

Social and Historical Analysis of Women in Sport

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IDIS 190
MW 10:10-11:20 AM

Purpose of this Course:

This course is designed to introduce students to a history of women in sport, the status of women in sport before and after the passage of Title IX and current issues affecting women in sport.

Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be knowledgeable of and gain a more thorough understanding of

- History of women in sport
- The different models of physical activity that men and women experienced through out history
- Significant social, political and economic factors that impact women in sport
- Significance of the Physical Education Instructors, the NCAA and the AIAW on women's sport history
- The impact of Title IX on men and women's athletics
- Media representation of women in sport

Required Text:

Costa, M; Guthrie, S (1994) Women and Sport Interdisciplinary Perspectives Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics
ISBN 0-87322-686-0

Students are expected to read additional articles pertaining to different class topics. Articles will be provided by the instructor, or will be web articles identified by the instructor.

Course Expectations

Students are expected to attend all classes having read all assigned readings. Students should come to class ready to participate fully in discussions, activities and presentations. Assignments must be handed in on or before stated due dates. Assignments will be accepted late only for unusual and extenuating circumstances with prior permission from the instructor. All assignments must be typed double spaces, clearly written.

Video Analysis

In this course we will occasionally watch video on various topics. For one of your assignments, you will analyze the video. Similar to the response paper, this should be a critical examination of the content or message of the video. The length of the analysis should be 3-4 pages, double spaced.

Research Paper

Students will be required to complete a 5-6 page research paper on a topic of your choice that relates to women in sport. The topic must be approved by the instructor by Sept. 15th. A list of topics will be provided, however students are free to choose a topic that is not on the list. Research papers should use APA format, and have at least 4 references.

Presentations

Students will give a 10-15 minute presentation on their research topic. Power point or visuals are encouraged but not required. The goal of the presentation is to have the student share information with the class.

Course Evaluation

Video Analysis	10pts
Midterm Exam	20pts
Research Paper	20pts
Presentation	20pts
Final Exam	20pts
Class Participation	10pts

Grading System

A	100-95
A-	94-92
B+	91-89
B	88-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-70
D+	69-65
D	64-60
F	59

Class Attendance

Students are expected to be in class. Excessive absences may result in a loss of points and may impact the grade received for the course.

Syllabus

8/25	Introduction of course	Read Chapter 3 & 4
8/27	No Class	
9/ 1	No Class	
9/3	Discuss chapter 3 &4 Recreational Experience	Read Chapter 5
9/8	Discuss chapter 5 19 th Century	Read Chapter 6
9/10	Discuss chapter 6 1890-1985	Read Chapter 7 & 8
9/15	Discuss chapter 7 & 8 Industrial Leagues	Research Paper Topic due
9/17	Movie “A League of their Own”	
9/22	Movie “A League of their Own”	
9/24	Discussion on Video	Video Analysis Due Read chapter 20
9/29	Discuss chapter 20 Constraints facing women	Review for Midterm
10/1	Midterm in class	
10/6	Fall Break	
10/8	Discussion of Articles	
10/13	Title IX	
10/15	Title IX EADA Report	
10/20	Title IX- Articles	Read Chapter 21
10/22	Discuss Media Images in Sport	Articles
10/27	Masculinity and Femininity in Sport	Million Dollar Baby

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11/3	Class Discussion on Video	Video Analysis Due
11/5	Communication Difference Females/Males	CH 16/HANDOUT
11/10	Pros and Cons of Women in Sport	Debate
11/12	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
11/17	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
11/19	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
11/24	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
11/26	No Class Thanksgiving Break	
12/1	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
12/3	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
12/8	Presentations/Discussions	Papers Due
12/10	Last Class/Final Discussion	Evaluations/Final Exam