AUBURN UNIVERSITY

KINE 3830 - SYLLABUS

Fall 2025

# Course Details:

Course Number: KINE 3830

Course Title: Sports Officiating

Day/Time: MWF – 12:00pm-12:50pm

Location: KINE 126

Credit Hours: 3 credit hours

Prerequisites: None

# Contact Information:

Instructor: Susan Nunnelly

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# Texts or Major Resources:

No text required.

# Course Description:

This course discusses the characteristics of officials as effective leaders and professional role models, communication and its importance in controlling the game and in working with others, the controversy over the evaluations of officials, legal liability and safety considerations, the psychology of dealing with stress, and the undeniable reality of politics in officiating.

# Course Objectives:

After taking this course you will have a knowledge and understanding of the “Art of Sports Officiating.”

# Course Content: (daily content will be announced in class)

Week 1: **8/18/25 CLASSES BEGIN**

Week 2: Role/Purpose of the game official (s)

Week 3: **Qualities & Characteristics of a good official**

 **Reasons why people officiate**

 **How to recruit officials**

 GUEST SPEAKER

Week 4: **9/01/25 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

 **NOTE:** **9/08/25 Last day to drop a course with no grade assignment**

 Preparing to Officiate – pre & post season; mental & physical

Week 5: Officials Association(s) – NASO, NHSAA, AHSAA, Local Association

 Training Officials – GUEST SPEAKER

Week 6: Class Project - Establishing an Officials Association

 Group Members Assigned – Group Topics Assigned

Week 7: Group Meetings (during class) – prepare FIRST DRAFT

 **SUBMIT FIRST DRAFT ON CANVAS**

Week 8: Group Meetings (during class) – prepare FINAL DRAFT

 **SUBMIT FINAL DRAFT ON CANVAS**

**10/07/25 MID-SEMESTER**

 **10/09/25 – 10/10/25 FALL BREAK**

Week 9: GROUP PRESENTATIONS (during class) – Assigned Topic

 GUEST SPEAKER

Week 10: “OTHER” Game Officials – Official Table Crew, Stat Crew

 GUEST SPEAKER (S)

Week 11: Game Management – safety, security, liability, emergency medical personnel, etc. GUEST SPEAKER

Week 12: Reasons why one may STOP officiating?

 How are officials evaluated? Reasons for dismissal?

 Week 13: Professionalism and Ethics

Week 14: Legal Issues – liability, game site preparation, weather, player equipment,

 Income Tax GUEST SPEAKER

Week 15: Semester Review/FINAL EXAM

**12/05/25 CLASSES END**

***NOTE:* 11/21/25 *Last day to withdraw from course with no grade penalty. "W" assigned***

**11/24/25 – 11/28/25 THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**12/06/25-12/07/25 Study/Reading Days**

**12/08/25 – 12/12/25 FINAL EXAM PERIOD**

**12/13/25 COMMENCEMENT**

# Course Requirements / Evaluation:

Item Percentage

Class Attendance/Class Discussion 40%

Daily Assignments (submitted on CANVAS) 30%

Lab Calendar 5%

Guest Speaker Reviews (submitted on canvas) 10%

Group Project 5%

Final Exam 10%

Total 100%

## Grading Scale:

A = 100 – 90%

B = 89 – 80%

C = 79 – 70%

D = 69 – 60%

F = Below 60%

# Course Policy Statements:

## A. Attendance:

Physical Activity and Wellness Program Attendance Policy

The material and experiences in this class are important and if you are not in class, you cannot take an active role as a student. Class attendance and appropriate participation is paramount to your success as a student. Participation is defined as, but not limited to, “fully engaging in the course content and activities at a level that is deemed appropriate by the instructor.” **Once a student has accrued five unexcused absences he/she will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA (as stipulated by the Physical Activity and Wellness Program guidelines). Moreover, students who accrue eight (8) absences (excused, unexcused and/or combination of each type) will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA.**

## B. Excused Absences:

Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for university classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, and religious holidays. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please refer to the [Auburn University Student Policy eHandbook](http://www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies) at the following link www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies for more information on excused absences.

## C. Make-Up Policy:

Arrangement to make up missed examinations due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absences. The format of the make-up exam will be as specified by the instructor. If the student fails to follow these instructions the excused absence in question will be calculated as an unexcused absence.

Course Contingency: If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum will be made to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original material.

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather, check your Auburn email account for alternative class location and/or assignments.

# 9. Academic Honesty Policy:

All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the [Auburn University Student Policy eHandbook](http://www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies) www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies will apply to this class. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.

# 10. Disability Accommodations:

Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

Please note that accommodations are not retroactive. Accommodations begin after: (1) a meeting with the Office of Accessibility to determine appropriate accommodations; and (2) a meeting with the Instructor arranged by the student.

**Instructional Contingency Plan**

If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation (such as a COVID-19 outbreak), the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials. If the method of delivery should need to be changed throughout the course of the semester, please look to your Canvas page for announcements.

***This syllabus is a working document; the instructor reserves the right to modify or alter the syllabus throughout the semester.***