**FACULTY PROFILE**

**Department**
CSU College: Business

**CSU Discipline:** Sports Management

**Basic Info**

Name: Tim Rice  
Title: Part-Time Faculty  
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**Personal Preferred Availability:** Evenings

**Education**

Doctor of Sports Management  
United States Sports Academy

Master of Sports Science  
United States Sports Academy

Bachelor of Science in Human Performance/Exercise Science  
University of Mobile

**Biography**

Background

A native of the Gulf Coast community of Robertsdale, Alabama, Dr. Tim Rice is a career online educator and coach. Rice graduated in 1993 from Mobile College, now known as the University of Mobile, in Mobile, Alabama with a degree in physical education and a minor in history. He was an NAIA All-District and All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference performer in cross country during his collegiate career at Mobile, leading the Rams to three NAIA National Championship Meets. In addition, he served as a men’s basketball student assistant for NAIA Hall of Fame Coach Dr. Bill Elder. He received masters and doctoral degrees in sport management from the United States Sports Academy in 1999 and 2005, respectively.

Dr. Rice has been in higher education for over 15 years at colleges and universities across the country. He has served in coaching and administrative roles at the NCAA Division I and III levels, NAIA and NCAA levels, and at the high school level during his career. He has served as a head collegiate coach in basketball, cross country, golf, and soccer during this time, as well as serving in the roles of Sports Information Director and Athletic Director. He has also coached high school basketball and track and field during his career. Dr. Rice has also served as a sport management consultant and basketball coach internationally in Ireland. In addition, he served in the business world as a professional fundraiser. He directed the Start! Denver Heart & Stroke Walk for two years and led his volunteer teams to raise $1 million during this period. Many of Rice’s former student-athletes have gone on to become sport coaches and administrators.

**CSU Story**

Dr. Rice has served as a part-time faculty member at CSU since July 2009.

**Hobbies/Interests**

Traveling, reading, and visiting sport facilities worldwide.

**Additional Information**

- Presidents’ Athletic Conference Women’s Golf Coach of the Year at Grove City College (2003)
- The Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) Grant (2016)

**Teaching Philosophy**

Learning is best facilitated by an informed instructor who balances up-to-date concepts with effective teaching. Professors should care about students as people. This is crucial to gaining their trust and ears. Communication is essential for success in any profession. Students must be challenged mentally, emotionally and socially to become well-rounded, productive citizens. Clear, concise unit and course objectives will guide lessons and assignments in a student-centered classroom.

The use of a comprehensive academic program can contribute to a student’s love and appreciation for the subject matter. This program, with the use of various mentoring experiences, can help students develop critical thinking skills, as well as facilitate the acquisition of life-long learning skills. This is the vehicle to help students develop a strong knowledge base in a variety of content areas, which can make a difference in their lives.

Getting to know the students on a different level will build trust with them. This trust coupled with established expectations and a forgiving spirit when providing correction and motivation will lead to a good environment for everyone.

**Advice for Current Students**

Make sure to always read and act upon the feedback given by your faculty members. In addition, utilize the CSU Success Center to help you with your researching, writing, and formatting. Lastly, make sure to take this time to market yourself—your faculty members are experts in their field and have many contacts. Take advantage of the tools that you have!