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Days: Monday – Wednesday - Friday

Time: 9:00AM to 9:50 AM

Course Website: Website (or “Blackboard”)

Course Description:

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This survey course provides students with a humanities perspective on sport, physical culture and kinesiology. The humanities perspective aims to create thinkers who analyze, interpret, and evaluate the achievements and situations of many of the world’s different cultural traditions. By studying past and present societies through their sport and physical culture, students gain a greater understanding of kinesiology and the human body. This course focuses on the histories and philosophical traditions that defined sport culture in western civilization. The course begins with an examination of ancient Mediterranean civilizations and concludes with a short section on the modern Olympic Games. The course also touches on the relationship between sport and dance, religious ceremonies, public festivals, and medical attitudes about the body and physical activity.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide students with a chronological overview of sport and physical culture in western civilization;
2. To teach students critical thinking skills that will enable them to discuss the relationship between forms of physical culture and their socio-cultural function;
3. To introduce students to basic historical research methods;
4. To develop communication skills that students will need as experts in human movement. Communications skills include critical reading skills.

Required Reading Materials:

There is no required textbook or course pack. Required readings are posted on Blackboard under either Primary Source Reading or Secondary Source Readings

Contacting the Instructor:

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak with their instructor during class or office hours. Should you wish to meet with the instructor outside of office hours, please phone or email the instructor to make an appointment.

Email, while commonly used, does limit the effectiveness of communications and may not be the best way for instructors to answer student questions. Therefore, the instructor may request a telephone call or personal meeting. Your instructor will inform you as to his/her expectations about emails.

Grading Scale:

Grade	Percent	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	93.0%-100%	4.00	Outstanding
A	88.0%-92.9%	4.00	Excellent - superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
A-	85.0%-87.9%	3.70	
B+	81.0%-84.9%	3.30	
B	78.0%-80.9%	3.00	Good-clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
B-	74.0%-77.9%	2.70	
C+	69.0%-73.9%	2.30	
C	65.0%-68.9%	2.00	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter. Grade point average below 2.00 is not sufficient for promotion.
C-	60.0%-64.9%	1.70	Minimum grade required if needed as a prerequisite course.
D+	55.0%-59.9%	1.30	
D	52.0%-54.9%	1.00	Minimal pass – marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
F	51.9% and below	0	Fail – unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

Evaluation of Course Content:

25%	Midterm 1 – Friday October 19, 2012 (in-class)
20%	Midterm 2 – Friday November 16, 2012 (in-class)
20%	Primary Source Critique – November 21
35%	Final Exam (Cumulative from the beginning of the term)

Late Policy:

Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date (9AM November 21th, 2012). Late assignments will be reduced in value by 10% /day.

Final Examination:

The final exam will be scheduled during the exam period by the Registrar's office. The exam period runs from 10th – 19th December. Alternative dates for writing the final exam are not an option. This is non-negotiable.

Additional Course Information:

NA

Course Content:

A detailed course of study will be added to Blackboard. This will also identify the required and supplemental reading assignments.

Supplementary Course Information

In accordance with the University of Calgary Calendar

Academic Accommodation Awareness Information:	It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre <u>are not</u> eligible for formal academic accommodation.
Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct: (see Calendar)	A <u>single</u> offence of cheating, plagiarism, or other academic misconduct is a serious act that will not be tolerated in the Faculty of Kinesiology. Penalties for such acts will be determined by the Dean and may result in a failing grade, probation, suspension, or expulsion. Any student who is uncertain if an action falls into this category should consult the instructor and/or the Calendar.
Midterm Exam Policy:	The Faculty of Kinesiology policy is that all students are expected to write midterm exams on the dates listed on the course outline. Special accommodation may be granted by the instructor in <u>exceptional circumstances only</u> which include illness, participation in athletic events (varsity, national or international), domestic affliction, and religious conviction. It is the student's responsibility to supply proper documentation and/or notification <u>prior</u> to the originally scheduled midterm to support their circumstance. Personal travel plans and arrangements are <u>not</u> valid reasons for requesting a special accommodation for a midterm exam. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a grade of zero for the midterm and possible failure in the course.
FOIP Policy:	Please note that the University is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Please refer to the website for details: http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy
Internet and Electronic Communication Device Information:	Any surfing of the Internet during lectures that is not directly related to the class discussion is distracting and strictly forbidden. Additionally, the use of any electronic devices (e.g., cellular phones, Blackberrys) for e-mailing, texting, etc. is strictly prohibited. Please turn OFF your phone before the beginning of each lecture. Instructors have the authority, at the discretion of the dean of their faculty, to require that specific course assignments, term papers and academic exercises be submitted in an electronic format. Instructors cannot require that multiple copies of an assignment be submitted.
Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points:	For classes in the Kinesiology buildings Primary assembly point is the MacEwan Student Centre - North Courtyard and the Alternate assembly point is University Theatres Lobby
Safewalk Information:	Safewalk volunteers walk people safely to their destination on campus (including Health Sciences, Children's Hospital, McMahon Stadium, and University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors. Call 403-220-5333 (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year).
Student's Union:	The Kinesiology Representative is Calindy Ramsden - E-mail: kinesrep@su.ucalgary.ca .