Course Objectives
The sports industry offers countless opportunities to study broad economic principles that govern the actions we so frequently observe taking place in the sports world around us. Using sports as a focal point, students can become better economists and enjoy the process of doing so. Students will incorporate the economic subfields of industrial organization, public finance, and labor economics as we pursue greater understanding of economic theories and of how such theories impact an important part of many peoples’ lives. The goals for this course are to provide students with tools needed to analyze the sports world around them, and to learn to apply these tools to other aspects of their environment. The course will rely heavily on classroom participation, independent thinking, and the development of creative problem-solving skills.

A basic knowledge of microeconomics is essential in order to master the material in this course, as is a working knowledge of fundamental calculus.

Prerequisites
Completion of Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (ECON 3550) and either Business Calculus (MATH 1190) or College Math with Calculus (MATH 1400) are prerequisites for enrolling in this course.

Course Material

Blackboard Learn
This course uses the University of North Texas’ Learning Management System, Blackboard Learn to post announcements and assignments. To get started with the course, please go to: https://learn.unt.edu. You will need your EUID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your EUID or have forgotten your password, please go to: http://ams.unt.edu.

Blackboard will be the primary means of communication among us during the semester. If your UNT e-mail address is not your primary e-mail account, you should forward your UNT e-mail to your primary account.

The University provides student technical support in the use of Blackboard. The student help desk may be reached at helpdesk@unt.edu, 940.565-2324, or in Sage Hall, Room 130. Please refer to the website (http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm) for updated hours.
Course Requirements
Students are expected to complete the assigned reading before coming to class. It is imperative that students prepare for and attend class. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain from your classmates the relevant class notes and assignments. Please note the following guidelines.

1. No assignments will be accepted late. No make-up exams will be given. If you have an emergency and cannot take an exam at the scheduled time, you must contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person before the start of the exam to discuss possible alternatives. There is no assurance that an alternative will be granted. Requests for medical reasons must be supported by a doctor’s note.
2. Do not come to class late. Classes will begin on time and tardiness will not be tolerated. If you are late to class, please enter quietly.
3. Turn off cell phones prior to class beginning. If you are seen texting during class I will ask you to leave the classroom.
4. Computer use is not permitted during class.
5. Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in an immediate zero on the relevant assignment. You are encouraged to become familiar with the University’s Policy of Academic dishonesty found in the Student Handbook. The content of the Handbook applies to this course. Consult the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline for information on any further penalties that may be imposed by the Committee on Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/cssr. Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct.
6. If you have special needs, please advise immediately so that we can make any necessary arrangements.

Grading
There will be three exams (20% each) and four homework assignments (10% each). All assignments will require that you understand and synthesize information rather than simply memorize material. The final exam will be cumulative.

Homework
Each assignment must be submitted at the beginning of class on the date that it is due. Note: your assignment must be legible or it will not be accepted; if in doubt, type your work. While students may work together to understand the material and to proofread one another’s work, each must submit homework independently. All assignments will be posted on Blackboard one week before they are due. Due dates are indicated by asterisks on the calendar.

UNT endeavors to offer you a high quality education and to provide a supportive environment to help you grow and learn. As a faculty member I am committed to helping you to be successful as a student. To succeed at UNT: Show up. Find support. Take control. Be prepared. Get involved. Be persistent.