

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY**  
**SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY**  
**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**KINESIOLOGY 3377F: The Canadian Sport System**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

The central purpose of this course is to examine selected issues in the sport, physical activity and recreation systems in Canada.

1. Students will receive an exposure to, and critical analysis of, the theoretical, conceptual and methodological phases of research in Canadian studies.
2. Students will be provided with an in depth analysis of the Canadian sport system including: governments and sport (federal, provincial and municipal), sport and education, national sports organizations and commercial/professional sport and recreation.
3. Selected issues to be explored include: the cultural significance of Canadian sport, high performance sport in Canada, sport and gender in Canada, the economics of Canadian sport and sport and the Canadian media(print and electronic).

**COURSE TEXT**

McGregor, Roy (2007). **Canadians: a portrait of a country and its people.** Toronto: Penguin Group Canada, 256 pages. .

**RECOMMENDED READINGS**

Cohen, Andrew (2003). **While Canada slept: how we lost our place in the world.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 224 pages.

Cohen, Andrew (2007). **The unfinished Canadian: the people we are.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 280 pages.

Donnelly, Peter, editor (2000). **Taking sport seriously: social issues in Canadian sport** (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Toronto: Thompson Educational Publishing, Inc. , 232 pages.

Dowbiggin, Bruce (2008). **The meaning of puck: how hockey explains modern Canada.** Toronto: Key Porter Books Limited, 232 pages.

Friedman, Thomas L. (2005). **The world is flat: a brief history of the twenty-first century.** New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Government of Canada (2005). **Strengthening Canada: the socio-economic benefits of sport participation in Canada.** Ottawa.

Hurtig, Mel (2003). **The vanishing country: is it too late to save Canada?** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 456 pages.

Ibbitson, John (2005). **The polite revolution: perfecting the Canadian dream.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 270 pages.

Li, Ming, MacIntosh, Eric and Bravo, Gonzalo, Editors (2012). **International sport management.** Human Kinetics. Windsor, Ontario, Canada. 511 pages.

**Sport: the way ahead: the report of the minister's task force on federal sport policy .** (1992) Supply and Services Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, 311 pages.

Mills, Dennis, et.al (1998).**Sport in Canada: leadership, partnership and accountability.** Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, Sub-Committee on the Study of Sport in Canada. House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, 176 pages.

Semotiuk, Darwin (2005). **An overview of sport and physical activity in Canada: from playground to podium.**”Estudios Comparados en Educacion Fisica y Deporte”, X Jornada Annual de Investigacion UPEL Maracay. Maracay, Venezuela..

Semotiuk, Darwin (2006). **Creating healthy communities through sport and physical activity.** Keynote address presented the 2006 Melbourne International Sports Studies Conference, “Sport , Communities and Engagement”. Melbourne, Australia.

Semotiuk, Darwin (2007). **Playground or podium.....a critique of the Government of Canada's Sport and physical activity initiatives.** Keynote address presented Regional Summit ISCPES 2007, Varadero, Cuba.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS/EVALUATION**

- Students will be required to read materials drawing from the course text and attached reading list. All students are expected to be familiar with current issues and to be active participants in class discussions.
- Each student will be required to complete a major paper on a topic related to the subject matter of the course. The topic must be approved by the course professor. **The major paper proposal is due on Friday, September 28, 2012 and the final paper is due before 4:00 pm on Friday, November 23, 2012 (40% of final grade).**

- All students shall participate in a group project (four persons/group) on a topic dealing with an aspect of the Canada's sport system. **The topic shall be approved by the course professor and each group will be responsible for presenting their project to the class (30% of final grade).**
- **A final written essay examination in December, 2012. The exam will be two hours in length (date/time-TBA) and will be worth 30% of the final grade.**

## COURSE CONTENT

1. Sources for Canadian sport studies.
2. Historical development of the field of study.
3. Factors affecting the development and structure of sport systems, including, ecological, social, culture/values, politics, economics, and religion.
4. Systematic analysis of the Canadian national sport system based on geographical, social, cultural, economic, educational and political factors.
5. National organizations for sport and physical activity in Canada.
6. The Canadian sport system
  - Federal government
  - Provincial governments
  - Regional/municipal governments
  - Sport in education-primary, secondary and tertiary institutions
  - Sport governing bodies and professional associations
  - Commercial/professional sport and physical activity

## Kinesiology 3377F Reading List

### The Canadian Sport System

Bennett, Bruce, Howell, Maxwell and Simri, Uriel (1983). **Comparative physical education and sport** (second edition). Philadelphia: Lea and Febiger.

