



KINS 398 (PHIL 398). Ethics in Sport and Physical Education. An examination of the basic philosophic issues concerning ethics and moral reasoning and how these issues relate to sport. Students will be encouraged to develop their ability to make informed ethical choices and decisions relating both to sport and to their own personal and professional lives. 3 credits. \*Fulfills General Education Goal 12.

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General Education Goal(s) for which course is designed: Goal 12

Does the proposed change affect how the course will satisfy the nine (9) required General Education Course Criteria (page 11)?

Yes  No If yes, please explain :

**Please attach a proposed syllabus in Longwood format that contains proposed changes.**

II. Required for Major, Minor, Concentration (please specify):

Not required

III. Rationale for Proposed Changes:

KINS 398 is a philosophical enquiry into the morality of sport and sport education. It has been housed in the Kinesiology Department but can also be taught by a philosopher. Cross-listing the course with Philosophy allows it to be taught on a regular basis through the History, Political Science, and Philosophy Department as well as Kinesiology. Due to the expansion of the Kinesiology program, staffing to regularly teach the course through that department is another concern.

IV. Resource Assessment, if change warrants it:

A. How frequently do you anticipate offering this course?

Every semester

B. Describe anticipated change in staffing for the course:

None. HARK students are already taking other ethics courses taught by Philosophy faculty. This course will change the distribution of students among the Goal 12 offerings but will not change the overall number of students taking Goal 12 courses with Philosophy faculty.

C. Estimate the cost of new equipment required due to change:

None

D. Estimate the cost of and describe additional library resources:

None

E. Will the change in this course require additional computer use, hardware or software?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe and estimate cost:

F. Will a new or changed course fee be assessed?

Yes

No

If yes, the Fee Recommendation Worksheet must accompany this form. It is found at the following url: [www.longwood.edu/budget](http://www.longwood.edu/budget)

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**UNDERGRADUATE COURSE CHANGE**  
**GENERAL EDUCATION**

Course Name/Number KINS 398 Course Title Ethics in Sport and Physical Education

V. Approvals

	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Signature</b>
1. Department Curriculum Committee Chair	_____	_____	_____
2. Department Chair	_____	_____	_____
The Department Chairs, whose programs may be affected, have been notified:			
Department	<u>David Coles</u>	Date Notified	<u>Oct 7 2015</u>
Department	_____	Date Notified	_____
Department	_____	Date Notified	_____
3. College Dean	_____	_____	_____
4. College Curriculum Committee	_____	_____	_____
5. General Education Committee	_____	_____	_____
6. Educational Policy Committee	_____	_____	_____
7. Faculty Senate Chair	_____	_____	_____
8. Date received by Registrar	_____		

**All curriculum proposals/changes are processed in the date order received. In order to be included in the next academic year's catalog, all paperwork must be submitted no later than:**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> to the College Curriculum Committee**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup> to the General Education Committee**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> to the Educational Policy Committee (EPC)**

**Submission within the deadlines does not guarantee processing in time for the next academic year's catalog.**

# **PHIL 398 (KINS 398) – Ethics in Sport & Physical Education**

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**Time and Place:** MWF 2-2:50 Ruffner 315 Fall 2015

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## **Required Texts:**

*The Grasshopper: Games, Life, and Utopia*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., by Bernard Suits

Other readings are posted on Canvas™

## **Course Description:**

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**Course Objectives:** through the completion of this course, students will be able to

- Demonstrate an understanding of some of the main ethical issues that arise in the context of sport and sport education
- Demonstrate an understanding of the distinction between reasoned argumentation and the mere assertion of a point of view
- Write a short philosophy paper that presents, explains, and evaluates an ethical argument in a logical format

## **Course Content outline:**

See **Schedule** below

**Course Requirements:** Best 3 of 4 short papers (3-5 pages each in length; re-writes accepted) – Due dates are listed below in the Schedule; Cumulative Final Exam

**General Grading Policy:** Your final grade is determined using the standard grade scale:

A = 94-100; A- = 90-93

B+ = 87-89; B = 84-86; B- = 80-83

C+ = 77-79; C = 74-76; C- = 70-73

D+ = 67-69; D = 64-66; D- = 60-63

F = sub-60

## **Attendance Policy:**

- Attendance is mandatory
- Your grade will drop 10% if you miss 3 or more classes without a legitimate excuse
- You will flunk this class if you miss 7 or more classes (excused or not)
- Being more than 5 minutes late for 2 classes counts as 1 (unexcused) absence

## **Inappropriate Behavior**

Includes but is not limited to: cell phones usage (ringing, texting, emailing), sleeping, reading for other classes, derogatory comments or other lack of respect for your peers, etc. Penalty: up to 5 points off an assignment.

## Students Needing Special Arrangements:

Any student who is in need of special arrangements for taking tests or quizzes, or who has some other disability request, should contact ODSS, at x2391

## Honor Code:

All work turned in for this class must conform to the honor pledge: "I have neither given nor received help on this work, nor am I aware of any infraction of the Honor Code."

