



Western University  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
School of Kinesiology

**KINESIOL 2292G**  
CRITICAL THINKING AND ETHICS IN KINESIOLOGY  
Fall 2023/Winter 2024

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**NOTE:** All course information including grades, assignment outlines, deadlines, etc. are available via OWL. Check the website regularly for course announcements.

<p><b>Calendar Course Description (including prerequisites/anti-requisites):</b></p> <p>The course is designed to teach basic skills in critical thinking and how to address ethical issues such as doping in sport, body image and gender, clinical and management conflict of interest, etc.</p> <p>Prerequisite(s): Completion of first year Kinesiology.          Anti requisite(s): Kinesiology 2270F/G (taken in 2009-10); the former Kinesiology 2290F/G, 2293F/G; Health Sciences 2610F/G, the former Health Sciences 2600F/G.</p> <p><b>Extra Information:</b> 3 lecture hours.</p>
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*You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course pre-requisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite course.*

**Statement on Prerequisite Checking**

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites

**NOTE:** If you wish to enroll in this course without the stated pre-requisite(s), you must obtain written approval from the course instructor. The approval should then be forwarded to your academic counsellor.

## My Course Description

The course is designed to achieve two primary objectives. The first objective is to introduce the student to basic critical thinking. Some of the skills to be taught are: 1) identifying Claims, Issues, and Arguments; 2) understanding & identifying premise and conclusion; 3) differentiating and understanding inductive and deductive arguments; 4) Persuasion techniques; 5) Fallacies and the principle of charity; and others. A good critic can reconstruct the best version of the argument under appraisal by constructing chains of reasoning. The second objective is to apply critical reasoning to some basic moral theory and to develop the student's understanding of moral reasoning. The theories we will draw from may include classical and more modern such as: a) theory; b) ethical relativism; c) ethical egoism; d) utilitarianism; and e) Kantian theory. The student will then take those techniques and apply them to issues in Kinesiology. These issues will come from the area of doping in sport, as an example, as they arise in the various settings in Kinesiology.

## Learning Outcomes/Schedule:

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

Identify and delineate theoretical terms, concepts, and philosophies related to sport and ethics. (Knowledge)

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Synthesize research and theoretical knowledge as it relates to a particular research topic. (Comprehension)

Develop skills in writing research papers and presentations pertaining to  
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Further develop abilities to critically reflect upon own learning and relate to the topics discussed in class. (Reflection)

## Required Course Material:

- x Parker, R., Moore, B. N. (2014). Critical Thinking. United Kingdom: McGraw-Hill Education. 11<sup>th</sup> Edition

All other required readings will be uploaded/online links (open source) posted on OWL.

## Course Evaluation:

**A detailed lecture schedule will be posted on OWL during the first week of class.**

Assignment	Weight	Due date
Attendance and Participation	10%	N/A
Quiz 1	5%	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>

Quiz 2	10%	February 6 <sup>th</sup>
Group presentation	15%	During Thursday V class (TBA)
Midterm	25%	February 27 <sup>th</sup>
Final exam	35%	TBA

**Assessing Attendance and Participation in My Class:**

1. Attendance:
  - x 0.5 marks for attending each of the 12 Thursday classes (Total: 6 marks).
2. Participation:
  - x 4 marks for active engagement through popup questions on OWL during Tuesday Lectures.

Please note that active participation is a crucial component of your overall performance in this course. Your attendance and engagement during class sessions will contribute to your final grade, encouraging active learning and discussion.

**Late and missed Assignments.**

1. **Missed Quiz:** If you miss an in-person quiz, a daily penalty of 5% will be applied, up to a maximum penalty duration of one week. Exceptions may apply for medical or compassionate cases, where the penalty could be waived.
2. **Missed Midterm:** In cases of medical or other compassionate circumstances leading to a missed midterm in-person exam, a make-up exam will be scheduled on a date determined by the instructor. Students must provide proper documentation to their academic counselor and notify the instructor as soon as possible.
3. **Final In-Person Exam:** Accommodations and extensions for the final in-person exam will only be considered under approved extenuating circumstances by the academic counselor. The make-up for a missed final exam will be scheduled on the second Thursday of May 2024.

**Course/University Policies**

1. The website for Registrarial Services is <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>.

In accordance with policy, the centrally administered e-mail account provided to VWXGHQWV ZLOO EH FRQVLGHUHG W-MAIL ADDRESS IS ON THE DO NOT REPLY responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at

appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, in the [Academic Calendar \(westerncalendar.uwo.ca\)](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca).

### **Plagiarism**

Student work is expected to be original. Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and could lead to a zero on the assignment in question, a zero in this course, or your expulsion from the university. You are plagiarizing if you insert a phrase, sentence or paragraph taken directly from another author without acknowledging that the work belongs to him/her. Similarly, you are plagiarizing if you paraphrase or summarize D Q R W K H U D X W K R U ¶ V L G H D V Z L W K R X W D F N Q R Z C belong to someone else. All papers may 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 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 ([www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)).

### **Re-submission of Previously Graded Material**

Without the explicit written permission of the instructor, you may not submit any academic work for which credit has been obtained previously, or for which credit is being sought, in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere.

### **Use of Statistical Pattern Recognition on Multiple Choice Exams**

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.

## **3. Use of Electronic Devices**

**During Exams:** Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any electronic devices during ANY tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations.

**During Lectures and Tutorials:** Although you are welcome to use a computer during lecture and tutorial periods, you are expected to use the computer for scholastic purposes only, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may distract other students from learning. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers, to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in a particular class. **Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not make audio or video recordings of lectures ±nor may you edit, re-use, distribute, or re-broadcast any of the material posted to the course website.**

### **Personal Response Systems**

<sup>3</sup> F O L F N H U V ´ P D \ E H X V H G L Q V R P H F those classes in which we use this technology, it is your responsibility to ensure that the device is activated and functional. You must speak with the course instructor immediately, if you have any concerns about whether or not your

clicker is malfunctioning.

You must use only your own clicker. For all components of this course in which clicker records are used to compute a portion of the grade:

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- x The possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offense

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student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. (Note ±it will not be sufficient to provide documentation  
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Whenever possible, students who require academic considerations should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Under no circumstances are students expected to submit rationales for (or documentation of) any absences, to course instructors. Students are, however, required to follow-up with course instructors, in a timely fashion, to identify the ways in which the academic consideration will be implemented.

### **Examination Conflicts**

Where possible assignment objectives and rubrics will be posted on OWL. Generally, students can expect some form of feedback on their performance in a course before the drop date.

- ‘ November 13th, 2023 (for first term half-courses)
- ‘ November 30th, 2023 (for full-year courses)
- ‘ March 7th, 2024 (for second term half-or full year courses)

A+	90-100	<i>One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level</i>
A	80-89	<i>Superior work that is clearly above average</i>
B	70-79	<i>Good work, meeting all requirements and eminently satisfactory</i>
C	60-69	<i>Competent work, meeting requirements</i>
D	50-59	<i>Fair work, minimally acceptable.</i>
F	below 50	<i>Fail</i>

**Rounding of Grades** (for example, bumping a 79 to 80%):

This is a practice some students request. The final grade documented is the grade that you  
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**Appealing a Grade Within this Course**

You have the right to appeal any grade within this course. The grounds for a grade appeal may be one or more of: medical or compassionate circumstances, H [ W H Q X D W L Q J F L U F X P V W D Q F H V E H \ R Q G W K H V W X G H Q W ¶ unfairness. All grounds advanced in a request for relief must be supported by a clear and detailed explanation of the reasons for the request together with all supporting documentation.

Appeals generally proceed in this order:

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