

BLAW321: LAW & ETHICS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

COURSE NUMBER : BLAW 321

CREDITS : 3

PREREQUISITE : NONE

ECTS CREDITS : 6

OFFERED : SPRING

SEMESTER HOURS : 45

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Olympic Games, and indeed, many of the large international sports institutions, have been plagued by scandal and corruption in recent years. The rule of law has been perverted, and corporate ethics have been warped by individual greed and power struggles. The Games, which are supposed to serve as a beacon of international cooperation and peace among nations, has become a hotbed of doping scandals and other political struggles that have diminished the brand and challenged the international sporting community.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course will expose students to case law and business ethics surrounding the Olympic Games and other international sports events. Students will learn about the specific challenges of cross-cultural law practices, and the challenges of litigating corruption and ethical violations.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- Understand the complexities of multinational legal issues
- Recognize the unique ethical challenges surrounding multicultural sporting events
- Be aware of the political entanglements and pressures in international sports
- Understand the rights and protections afforded athletes in the international arena