

**UNIV 197K The Limits of Human Performance**  
**Fall Semester 2009**

**Assignment**

For your assignment, you need to write a paper on the topic described below. The paper should be one page in length, single-spaced, with a 10 or 12 point font. This assignment is due at the beginning of class on Monday, November 23, 2009.

Your paper should address the question of whether you think disabled athletes should be allowed to compete in able-bodied sporting events (as opposed to being required to compete in a separate category, or a separate event altogether). While you can certainly refer to specific examples, you should think broadly in answering this question, and not just address a single sport or event.

If you feel that disabled athletes *should* be allowed to compete in able-bodied sporting events, you need to clearly explain why you feel this way, and address any limits that should be placed on assistive devices used by disabled athletes, and how these decisions should be made.

If you feel that disabled athletes *should not* be allowed to compete in able-bodied sporting events, you must clearly explain why they should not, and provide a rationale for why this is not a form of discrimination (which is one of the primary counter-arguments you would face).

While it is not required, you are encouraged to read some of the extensive material that addresses this topic on the Internet, before you start writing. A quick Google search should turn up more than enough material to keep you busy for a while.