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HPER 341: Sports Officiating

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Course Syllabus

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I. Course Title: HPER 341 - Sports Officiating

II. Course Description:

This course is designed for students who desire to officiate interscholastic athletics. Students will become a registered official (in the sport of their choice) through either or both the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU).

III. Course Objectives:

1. The students will become certified in one sport or more sports.
2. The student will develop an understanding of the role and relationship of sports officials within sporting activities.
3. The students will gain an appreciation of officials in other sports as well as the one they are earning certification.
4. The student will be able to articulate and encourage to demonstrate a Christian perspective in officiating.

IV. Course Outline

Day 1  Introduction - course requirements
Day 2  History and current issues in officiating
Day 3  Preparation for the season
Day 4  Mechanics
Day 5  Problem calls
Day 6  Professionalism
Day 7  Working with other Officials
Day 8 & 9  Psychological Considerations
Day 10  Legal Issues
Day 11  Gender and Officiating
Day 12 & 13  The Evaluation of Officials
Day 14  Open

V. Method of Instruction:

Lecture, discussion and individual assistance in helping students becoming a certified official.

VI. Evaluation of Students:

National Federation Rules Test  50 pts.
Attendance  45 pts.
Quizzes  5 pts.
Officiating (min of 2 experiences)  30 pts.