

Sports Economics Economics 186 Perez – Spring 2013 Sacramento State

Description:

Sports Economics introduces essential core economic concepts and then develops them with examples and applications from the sports industry. The sections are devoted to illustrating prominent areas of economics: industrial organization, public finance, labor economics, and econometrics. This course assumes only a basic, one-semester understanding in microeconomics.

Course Objectives:

- Industrial Organization in Sports: Students will develop and apply basic market structure models to the sports industry.
- Labor Markets in Sports: Students will develop and apply basic labor market models to the sports industry.
- Public Policy in Sports: Students will develop and apply public policy models to the sports industry.
- Econometrics: Students will learn how to run and interpret basic regression analysis.

Reading:

The required textbook for this course is *Sports Economics* by Rodney Fort

You will be required to read several articles that are available electronically from any Sacramento State computer. The readings are available in SacCt within the "Course Outline" link. You are expected to read all of these articles and be prepared to discuss them in class, refer to them in homework, and be prepared to answer questions about them on exams.

Course Information:

- Class meets: Monday and Wednesday, 12:00 – 1:15, Mariposa 1001
- Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10:30 – 11:30 and by appointment
- There will be no class meeting on a handful of days this semester due to travel. However, there will be some activity that you will be responsible for to replace those days.

- All information regarding this class can be obtained through Blackboard at <http://online.csus.edu>. You will need to go to this site to turn in work. To access the course information you must be registered for this class and have an active Saclink account. If you do not have a Saclink account go to <https://www.saclink.csus.edu/saclink/>
- Exams
 - Midterm 1: Wednesday February 27th
 - Midterm 2: Wednesday April 10th
 - Final: Wednesday, May 22nd, 10:15 to 12:15

Grading:

Your grade for this course will be based on:

- Two midterms (30% each)
 - Midterm 1: Wednesday February 27th, 12:00 to 1:15
 - Midterm 2: Wednesday April 10th, 12:00 to 1:15
- Homework Assignments (10%)
- Final Exam (30%)
 - Final: Wednesday, May 22nd, 10:15 to 12:15

Policies:

- **Attendance** is highly recommended.
- **Makeup policy:** I will allow make up exams for documented excusable absences. Make every possible effort to notify me prior to the exam.
- All students are expected to adhere to the **University Student Code of Conduct** outlined in the *CSUS University Policy Manual*. If you have questions regarding plagiarism and the appropriate way to give credit to sources in any work you submit, review the *Policy Manual* or confer with the instructor. Academic dishonesty is not tolerated, will be reported to Judicial Affairs, and will result in at least a zero grade on the assignment. Please read the policy manual carefully at: <http://www.csus.edu/admbus/umannual> (look for “Academic Honesty” policy).
- Also see the Student Tutorial on how **not to plagiarize** <http://library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=353>
- If you have a disability and require accommodations, you need to provide disability documentation to SSWD, Lassen Hall 1008, (916) 278-6955. Please discuss your accommodation needs with me after class or during my office hours early in the semester.