

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PE 310: Sport and Play in the United States

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course is an investigation of sport and play in American society. It involves the application of concepts from various disciplines to sport and play and the development of an understanding of the functions that sport and play serve in the United States.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will compare several sociological theories of the relationship between sport and society.
2. Students will compare the sociodynamics of individual versus team sports.
3. Students will define selected sociological terms and concepts.
4. Students will differentiate between sport and play.
5. Students will discuss sport and social deviance.
6. Students will discuss sport as a social institution.
7. Students will discuss the function of play in child development.
8. Students will discuss the function of sport and play in gender role development.
9. Students will discuss the implications of marginalization of athletes.
10. Students will discuss the relationship between academics and athletics in the educational system.
11. Students will discuss the relationship between sports and politics.
12. Students will evaluate the concept of sports as a microcosm.
13. Students will explain and apply to sports a theory of crowd behavior.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted