

Elements in Sport and Society:  
Topics for the Sport Manager

Sport and Society

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Mon 12:30-3:00 and Wed. 1:00-3:30

Rm: Gateway Center, TBA

Texts: Sport Worlds by Maguire, Jarvie, et al., Sociology of North American Sport by Eitzen and Sage, The Meaning of Sports by Michael Mandelbaum

Suggested readings: Social Significance of Sport by McPherson, Curtis and Loy, The Sports Process by Dunning, Maguire and Pearson and Sport: Mirror of American Life by R. Boyle.)

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Office hrs. M/W 11:15-12:15 P.M.

This course is designed to enable the student to recognize sport as a phenomenon and social institution and to analyze the theoretical implications of sport in the contemporary world in relation to actual contexts and existing social and institutional structures as they have developed and been modified in the twentieth century.

Additionally, the course will focus on the identification of historical, socioeconomic and player personnel issues in sport situations, analyzing the actions and decisions as to value orientations and ethical stance, and identifying and formulating a consistent ethical base for one's own functioning as a sport administrator, marketer, etc.

Elements of philosophy of sport; past, present and future sociological considerations and personal psychology of sport, as it applies to the "business of sport," will be included in the curriculum. Critical thinking and participation will be foregrounded.

Goals and objectives:

- To foster critical thinking about the many and varied elements of sport and society
- To enable a foundational understanding of those elements through reading, research, discussion, presentation and personal consideration
- To be able to apply sociological theory and perspective to sport in our society
- To develop our own thoughts and ideals toward sport in society based on empirical data, foundational warrants and individual experience
- To understand how ethics is applied (or not) toward sport in a variety of personal and professional contexts
- To synergize this sociological consideration of sport with the role of a sport administrator
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