Course Title: Capstone: NFL Kicking

Course Outline:

The student will complete a thorough analysis of the effect of the recently changed kickoff position in the National Football League. In 2011, the kickoff position was changed from the 30-yard line to the 35-yard line and many football analysts have commented on the negative effects of this change. This student will gather data in order to investigate the negative (and possibly positive) impacts this change has had on NFL football. The student will be required to: obtain background information regarding this rational for the rule change, collect sufficient data to understand the impact of this change, and provide a complete explanation of their work in both a written and oral format.

Course Objectives:
1. Identify, measure, and summarize the effect of this rule change on the kicker position.
2. Identify, measure, and summarize the effect of this rule change on the kick returner position.

Bibliography


Method of Instruction and Evaluation:

The student will be evaluated on their attendance at regularly scheduled meetings with their project advisor. The student will keep a log sheet detailing the hours worked and their progress toward project completion. Also, the student must write a report summarizing the project and their work, and a significant portion of their grade will be determined by the quality of their report. In addition, the student will give either a poster presentation or an oral presentation of their results.