions. The student should seek clarification from the instructor regarding the re-use of work, as this may or may not be appropriate and is dependent on the assignment. Academic dishonesty may have, but not be limited to, the following consequences:

- losing points on an assignment.
- failing an assignment.
- failing a course.
- having a record of improper conduct in the dean's office which oversees the course in which the infraction was made.
- being dismissed from the university.

The process and timeline for appeals can be found on the ACU Provost's Office webpage.

Academic Integrity Violation Process for Discussions Boards

In cases where a student posts an initial blank post and then proceeds to post a second time to the discussion with their answer to the discussion prompt, the following discipline processes will be followed:

1st Violation of Blank Post in a Course - "0" on discussion portion (not reply portion) and the instructor will issue a written warning that the second violation will be considered an Academic Integrity violation.

2nd Violation of Blank Post in Same Course - "0" on discussion portion and the student will be reported to the Dean's Office as having conducted an Academic Integrity Violation. See the syllabus for information about the Academic Integrity Violation process and possible consequences.

* ACU Learner Support, Resources, and Services

Anti-Harassment Policy

Harassment will not be tolerated at Abilene Christian University. As a Christian community, Abilene Christian University has committed itself, unequivocally, to ensuring a working and learning environment in which the dignity of every individual is respected. Harassment is defined as unwelcome behavior or conduct based on sex, religion, race, age, color, national origin, veteran's status, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, education, or participation in University programs or activities, (2) submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for a decision affecting an individual's employment, education, or participation in University programs or activities, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for work, education, or participation in a University program or activity. Therefore, it is the purpose of the Anti-Harassment Policy to maintain a work and academic environment that is free of harassment, sexual or otherwise. This policy applies to all members of the ACU community, including trustees, faculty, staff, students, and volunteers at Abilene Christian University. For a more in-depth review of the university's anti-harassment policy, the full definition of harassment, and procedure for reporting, visit: <https://www.acu.edu/dean-of-students/required-legal-statements/anti-harassment-policy/> (<https://www.acu.edu/dean-of-students/required-legal-statements/anti-harassment-policy/>).

ACU Online Student Handbook

The current version can be found [here](#)

(https://acuonline.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#E0000000cKPT/a/440000006AA9/RWbLcDg6R9gR8DgTJwQdECczCHnjwM1_0WvJs6b4qeY).

ACU Dallas Student Code of Conduct

The ACU Online Student Handbook contains an online student Code of Conduct which describes appropriate and inappropriate forms of electronic communication and online behavior as well as information about student integrity in scholarly work. Students may be dismissed from the university for failing to adhere to the Code of Conduct.

ADA Compliance Statement

Abilene Christian University is dedicated to removing barriers and opening access for students with disabilities in compliance with ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The Alpha Scholars Program facilitates disability accommodations in cooperation with instructors. In order to receive accommodations, you must be registered with Alpha Scholars Program, and you must complete a specific request for each class in which you need accommodations. If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please call our office directly at (325) 674-2667 or alpha@acu.edu (<mailto:alpha@acu.edu>).

Library

Abilene Christian University provides library services to online students through the Distance Learning Portal at <http://guides.acu.edu/distance> (<http://guides.acu.edu/distance>). Students will use their single sign-on credentials to gain access to the library content. The Distance Learning Portal contains information about citation help, requesting materials, research guides, and degree program specific resources. Video tutorials on how to search the library's resources, including electronic journal titles, are available for students to view at any time. ACU also has dedicated staff that serve our online students, for help with refining topics, including dissertation and final project topics, searching databases, or other library help. To contact the online librarian, please visit <http://guides.acu.edu/c.php?g=824708&p=5887421> (<http://guides.acu.edu/c.php?g=824708&p=5887421>). For research assistance, you can visit <http://asklibrary.acu.edu> (<http://asklibrary.acu.edu>) and submit your question through the web form or get help via text or chat.

Title IX Statement

As a professor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our Abilene Christian University Dallas Online campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as a professor. It is my goal that you feel safe to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep the information you share private to the greatest extent possible. I am required to share with the Title IX Coordinator information regarding sexual misconduct or harassment, dating or domestic violence, or stalking that occurred while you are or were enrolled as a student at ACU. If you would prefer to share information in a confidential setting, I encourage you to access counseling services through TimelyMD. All of your options are available for review by clicking on the link to ACU's [policy](https://cdn01.acu.edu/community/offices/hr-finance/hr/title-ix/anti-harassment-policy.html) (<https://cdn01.acu.edu/community/offices/hr-finance/hr/title-ix/anti-harassment-policy.html>).

Course Outline and Schedule

(Schedule subject to change; See the Canvas course for updated information on due dates.)

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LIBRARY

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: MARCH 5, 2024
TO: Dr. Alline Sada
FROM: Mark McCallon, Associate Dean for Library Services
RE: New Course Application – SPLD 543 – Ethics and Legal Issues in Sport

After reviewing the course application, the Library is able to tentatively support the proposed course. The Library will work with Instructional Design and Subject Matter Experts to provide resources supporting the course. Please contact Melissa Atkinson (melissa.atkinson@acu.edu) if additional library resources are needed for the course. Thank you for the opportunity to evaluate the course application