KINESIOLOGY 4460F: Comparative and International Sport

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course examines different national sport, physical activity and recreation systems in cultural perspective, along with the study of selected issues in international sport.

1. Students will receive an exposure to, and critical analysis of, the theoretical, conceptual and methodological phases of research in comparative and international sport.

2. Students will be provided with an in-depth analysis of selected national sport systems (for example, Australia, China, Cuba, England, Germany, GDR and FRG, the former Soviet Union and selected developing countries).

3. Students will also be provided with general introductory information on the Canadian sport system including: governments and sport (federal, provincial and municipal), sport and education, national sports organizations and commercial/professional sport and recreation.

COURSE TEXT


RECOMMENDED SOURCES


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS/EVALUATION**

1. 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.

2. 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 Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013 and the final paper is due by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 22nd, 2013 (40% of final grade).

3. All students shall participate in a group project (two to four persons/group) on a topic dealing with international aspects of physical activity and sport. 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).

4. A final written essay examination in December, 2013 -- two hours in length (date/time-TBA). The final examination will be worth 30% of the final grade.

**COURSE CONTENT**

1. Sources for comparative and international sport.

2. Historical development of the field of study.

3. Factors affecting the development and structure of sport systems, including, ecological, social, cultural values, politics, economics, and religion.

4. Systematic analysis of selected national sport systems based on geographical, social and cultural representativeness.
5. International organizations for sport.
6. International sport issues and globalization
7. The Canadian sport system—introductory overview
   Federal Government
   Provincial Governments
   Regional/municipal Governments
   Sport in Education—primary, secondary and tertiary
   sport governing bodies and professional associations
   commercial/professional sport and physical activity

Kinesiology 4460F Reading List
Comparative and International Sport


*Journal of Comparative Physical Education and Sport*. Published by Verlag Karl Hofmann for ISCPES. Volumes 1-24. Now called *International Sport Studies*.


INTERNET WEBSITES
- Sport Canada: http://www.sportcanada.gc.ca
- Olympic Movement: http://www.olympic.org
- Scholarly Sport Sites: http://library.ucalgary.ca/sportsite
- Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles: http://www.aafla.org
- International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport: http://iscpes.org