Course Syllabus Summer 2023

SPAD 5063 X40/DX1 Sport in American Culture
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Contact Preference
My preferred method of communication is by email. I check my email throughout the day (MTWR), so you can expect to hear back from me usually within a few hours of receiving your message. I generally do not respond during the evening hours or over the weekend. If you should call and leave a message, I would appreciate it if you would also send me an email as I most often do not pay attention to the phone.

Course Description
Theoretical study of the historical foundations and interactions between sport, society, and culture.

Textbook
Woods, R.B. & Butler, B.N. (2021). *Social issues in sport* (4th ed.). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

APA Manual
APA Formatting and Style Guide (7th ed.).
Purdue Owl - APA

Learning Outcomes
- Students will examine sport as a microcosm of society.

- Students will explore various social and cultural factors that influence the administration of sport programs and those that participate.

Topics for Study
- Sport participants and spectators
- Influence of media

- Youth sports
- Coaching and leadership
- Interscholastic and intercollegiate sports
- Ethics and moral behavior
- Race and ethnicity
- Gender
- Social class
- Religion
- Government and politics
- Deviance and violence

Assignments

Discussion Questions
Students will complete two discussion questions each week that are associated with the assigned chapter readings for that week. Each question is worth 50 points (100 points per week) and each question response should be 500 words in length. A total of 400 points can be earned.

Exams
Students will complete two exams comprised of four essay questions each. Each question is worth 25 points (100 points per exam) and each question response should be 250 words in length. Exams are due at the end of weeks two and four. The two exams total 200 points.

Topic Paper
Students will complete a paper on a topic selected from a list of topics developed by the instructor. The paper should be 1000 words in length. It is due during week five and is worth 100 points.

Student Integrity

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Assessment

Assignments	Points	Due Date
Questions Chapters 2,4	100	Thursday July 13
Questions Chapters 5,6	100	Thursday July 20
Exam 1 Chapters 2,4,5,6	100	Saturday July 22
Questions Chapters 9,10	100	Thursday July 27
Questions Chapters 11,15	100	Thursday August 3
Exam 2 Chapters 9,10,11,15	100	Saturday August 5
Topic Paper	100	Tuesday August 8
Total Points	700	

Grade	Points	Percent
A	630-700	90-100
B	560-629	80-89
C	490-559	70-79
D	420-489	60-69
F	000-419	00-59