School of Kinesiology Faculty of Health Sciences Western University

KIN 3490G – Professional Ethics in Kinesiology Winter Term 2016

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Lectures: T 11:30-1:30 & Th 11:30- **Office Hours:** TBA

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NOTE: Course information e.g. grades, etc. will be available via OWL.

Description:

The course is designed to achieve two primary objectives. The first objective is to learn to utilize techniques in moral reasoning and apply moral theory to issues and cases in Professional Ethics in Kinesiology.

A type of case method will be used for the applications with a wide range of scenarios to capture not only professional and clinical settings, but also personal moral dilemmas that

- 1. **Identify and delineate** theoretical terms, concepts, and philosophies related to professional ethics in Kinesiology and sport. (Knowledge)
- 2. **Compare and contrast** theoretical approaches to professional ethics in Kinesiology and sport. (Analysis)
- 3. **Synthesize** research and theoretical knowledge as it relates to professional ethics in Kinesiology and sport, through seminar presentations and written work. (Comprehension)
- 4. **Develop** skills in w particular area of interest on the topic of professional ethics in Kinesiology and sport through commentaries, seminar presentations, and essays. (Application)
- 5. **Further develop** abilities to *critically reflect* upon own learning and relate to the topics on professional ethics in Kinesiology and sport discussed in class. (Reflection)

Required Course Material:

All required readings will be announced in class and posted on OWL.

Course Evaluation Summary: (this is an example)

1. Commentaries & Class Participation	10%
2. Seminar Presentation/Discussion	10%
3. Mid Term Exam	40%
4. Final Research Paper	40%

knowledge and comprehension of the topic they have chosen through the identification and delineation of important concepts and the written summary of the case.

3. Mid Term Exam (40%) Date: TBA

Each student will be required to write the mid term exam. The exam will be written in a university computer lab on a computer with a word processing program. The exam will be an essay answer format. The professor will give the students a list of potential questions in advance and will then select from that list for the final exam questions. The exam will be graded out of 4

comprehension and analysis demonstrated through their written answers. The work on critical reflection in the weekly commentaries will help to prepare the student for writing the exam.

4. Final Research Paper (40%) DUE: date Last class

Students will write a final research paper on a topic to be agreed upon between the student and the professor. The paper should be approximately 1500 words. An essay outline is required for approval in advance. The students will be given an outline structure to follow. The paper will be graded out of 40 marks and the assessment will be

Course/University Policies

- 1. **Lateness/Absences**: Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the assigned due date and will not be accepted late, except under medical or other compassionate circumstances. Electronic submission of assignments will not be accepted (unless otherwise specified) under any circumstances. Submitting a late assignment without appropriate documentation will result in a zero (0) grade. Appropriate documentation for assignments worth less than 10% should be submitted to the Undergraduate office. A missed mid-term examination without appropriate documentation will result in a zero (0) grade. The course policy is not to allow make-ups for scheduled midterms, presentations or final exams, nor to assign a grade of Incomplete without acceptable and verifiable medical (or equivalent compassionate) reasons. Acceptable reasons might include hospital stays, serious illness, family emergencies (like serious accidents or illness, death) or similar circumstances.
- 2. Written documentation: Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. stating specific reasons and dates. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner. Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted directly, as soon as possible, to the appropriate *Academic Counselling Office* not to the instructor, with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. These documents will be retained in

Official Student Record Information Privacy Policy. See https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm for specific policy and forms relating to accommodation.

- 3. **Grades**: Where possible assignment objectives and rubrics will be posted on OWL. Should you have a concern regarding the grade you received for an assignment or feel that it is unfair in any way, you must wait 24 hours from the receipt of the assignment to approach the instructor or TA. In doing so, please make an appointment and prepare in writing, with evidence, why you feel your grade is inappropriate. Please be aware that in requesting a grade reassessment, your grade could go up/down/or stay the same. Note that calculations errors (which do occur!) should be brought to attention immediately.
- 4. **Scholastic offences:** They are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at

Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). All required papers might be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com)

- B) Computer marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.
- 5. **Formatting** (as recommended by the course instructor): example- APA style is one of the approved style of writing for all assignments produced for this course. Please refer to