WGSS 240 Gender and Sport

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3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

Texts:


Description:

Focuses on sport, as a gendered institution. Drawing from cultural, psychosocial, and political perspectives, the course examines intersections of gender with age, sexual orientation, social class, gender identity, race and ethnicity and politics.

The course has been designed to broaden and deepen awareness and appreciation of differences and commonalities of cultural sub-groups in American sport defined by the social construction of gender and gender identity with age, social class, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, race & ethnicity. Students will be exposed to the life stories and the voices of men and women in sport and explore issues of equity, opportunity, and justice within sport as a significant social institution. Through a social and cultural analysis of sport, learners appreciate the analysis of sport, its ideals, values, and concerns, as a microcosmic representation of U.S. society.

Communication

The instructor will reply to course-related questions and email within 24-48 hours.

Technical Assistance

If you experience computer difficulties, need help downloading a browser or plug-in, assistance logging into the course, or if you experience any errors or problems while in your online course,
contact the OSU Help Desk for assistance. You can call (541) 737-3474, email osuhelpdesk@oregonstate.edu or visit the OSU Computer Helpdesk online.

**Canvas**

This course will be delivered via Canvas where you will interact with your classmates and with your instructor. Within the course Canvas site you will access the learning materials, such as the syllabus, class discussions, assignments, projects, and quizzes. To preview how an online course works, visit the Ecampus Course Demo. For technical assistance, please visit Ecampus Technical Help.

**Measurable Student Learning Outcomes:**

Successful students should be able to communicate an understanding of sport as a gendered institution from a cultural, psychosocial, and political perspective by:

- Explaining the key theories in social sciences as they relate gender, power and sport.
- Identifying historical foundations of the gendered nature of sport in the United States.
- Analyzing the media and representations of men and women in sport.
- Communicating issues of race/ethnicity for men and women in sport.
- Discussing the sport experiences of members of the LGBTQ communities and how this relates to their status in society.
- Exploring the experiences of transgendered athletes and the policies which govern their participation.
- Identifying the influence of hegemonic femininity and masculinity on the construction of and participation in sport.

**Baccalaureate Core**

Successful completion of this course partially fulfills the Baccalaureate Core Course Requirement in the Perspectives category under the Social Process and Institutions category.

**Social Process and Institutions Learning Outcomes**

Successful students should be able to:

1. Use theoretical frameworks to interpret the role of the individual within social process and institutions,
2. Analyze current social issues and place them in historical context(s)
3. Critique the nature, value, and limitations of the basic methods of the social sciences

**Evaluation of Student Performance:**

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Grading Scale:
A = 90-100  D=60-69
B = 80-89    F= <60
C = 70-79

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Activity Papers

There will be two activity papers required. These 5 page papers allow students to further explore and demonstrate their understanding of the material covered in weeks preceding the activity’s due date. Application of theoretical material from course texts will always be required. In some cases, these assignments will require that students conduct research or interviews or to analyze different forms of mass media. Students will have a choice regarding which assignment they would like to complete. Activities will be due on Sunday night at midnight (11:59pm) of the week they are assigned.

Quizzes

Each week there will be a quiz worth 10 points. Quizzes will be available from noon (PST) on Thursday until Friday at midnight (11:59pm). Quizzes will cover the readings assigned for that week.

Exams

There will be one mid term and one final exam available within the units of the weeks during which they will be held. The final exam will cover some specific material given throughout the term (more specific information about this will be given prior to the final exam).

Discussions

A discussion will be set up for students and will be a vehicle for communication between/among students and with the professor and as a means for students to further explore the issues examined in weekly readings. It will be a requirement of all students to make postings to this discussion board at least twice per week and to be prepared to discuss the week’s activities and/or readings.

One posting must be made by Wednesday at 11:59pm each week.

The other posting must be made on a different day and must be submitted by Sunday at 11:59pm each week.

Discussion topics will be delivered to students through posting the topic within the modules area. Students will be provided with a question which they will research or reflect upon and then post their comments to enable an exchange of ideas and information.

Students will receive a maximum of 6 points for each week of discussion participation. Each of the two required postings will receive a maximum of 3 points and will be evaluated based upon
thoughtfulness of questions or responses posed by students or by analysis of material and incorporation of required reading.

Discussion postings will be evaluated based upon the thought put into the responses and how completely the address the questions. Please keep in mind that a one sentence response will not receive full credit.

It is the student’s responsibility to check each week to be sure there were no technical difficulties with making posts. After submitting – go back to the Discussion and make sure you can see your post.

