

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Sport History Through Film

Course Abbreviation and Number: SPT 2530

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Students will be presented with an overview of sport history in the United States from 1900 to the present. Utilizing film (i.e., past and present movies and documentaries) as the platform, students will examine social, political, and economic make-up and the ability of sport to effect and shape institutions. Particular focus will be given to social class, race and ethnicity, gender, community, technology, and commercialization through the media.

Prerequisite: ENG 1510.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Discuss the historical forces behind the major movements, trends, and developments of American sport history.
2. Articulate specific narratives presented in selected films that define sport experiences and helped to shape history.

Topics Covered:

- Overview of sports and social values
- Jim Thorpe: Early Race and Ethnicity Issues
- Hero Worship” Knute Rockne – All American
- Jessie Owens; The Nazi Olympics
- Jackie Robinson & The Solute: Civil Rights Movement
- Muhammad Ali: Religion and Politics
- The Women’s Movement and Sports: Gender Issues, Changes, and Challenged
- Bruce Jenner – The World’s Greatest Athlete: Homosexuality and Transgender Issues
- Kicking and Screaming: the youth sport phenomenon
- Sport deviance: steroids, HGH, and the culture of cheating
- ABC Wide World of Sports to ESPS: sport media

Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)

- [Accessibility Services](#)

Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.

- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)

- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

Effective Date: Fall 2021