

**OHLONE COLLEGE**  
**Ohlone Community College District**  
**OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE**

**I. Description of Course:**

**1. Department/Course:** PE - 242

**2. Title:** Sociology of Sport

**3. Cross Reference:**

**4. Units:** 3.00

**Lec Hrs:** 3.00

**Lab Hrs:** 0.00

**5. Repeatability:** No

**6. Grade Options:**

Letter Grade, May Petition Credit/No  
Credit (GC)

**7. Degree/ Applicability:**

Credit, Degree Applicable,  
Transferable - CSU (T)

**8. General Education:**

District General Education (Plan A)

VI. Cultural Diversity

**9. CAN Numbers:**

**10. Field Trips:** Not Required

**11. Requisites:**

**12. Catalog Description:**

This course will examine the history of sport and its political, social and economic impact on public opinion. This will include an investigation into the phenomenon of sport including cultural stratification, race, gender, education, economics, politics and the mass media.

**13. Class Schedule Description:**

Examination of cultural stratification, race, gender, education, economics, politics as they relate to sports.

**14. Counselor Information:**

This course will examine the history of sport and its political, social and economic impact on public opinion. Required course for degree in Exercise Science and Wellness option in Coaching.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

The student will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and function of sport.
2. Compare and contrast the functions of sport in society.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the history of racism in sport.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the progress of women in sport.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues and trends in sport.

### **III. Course Outline:**

- A. Introduction to the history of sport
  - 1. Brief history of American sport
  - 2. Scientific theories and research methods
  - 3. Western and non-western
- B. Sport and culture
  - 1. Sport heroes
  - 2. Retirement from sports
  - 3. Youth sports
  - 4. Parents in youth sports
  - 5. Fan violence
- C. Sport and cultural stratification
  - 1. Characteristics of social and cultural stratification
  - 2. Sport and race
  - 3. Minority groups: Discussion of the history and influence of
  - 4. four specific cultures or subcultures (with regards to gender issues,
  - 5. race issues, etc.) from the following groups will be discussed:
    - a. African-American
    - b. Asian-American
    - c. Hispanic-American
    - d. Native-American
- D. Discrimination in sport
  - 1. Sport and gender
  - 2. History of females in sport
  - 3. Female athletes and the mass media
- E. Sport and education
  - 1. College athletics
  - 2. The student-athlete
- F. Sport and economics
  - 1. Corporate sport
  - 2. Professional sport
- G. Sport and politics
  - 1. Politics at the state, national and international levels (Olympics)
  - 2. Impact of political issues on the Olympics
  - 3. History of politics and sport
- H. Sport and the mass media
  - 1. How television has affected sport
  - 2. Economic impact of television and sports
  - 3. Sports journalism

### **IV. Course Assignments:**

#### Reading Assignments

Selected readings from required text.

#### Writing Assignments

Research paper (10 -12 pages) on contemporary issue as it pertains to sport and our society.

Book review

Projects, Activities, and other Assignments

2 quizzes and one final exam.

**V. Methods of Evaluation:**

- A. Successful completion of research paper.
- B. Successful completion of book review.
- C. Grades on quizzes and final exam.
- D. Class participation.

**Methods of Instruction:**

Lecture

Discussion

Other

guest speakers

**VI. Textbooks:**

Required

1. Stanley Eitzen *Sociology of North American Sport* 7th Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2002 ISBN: 0072354003

Optional

**VII. Supplies:**

None