The sports business is now the 11th largest industry in the United States, estimated by the Sports Business Journal to be worth $213 billion annually. Significantly more than twice the size of the US auto industry, and seven times the size of the U.S. movie industry, sports is indeed big business.

Taught by Mike Rielly and Chris Giles, both highly regarded in the sports industry, this course will examine sports marketing and business practices utilized in the global marketplace, with emphasis on the following six sectors: Professional Leagues & Teams, Collegiate Athletics, Sports Media, Sporting Goods & Licensed Products, Sports Agencies & Sponsorships, and Athlete Management. Anticipated guest speakers for this semester’s class include representatives from EA Sports, Visa, Cal Athletics, CAA, IMG, the San Francisco Giants, Easton Sports, the San Francisco 49ers, and the PGA Tour.

The instructors for this course:
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