CLASS POLICIES:

1. No late quizzes will be allowed without prior approval of instructor. Quizzes can not be made up without prior approval of instructor.

2. Any late weekly activities will have their grade reduced by 10% per day for each day they are late. Papers which are more than 5 days late will not be accepted.

3. Incomplete (I) grades will be granted only in emergency cases (usually only for a death in the family, major illness or injury, or birth of your child), and if the student has turned in 80% of the points possible (in other words, usually everything but the final paper). If you are having any difficulty that might prevent you completing the coursework, please don’t wait until the end of the term; let me know right away.

4. Participation in the weekly Discussion Board postings can not be made up. If you have not posted your comments by Sunday at midnight for each week, you will not receive points for participation for that week.

Course Content

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<td><strong>Unit 7</strong> Politics and policy in sport (Title IX; policies and regulations for transgender athletes)</td>
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Unit 8 Race, ethnicity and gender Pt 1 – the experiences of women

Unit 9 Race, ethnicity and gender Pt 2 – the experiences of men

Unit 10 Media and gender in sport

Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities
Accommodations are collaborative efforts between students, faculty and Disability Access Services (DAS) with accommodations approved through DAS are responsible for contacting the faculty member in charge of the course prior to or during the first week of the term to discuss accommodations. Students who believe they are eligible for accommodations but who have not yet obtained approval through DAS should contact DAS immediately at 541-737-4098.

Expectations for Student Conduct
Student conduct is governed by the university’s policies, as explained in the Office of Student Conduct: Information and Regulations.

Academic Integrity
Students are expected to comply with all regulations pertaining to academic honesty. For further information, visit Avoiding Academic Dishonesty, or contact the office of Student Conduct and Mediation at 541-737-3656.

OAR 576-015-0020 (2) Academic or Scholarly Dishonesty:

a) Academic or Scholarly Dishonesty is defined as an act of deception in which a Student seeks to claim credit for the work or effort of another person, or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information in any academic work or research, either through the Student's own efforts or the efforts of another.

b) It includes:

(i) CHEATING - use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information or study aids, or an act of deceit by which a Student attempts to misrepresent mastery of academic effort or information. This includes but is not limited to unauthorized copying or collaboration on a test or assignment, using prohibited materials and texts, any misuse of an electronic device, or using any deceptive means to gain academic credit.

(ii) FABRICATION - falsification or invention of any information including but not limited to falsifying research, inventing or exaggerating data, or listing incorrect or fictitious references.

(iii) ASSISTING - helping another commit an act of academic dishonesty. This includes but is not limited to paying or bribing someone to acquire a test or assignment, changing someone's grades or academic records, taking a test/doing an assignment for someone else by any means, including misuse of an electronic device. It is a violation of Oregon state law to create and offer to sell part or all of an educational assignment to another person (ORS 165.114).

(iv) TAMPERING - altering or interfering with evaluation instruments or documents.

(v) PLAGIARISM - representing the words or ideas of another person or presenting someone else's words, ideas, artistry or data as one's own, or using one's own previously submitted work. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to copying another person's work (including unpublished material) without

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appropriate referencing, presenting someone else's opinions and theories as one's own, or working jointly on a project and then submitting it as one's own.

c) Academic Dishonesty cases are handled initially by the academic units, following the process outlined in the University's Academic Dishonesty Report Form, and will also be referred to SCCS for action under these rules.

Conduct in this Online Classroom
Students are expected to conduct themselves in the course (e.g., on discussion boards, email postings) in compliance with the university's regulations regarding civility.

Tutoring
NetTutor is a leading provider of online tutoring and learner support services fully staffed by experienced, trained and monitored tutors. Students connect to live tutors from any computer that has Internet access. NetTutor provides a virtual whiteboard that allows tutors and students to work on problems in a real time environment. They also have an online writing lab where tutors critique and return essays within 24 to 48 hours. Access NetTutor from within your Blackboard class by clicking on the Tools button in your course menu.

OSU Student Evaluation of Teaching
Course evaluation results are extremely important and are used to help me improve this course and the learning experience of future students. Results from the 19 multiple choice questions are tabulated anonymously and go directly to instructors and department heads. Student comments on the open-ended questions are compiled and confidentially forwarded to each instructor, per OSU procedures. The online Student Evaluation of Teaching form will be available toward the end of each term, and you will be sent instructions via ONID by the Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation. You will log in to “Student Online Services” to respond to the online questionnaire. The results on the form are anonymous and are not tabulated until after grades are posted.