The University of Western Ontario

Kinesiology 9631b
Strategy and Tactics in Sport
2017 Winter Term
[subject to revision]

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Meeting Time: usually 9:30-11:40 am, either Tuesday OR Thursday of each week during SECOND the term.

1. **Course Format**
   All classes are discussion/lecture in style and the active participation of all students is expected.

2. **Readings**
   There is no course text book. Any readings will be assigned during class meetings.

3. **Office Hours**
   Option I: Drop by any time (best times are in the mornings usually). If I am available, we can meet then.
   Option 2: Make an appointment by phone, e-mail, pre-post class etc.

4. **Course Evaluation** (subject to revision)
   **Final Examination** (70%). Format= essay, short answer.

   **Term Contribution** (30%; determined by instructor). Naturally, engaging in discussion during seminar classes is expected and so constitutes part of the term contribution to a final grade. As well, individuals should collect ‘video clips’ of sporting events that illustrate tactical principles discussed during the seminars (or tactical principals not covered in class but are deemed important). From time to time, part of a seminar will be set aside for the presentation of these clips to the class, accompanied by the presenter’s interpretation of what the clip means. The seminar at which these clip presentations is to take place will be indicated the week prior, during the seminar.

**TOPICAL Outline**

[1] **Introduction**
   - control of ….
   - attrition (types, aims, ingredients needed to execute)

[2] **Four Options**
   - GO, DENY, EXPLOIT, PREVENT (these are general strategies and some consideration will be given to their merits and applicability, and to whether any one of these is better than another)
[3] **Controlling Time**  
(i) Expectancy  
(ii) Unpredictability  
(iii) Time Pressure  
  objectives  
  error types  
  speed/accuracy trade-off (practice effect)  
  combating time pressure  
  time pressure vulnerabilities/compensations  
  predictability  

[4] **Controlling Uncertainty**  
  Information Theory  
  Theory choice  
  reaction time  
  offense control of uncertainty  
  defense control of uncertainty  
  optimizing uncertainty  

[5] **Controlling Space**  
  * types of space  
  * types of interpersonal space:  
  * space controlled by offense/defense  
  * concealing intentions: uncertainty, deception, cover  
  * deception  
    - aims  
    - prediction outcome effect  
    - advance cues  
    - skill to-be-learned  
    - ballistic faking  

[6] **Controlling Force**  

[7] **Understanding Automation**  
  - and how it can be exploited  

[8] **The Psyche: Forms of Social Control**  
  - coercion  

[9] **Sport Doctrine**  
  - * defense wins championships (definite consideration)  
  - home advantage (possible consideration)  
  - psychological momentum (possible consideration)  
  - other