

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
PEAK: Department of Physical Education, Athletics & Kinesiology

PE 1040
Introduction to Sociocultural Aspects of Leisure and Sport
Course Outline: Fall 2006

General Information

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Calendar Description

The course explores the study of play, physical education, recreation, sport and leisure as institutionalized ways in which society organizes and teaches attitudes and skills. It provides an introduction to the importance of sociocultural inquiry and the notion of being critical as an empowering process.

Course Objectives

1. To introduce students to the social analysis of play, leisure, and sport.
2. To explore the influence of social indicators like class, race, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexuality, and age on who can and cannot enjoy sport and leisure activities.
3. To introduce students to the notion of critical thinking as an empowering process.
4. To prepare students for more advanced courses in the history and sociology of sport and leisure.

Required Text

Crossman, J. ed. (2003). Canadian Sport Sociology. Toronto: TEP

Course Requirements & Evaluation*

Chapter Summaries/Participation	13 x 3 =	40%
Book Review		15%
Movie Review		15%
Suggested Readings Reviews		15%
Website Review/Analysis		<u>15%</u>
		100%

*Information regarding the assignments will be provided in class during the first two meetings (Sept. 7, 12).

Proposed Course Sequence

September 7	Introduction to course
September 12, 14	Sport Sociology in the Canadian Context: An Introduction
September 19, 21	A Brief History of the Rise of the Canadian Sport Culture
September 26, 28	Children, Youth, and Parental Involvement in Organized Sport
October 3, 5	Sport in Canadian Educational Institutions
October 10, 12	Deviance and Sport
October 17, 19	Violence and Aggression in Sport
October 24, 26	Gender Issues in Sport
October 31, November 2	Race and Ethnicity in Canadian Sport
November 7, 9	The Economics of Sport
November 14, 16	Sport and Mass Media
November 21, 23	Canadian Sports and Politics
November 28, 30	Sports & Religion
December 5, 7	Current Trends and the Future of Sport

PE1040 Grading System

Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Percentage Range
A+	4.0	94 – 100
A	4.0	89 – 93
A-	3.7	85 – 88
B+	3.3	81 – 84
B	3.0	77 – 80
B-	2.7	72 – 76
C+	2.3	69 – 71
C	2.0	64 – 68
C-	1.7	60 – 63
D+	1.3	55 – 59
D	1.0	50 – 54
F	0.0	Below 50