## Schedule

Monday, August 24, 2015	General Introduction
Wednesday, August 26, 2015	Introduction to some issues in philosophy of sport
Friday, August 28, 2015	Logic and philosophical method Part I
Monday, August 31, 2015	Logic and philosophical method Part II
Wednesday, September 02, 2015	Extractos: How to PEE like a philosopher
Friday, September 04, 2015	The Grasshopper; Conceptual analysis; Wittgenstein on games
Monday, September 07, 2015	<b>No class - Labor Day</b>
Wednesday, September 09, 2015	Reading: The Grasshopper, Chapters 1-3
Friday, September 11, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapters 4 & 5
Monday, September 14, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapters 6 & 7
Wednesday, September 16, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapters 8 & 9
Friday, September 18, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapter 10
Monday, September 21, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapter 11
Wednesday, September 23, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapter 12
Friday, September 25, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapter 13
Monday, September 28, 2015	Grasshopper: Chapters 14-15
Wednesday, September 30, 2015	Grasshopper: Appendix One: The fool on the hill
Friday, October 02, 2015	Grasshopper: Appendix Two: Wittgenstein in the meadow
Monday, October 05, 2015	Grasshopper: Appendix Three: Words on play
Wednesday, October 07, 2015	Suits: on Play, Games, Sports, & Competitions Professional and Amateur
Friday, October 09, 2015	<b>Paper #1 Due</b>
Monday, October 12, 2015	<b>No class - Fall Break</b>
Wednesday, October 14, 2015	Ethical issues in sports: doping
Friday, October 16, 2015	Cheating and fair play
Monday, October 19, 2015	Good sportspersonship
Wednesday, October 21, 2015	Doping and Super Athletes
Friday, October 23, 2015	Guest Lecture: Dr. Morrison on drugs and fairness in sport
Monday, October 26, 2015	Title IX
Wednesday, October 28, 2015	Women in sports continued
Friday, October 30, 2015	Professional vs amateur
Monday, November 02, 2015	<b>Paper #2 Due</b>
Wednesday, November 04, 2015	Olympism
Friday, November 06, 2015	Formalism, conventionalism, internalism
Monday, November 09, 2015	the value of sports
Wednesday, November 11, 2015	the commercialization of sports
Friday, November 13, 2015	the philosophical (virtuous) athlete
Monday, November 16, 2015	<b>Paper #3 Due</b>
Wednesday, November 18, 2015	special issues in individual sports: violence in football and boxing
Friday, November 20, 2015	the strategic foul

Monday, November 23, 2015 doping in cycling, running, and other endurance sports  
 Wednesday, November 25, 2015 **No class - Thanksgiving**  
 Friday, November 27, 2015 **No class - Thanksgiving**  
 Monday, November 30, 2015 doping in body building and wrestling  
 Wednesday, December 02, 2015 WWE - sport or mere spectacle?  
 Friday, December 04, 2015 **Paper #4 Due**

**CUMULATIVE FINAL EXAM DATE: DECEMBER 8, 8-10:30 AM**

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## General Education Component Matrix

Department: History, Political Science, & Philosophy

Proposed Course Prefix/Number: PHIL 398 (KINS 398)

Course Title: Ethics in Sport & Physical Education

What General Education Goal is this course intended to address? Goal 12

Required Outcomes for this Goal	Relevant Course/Institutional Components (refer specifically to syllabus)	Specific Assessment Method for Outcome
Students will identify the ethical issues implicit in personal behavior and in the operation of political, social, and economic institutions.	Through readings, lecture, and class discussions, students will learn about cheating in sports, good sportsmanship, gender and racial discrimination, and the ethical role of international sporting associations such as the IOC and WADA.	Common questions on final exam.
Students will understand various approaches to making informed and principled choices.	Through readings, lecture, and class discussion, students will learn about the main ethical theories and their application to issues in sport and physical education.	Common questions on final exam.
Students will consider how these approaches might be applied to conflicts in their personal and public lives	Students will write 3-4 papers using the ethical theories and analyses of key concepts in sport and physical education.	Common rubric for paper assignment.
Students will understand the impact of individual and collective choices in society.	In their papers, students will analyze individual choices and their impact on sport and physical education in local, regional, and international settings.	Common rubric for paper assignment.



General Education Criteria	Relevant Course Components (refer specifically to course syllabus)
1. Teach a disciplinary mode of inquiry and provide students with practice in applying their disciplinary mode of inquiry, <b>critical thinking</b> , or problem solving strategies.	Students will write papers that require critical thinking. Every paper will require them to present & explain & evaluate arguments. Students will read over a dozen papers containing philosophical arguments that they will need to analyze.
2. Provide examples of how disciplinary knowledge changes through creative applications of the chosen mode of inquiry.	The course will trace the evolution of the analysis of play, sports, cheating, good sportspersonship, and other key concepts in philosophy of sport. All of these concepts have undergone considerable change as they have been analyzed through critical thinking.
3. Consider questions of ethical values.	Students will study the ethics of sport and sport education, including good sportspersonship, the virtuous athlete, sports in moral education, sports and gender discrimination and issues around cheating.
4. Explore past, current, and future implications of disciplinary knowledge.	The readings include historical and current sources for theory as well as applied issues. Many readings include proposals for future improvements in sport and physical education.
5. Encourage consideration of course content from diverse perspectives.	Multiple modes of philosophical perspectives will be used, including gender, cultural, economic, and political analyses.
6. Provide opportunities for students to increase information literacy through contemporary techniques of gathering, manipulating, and analyzing information and data.	The paper assignments will require students to research their own topics using resources such as the Philosopher's Index and the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy online.
7. Require at least one substantive written paper, oral report, or course journal and also require students to articulate information or ideas in their own words on tests and exams.	Three required papers plus the essay questions on the cumulative final exam.
8. Foster awareness of the common elements among disciplines and the interconnectedness of disciplines.	Through readings and class discussions, using references to cultural anthropology, economic and political models, sport, and educational theory.
9. Provide a rationale as to why knowledge of this discipline is important to the development of an educated citizen.	This course provides critical thinking skills and knowledge of ethical theories and ethical decision making, all of which is crucial to the education of informed citizen leaders.