Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Course Name: KNPE 465/3.0	Course Instructor: Dr. Jean Côté	Contact Hours: Lectures: 1 x 3 hrs/wk / 12 weeks
Sport Participation and		Recommendation:
Performance		KNPE 237/3.0
		Prerequisite:
		A grade of B in KNPE 265/3.0 Level 4 in a KINE plan.
		Exclusion:
Course Description:		Course Texts:
This course explores the psychological research and theories that facilitate understanding of participation, personal development, and performance in sport. More specifically, course discussions and readings will focus specifically on the aspects and conditions that allow individuals to (a) remain engaged in sport, (b) maintain interest in sport, and (c) achieve levels of high performance in sport. Additionally, theoretical and empirical work exploring a variety of methodological issues related to this field of research will be introduced and discussed.		Readings for this course will be available on-line.
 Learning Outcomes: Recognize the importance and differentiate between several types of sporting activities and their influence on athletes' participation, performance, and personal development. Describe the role that social agents—such as coaches, parents, and peers—have in influencing an athlete's development at different ages and stages in life. Identify how different sport settings and environmental resources shape athlete development, including the roles of contextual factors, such as relative age and birthplace effects. Identify, describe, and critique the appropriateness of different methodological approaches to study athlete development in and through sport. Evaluate course content and propose practical applications for athletes, coaches, parents, and sport practitioners to undertake. 		Course Evaluation:Weekly Concept Maps of Readings and MethodsMethods10%Current Research on Weekly Topic10%Method: Active Reading Documents10%Reflection on Youth Sport20%Research Proposal Literature Review25%Research Proposal Method/Conclusion25%

 Develop quality research questions and proposals. Practice writing engaging literature reviews and research proposals. 			
Course Outline			
Introduction: Course structure; Writing effectively; Literature review; Concept Mapping	Social Dynamics: Developmental Relationships		
A System Approach to sport	Observation		
Types of Research	Social Dynamics: Coaching		
Positive Youth Development	State Space Grid		
Questionnaires	Social Dynamics: Parents		
Immediate Experience: Interest and fun	Personal Construct Psychology		
Momentary assessment	Appropriate Settings: Competitive engineering, birthplace, and relative age		
Personal Engagement in Activities: Play, practice, and nonlinear pedagogy	Knowledge Mobilization		
Qualitative Interviews and Analyses	Parasport		
Engagement in Activities: Early specialization and sampling	Models of athlete development		
Retrospective Interview			