



Course Outline
KNES 245: Socio-Cultural Perspectives In Sports
Winter 2013
January 8 through April 16

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Office Hours: By Appointment	

Course Description: An examination of current methodologies in the study of cultural meanings of sport, leisure, and physical education. The broad goal of the course is to review contemporary perspectives on the political, economic and social basis of leisure and sport. In pursuing this goal, we will focus on developing and understanding the ways that leisure and sport are both constraining (e.g. reinforcing stereotypes about barriers that exist for certain groups) and enabling (e.g. providing a forum where participants and fans form/experience a sense of community). Much of the course will be spent examining the problems, myths and stereotypes that abound in various leisure and sport related contexts, and considering the part that leisure (can) play in progressive social development. This course will explore present day issues and current events in leisure and sport.

- Course Objectives:**
- Enhance students ability to think critically
 - Gain experience working in small groups
 - Gain experience presenting material
 - Develop familiarity with various sociological concepts
 - Enhance students understanding of various research methods and social theory

Required Text: Coakley, J. & Donnelly, P. (2009). *Sports in Society: Issues and Controversies* (2nd Canadian Edition) Toronto, ON: McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Contacting the Instructor: Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak with their instructor during class or office hours. Should you wish to meet with the instructor outside of office hours, please phone or email the instructor to make an appointment.

Email, while commonly used, does limit the effectiveness of communications and may not be the best way for instructors to answer student questions. Therefore, the instructor may request a telephone call or personal meeting. Your instructor will inform you as to his/her expectations about emails.

Grading Scale:

Grade	Percent	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	97.0 - 100	4.00	Outstanding
A	92.0 - 96.9	4.00	Excellent - superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
A-	88.0 - 91.9	3.70	
B+	84.0 - 87.9	3.30	
B	80.0 - 83.9	3.00	Good-clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
B-	76.0 - 79.9	2.70	
C+	72.0 - 75.9	2.30	
C	68.0 - 71.9	2.00	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter. Grade point average below 2.00 is not sufficient for promotion.
C-	64.0 - 67.9	1.70	
D+	60.0 - 63.9	1.30	
D	56.0 - 59.9	1.00	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
F	Below 56.0	0	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

Evaluation of Course Content:

Mid Term	35%	March 4
Written Assignment	30%	Details to be posted on blackboard and discussed in class
Final	35%	Exam Period TBA

Late Policy:

Only original copies will be accepted. Assignments must be typed and double-spaced. Assignments will be accepted at the beginning of class. Assignments turned in after class will be deducted an additional 10% per day.

Final Examination:

There is a final exam. It will be cumulative. It may consist of multiple-choice and short answer questions.

Additional Course Information:

Students may be required to read supplemental material at the discretion of the instructor. All extra readings will be accessible through the libraries web portal. Students must be aware of file sharing and University Policy regarding copy writes and plagiarism.

Course Content:

January	Topics
9	Introduction
14	What is Sociology Ch 1
16	Continued
21	Understanding the World of Sport Ch 2
23	A Look at the Past Ch 3
28	Socialization and Sport Ch 4
30	Sport Programming In Canada Ch 5
February	
4	Amateur Sport in Canada
6	Sport and Gender Ch 8
11	Sport and Gender continued
13	Deviance and Sport Ch 6
17-24	Reading Break
25	Wrestling with Manhood
27	Violence and Sport Ch 7
March	
4	<i>Mid Term Exam</i>
6	Race and Ethnicity and Sport Ch 9
11	Race and Ethnicity continued
13	Sport and Social Class Ch 10
18	Sport and the Economy Ch 11
20	Sport and the Media Ch 12
25	Missrepresentation
27	Sport and Disability
April	
1	Globalization and Sports Ch 13
3	Activism and Sport in the Future Ch 15
8	Continued
10	Final Exam Review
15	Final Paper's Due

*** This is a tentative timetable as all content is subject to change

Supplementary Course Information

In accordance with the University of Calgary Calendar

**Academic
Accommodation
Awareness Information:**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct:
(see Calendar)

A single offence of cheating, plagiarism, or other academic misconduct is a serious act that will not be tolerated in the Faculty of Kinesiology. Penalties for such acts will be determined by the Dean and may result in a failing grade, probation, suspension, or expulsion. Any student who is uncertain if an action falls into this category should consult the instructor and/or the Calendar.

Midterm Exam Policy:

The Faculty of Kinesiology policy is that all students are expected to write midterm exams on the dates listed on the course outline. Special accommodation may be granted by the instructor in **exceptional circumstances only** which include illness, participation in athletic events (varsity, national or international), domestic affliction, and religious conviction. It is the student's responsibility to supply proper documentation and/or notification **prior** to the originally scheduled midterm to support their circumstance. Personal travel plans and arrangements are **not** valid reasons for requesting a special accommodation for a midterm exam. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a grade of zero for the midterm and possible failure in the course.

FOIP Policy:

Please note that the University is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Please refer to the website for details: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

Internet and Electronic Communication Device Information:

Any surfing of the Internet during lectures that is not directly related to the class discussion is distracting and strictly forbidden. Additionally, the use of any electronic devices (e.g., cellular phones, Blackberrys) for e-mailing, texting, etc. is strictly prohibited. Please turn OFF your phone before the beginning of each lecture.

Emergency Meeting Place:

For classes in the Kinesiology buildings Primary assembly point is the MacEwan Student Centre - North Courtyard and the Alternate assembly point is University Theatres Lobby

Safewalk Information:

Safewalk volunteers walk people safely to their destination on campus (including Health Sciences, Children's Hospital, McMahon Stadium, and University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors. Call 403-220-5333 (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year).

Student's Union:

The Kinesiology Representative is Calindy Ramsden - E-mail: kinesrep@su.ucalgary.ca