Note:

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COURSE SYLLABUS

SMGT 312
INTRODUCTION TO SPORT MINISTRY OUTREACH

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will explain the inter-relationships between sport and religion while examining the impact of muscular Christianity and sport ministry in North America. Tools and guidelines for preparing, organizing and administering a sport ministry program will also be examined.

RATIONALE

Sport and religion have been connected for thousands of years. At various times, sport has used and has been used by different religions. Sport provides today’s Christian with a platform for ministry in a relevant and nonthreatening manner. This happens at the international and local levels. Those who wish to minister in a postmodern culture must realize that sport is one of the most effective means of outreach that the Christian possesses. The successful sport minister will understand the background of sport and religion and the skills necessary for utilizing sport as a ministry tool.

I. PREREQUISITES

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Analyze the relationship between sport and religion from a historical perspective.
B. Evaluate the impact of the muscular Christianity movement in Western culture.
C. Describe the various organizations that currently utilize sport for evangelism and discipleship purposes.
D. Explain the legal issues that are pertinent to religious and sport activity.
E. Identify the qualifications necessary for effective sport ministers.
F. Explain the basic function of a sport ministry.
G. Design a plan to manage events, facilities, and programs within the context of a sport ministry.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
B. Course Requirements Checklist
   After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
C. Discussion Board Forums (4)
   The student is required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 400 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 3 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 200 words.
D. Written Assignments (2)
   The student will write a 2–3-page research-based paper in current APA format that focuses on an assigned topic. Each paper must include at least 2 scholarly sources in addition to the assigned readings and the Bible.
E. Final Paper
   The Final Paper is a compilation of the concepts learned in the course. The student will design a church-based or parachurch sport and recreation ministry using information from the course and readings. The student will complete 3 drafts in addition to the final submission.
   1. Draft 1
      The student will create the first part of a strategic foundation for a sport ministry he/she will design. The draft must be 3–5 pages, contain a minimum of 2 sources in addition to the Bible, and conform to current APA standards.
   2. Draft 2
      The student will provide a description of the programming for the sport ministry designed in Draft 1. The draft must be 3–5 pages, include at least 1 scholarly source, and conform to current APA standards.
   3. Draft 3
      The student will provide a description of the administration, logistics, and planning for the sport ministry designed in Drafts 1 and 2. The draft must be 3–5 pages, contain at least 2 scholarly sources, and conform to current APA standards.
   4. Submission
The student will combine new research with instructor feedback and research from Drafts 1, 2, and 3 to present the completed project. The Final Paper must be 10–15 pages, contain a minimum of 5 scholarly sources (not including course readings or Scripture), and conform to current APA standards.

F. Quizzes (8)
Each quiz will cover the Reading & Study material for the module/week in which it is assigned. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 10 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a 15-minute time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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B. Scale

A = 900–1010  B = 800–899  C = 700–799  D = 600–699  F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy
If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.

2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.

3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.

4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.
Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Other Policies

Instructor Availability and Feedback: The instructor will answer most emails within 24–48 hours. Students will receive written feedback on the written assignments.

Grievance Procedure: If students have any grievance with the course or the instructor, they should attempt to resolve the matter informally by contacting the instructor first. Egregious or repeated violations of this policy may result in formal disciplinary action.

Content: Students are responsible for all assigned course material. “Course material” includes, but is not limited to, all assigned readings, video, audio, online materials, journals, etc.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
## COURSE SCHEDULE

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Class Introductions  
DB Forum 1 – Thread  
Written Assignment 1  
Quiz 1 | 10 0 25 80 40 |
| 2            | Heisey: ch. 3 1 presentation | DB Forum 1 – Replies  
Written Assignment 2  
Quiz 2 | 25 80 40 |
| 3            | Heisey: ch. 4 2 presentations 7 videos | DB Forum 2 – Thread  
Quiz 3 | 25 40 |
| 4            | Heisey: ch. 5 1 presentation | DB Forum 2 – Replies  
Final Paper – Draft 1  
Quiz 4 | 25 40 40 |
| 5            | Heisey: ch. 6 2 presentations 2 videos | DB Forum 3 – Thread  
Final Paper – Draft 2  
Quiz 5 | 25 40 40 |
| 6            | Heisey: ch. 7 1 presentation | DB Forum 3 – Replies  
Final Paper – Draft 3  
Quiz 6 | 25 40 40 |
| 7            | Heisey: ch. 8 1 presentation 6 websites | DB Forum 4 – Thread  
Quiz 7 | 25 40 |
| 8            | Heisey: ch. 9 1 presentation | DB Forum 4 – Replies  
Final Paper – Submission  
Quiz 8 | 25 200 40 |

**TOTAL 1010**

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.