Best, J. Cal, Blackhurst, Marjorie and Makosky, Lyle (1992). **Minister's task force on federal sport policy. Sport: the way ahead.** Ottawa, Ontario: Ministry of State. Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Best, J. Cal, (1994,). **Report of the core sports commissioner.** Ottawa, Ontario: Department of Canadian Heritage.

Bright, Deborah (1992). **The Canadian national sport system: current changes and future directions, 1988-1992.** London, Ontario: Unpublished Masters degree thesis.

Cadieux, Pierre (1993). **Federal directions in sport.** Response to the Minister's task force on federal sport policy. Ottawa, Ontario: Ministry of State, Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Chalip, Laurence, Johnson, Arthur and Lisa Stachura, editors(1996).**National sport policies:an international handbook.**Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing.

Charest, Jean (1988). **Toward 2000: building Canada's sport system.** Ottawa, Ontario: Ministry of State, Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Dubin, Charles L. (1990). **Commission of inquiry into the use of drugs and banned practices intended to increase athletic performance.** Ottawa, Ontario: Ministry of Supply and Services.

Gilbert, Doug (1980). **The miracle machine.** New York. Coward, McCann and Geoghegan, Inc.

**Journal of Comparative Physical Education and Sport.** Published by Verlag Karl Hofmann for ISCPES. Volumes 1-23. Now called **International Sport Studies.**

Lowe, Benjamin, Kanin, David and Strenk, Andrew (1978). **Sport and international relations.** Champaign: Stipes Publishing Company.

Macintosh, Donald, Bedecki, Tom and Frankes, C.E.S. (1987). **Sport and politics in Canada.** Kingston/Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

Macintosh, Donald and Whitson, David (1990). **The game planners: transforming**

**Canada's sport system.** Kingston/Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

Macintosh, Donald and Hawes, Michael (1994). **Sport and Canadian diplomacy.** Kingston/Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

**Proceedings of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport Biennial Conferences.** Halifax (1980), Minneapolis (1982), Malente/Kiel (1984), Vancouver (1986), Hong Kong (1988), Bisham Abbey (1990), Houston (1992), Prague (1994), Hachi-ohji (1996), Leuven (1998), Maroochydore (2002), Windsor, (2003), London (2004), Maracay (2005), Melbourne (2006), Varadero (2007).

Semotiuk, Darwin (1992). **Restructuring Canada's national sports system: the legacy of the Dubin inquiry.** Paper presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport. Houston, Texas.

Semotiuk, Darwin (1994). **Federal government sport policy in transition: new directions for Canadian amateur sport.** Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport. Prague, Czech Republic, July 2-7, 1994.

Semotiuk, Darwin (1996). **Public accountability: federal government initiatives in Canadian amateur sport.** Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport. Hachi-ohji, Japan, August 26 - September 1, 1996.

Semotiuk, Darwin (1998). **The Canadian experience: federal government sport policy on the eve of the new millennium.** Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES). Leuven, Belgium, July 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

Semotiuk, Darwin (2002). **The pursuit of international sports excellence: the policies of the government of Canada.** Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth International Sport Conference. Manchester, England. July 19-23, 2002.

Wilcox, Ralph (editor) (1994). **Sport in the global village.** Morgantown, West Virginia: Fitness Information Technology Inc.

**INTERNET WEBSITES**

Sport Canada: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/sportcanada>

Olympic Movement: <http://www.olympic.org>

Scholarly Sport Sites: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/sportsite>

Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles: <http://www.aafla.org>

ISCPES: <http://iscpes.org>

Canadian Olympic Committee: <http://www.olympic.ca>

Sport Matters: <http://www.sportmatters.ca>