

**2225G-650: The Inside Track- Sports Writing
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Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30 pm via Zoom or by appointment on Zoom

Course Description and Objectives

For decades, the sports pages have been an integral part of the daily newspaper and more recently the online versions. Sports makes up its own section in practically every daily paper on the continent, and in the past 60 years or so has spread widely into the magazine world. Sports TV channels are an integral part of every cable or network operation, there are countless websites devoted to sports, and the sports themselves have become multi-billion dollar enterprises. The best sports writing combines elements of

Course Requirements

Covering a sports event (live or virtually)	25%	Due Feb. 6
Sports Feature Article	40%	Due March 8
Sports column	30%	Due March 30
Online discussion/exercises/workshopping	5%	ongoing

Assignment Format

posting requirements may result in your final grade in the course being reduced by up to 10% (e.g., an earned final grade of 80% will be reported as a final grade of 72).

Although this is an online course, you are expected to check into the OWL site on a regular basis, to read participate in online discussions and to interact online with your fellow classmates by workshopping your drafts as much as online allows you. This policy will be waived only for medical or compassionate reasons. If your absence is extended and prolonged (over one week of continuous non-attendance), then you should discuss it with your academic advisor in your home faculty, who may require documentation. That advisor may then contact all of your instructors. See also **Medical Accommodation Policy**

Note: a class meeti
another course **will** count as non-attendance, and **will** attract penalties as defined above if applicable. Instructors at the University of Western Ontario **shall not require** a student to write a make-up test or

you elect to miss a class in order to write such a test, that is **your** choice; your absence will not be excused.

See also **Medical Accommodation Policy**

Scholastic Offences, including Plagiarism

The University Senate requires the following statements, and Web site references, to appear on course outlines:

specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own wor_undergrad.pdf

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found in Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf

Academic Consideration for Student Absence

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or

		http://irenebakistan.weebly.com/sports-writing.html
Week 2 Jan. 17	Writing a sports news story/ Covering events	http://www.cjr.org/essay/back_to_the_future_1.php?page=all http://www.jprof.com/going-

Week		
8	Writing from	https://sportsfieldguide.org/2014/11/04/take
March	Personal	
7	Experience and Sports Columns	