

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE**  
**KINE 7970: Special Topics – Sociology of Sport**  
<https://fp.auburn.edu/brocksj/7970>  
<http://au7970.pbworks.com/>

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to critically examine sociological issues in sport.

### **OBJECTIVES**

As a result of this course students will:

1. Examine theoretical perspectives in sport sociology literature, and how it relates to current sociological issues.
2. Critically examine personal experiences and common misconceptions in sport.
3. Explore and analyze the representation of social groups in sport media.
4. Demonstrate the ability to be a critical consumer of sport in various settings.
5. Review current research in sport sociology.
6. Identify the role of sport in our culture.
7. Demonstrate the ability to present opinions and beliefs while respecting others in a professional manner.

### **RESOURCES**

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Coakley, J. (2008 10<sup>th</sup> ed. – 1997 6<sup>th</sup> ed.). *Sports in Society*. McGraw-Hill.

### **ASSESSMENT –see website for details**

Weekly Sport Event Journals	20%
Topic Presentations	25%
Movie Analysis	10%
Class Participation/Discussion	25%
Media Analysis Project	20%

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Attendance will be monitored through online participation. You are solely responsible for obtaining any work (including handouts, notes, discussion topics, etc) missed in the event of an absence. For each absence beyond one, ½ of a letter grade will be deducted from your final grade. Absences are only excused in serious emergencies as determined by the instructor's discretion. Please contact the instructor by email.

\*2 instances of tardiness = 1 absence ~ *Please Be On Time!*

### **CLASS POLICIES**

1. All assignments must be typed (unless otherwise noted).
2. Assignments turned in after the due date are late and will be penalized 10 points, as well as additional deduction of 10 points per day (if you are unable to turn in an assignment on the due date, make arrangements to turn the assignment in to me before the due date). Be sure to save all

work in multiple places.

3. As an academic courtesy, editorial quality on all writing assignments is assumed. That is, all written work must be spell-checked and proofread before submission. One point will be deducted for each spelling and grammatical error.

### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students will be held accountable for the academic integrity of their work. Violations of academic integrity include:

1. **PLAGIARISM** – this includes copying work (either directly or indirectly) from a source and not referencing it (i.e., books, website, peers, notebooks, exams, projects, etc).
2. **CHEATING** – on examinations or assignments by unauthorized collaboration with other students.
3. **PURCHASING PAPERS/PROJECTS** – using crib sheets or other aides during an examination, or presenting the same written work as the requirement for more than one course without the permission of the professors involved.

Any student suspected of academic dishonesty will be reported to the university. Sanctions may include receiving a failing grade for the assignment, examination, or course; being placed on probation; or being dismissed from the university.

*\*If you have ANY concerns relating to the academic integrity of your work, please ask. It's much better to be safe than sorry.*

### **DISABILITY STATEMENT**

Students who require accommodations due to a disability should notify the professor during the first week of class.