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**Days:** T/Th  
**Time:** 6:00 – 8:50pm  
**Course Website:** Blackboard

**Course Description:** A historical examination of physical and movement culture, with an emphasis on sport, from ancient to modern times.

This survey course provides a historical examination of physical culture, with an emphasis on sport, science and medicine. The course also considers the dominant philosophical ideas from the periods that influenced sport, science and medicine. The survey begins with ancient Greece and ends with the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. This 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 appreciation for the field of kinesiology. This course focuses on the histories and philosophical traditions that defined sport culture in western civilization.

**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 for this course. Recommended textbook for the course is Robert A. Mechinkoff, *A History and Philosophy of Sport and Physical Education: From Ancient Civilizations to the Modern World (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Edition)*, Toronto and Montreal: McGraw-Hill, 2006. Required readings are available under Course Documents in Blackboard.

**Contacting the Instructor:** Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak with their instructor during class or by means of an appointment. Email is the best method of contacting the instructor to arrange an appointment. 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 for prerequisite courses.
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:**

Midterm Exam #1	30% (May 24th)
Midterm Exam #2	30% (June 7th)
Final Exam (Cumulative)	40 % (exam period) *see note below

**Late Policy:**

NA

**Final Examination:**

The final exam is cumulative. The final exam will be scheduled during the exam period by the Registrar's office. The exam period runs from June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2012. Alternative dates for writing the final exam are not an option. This is non-negotiable.

**Course Content:****Section I**

Introduction: History and Philosophy  
Ancient Greece  
Ancient Rome

**Section II**

Medieval Europe  
Renaissance, Reformation  
The Age of Science, The Enlightenment

**Section III**

Philosophical Positions of the Body  
National Sports Movement  
Modern Sport

## Supplementary Course Information

### *In accordance with the University of Calgary Calendar*

#### **Instructor Responsibilities**

Each instructor responsible for a course is required to make a course outline available to each student no later than first meeting date for the course. It is expected that the outline will be available as a Web based document or through the learning management system (i.e. Blackboard). If it is not, a paper version of the outline will be handed out to every student at the first meeting of the class, and made available for those unable to attend the first class. Printing of course outlines can be obtained through Laura Styler, Assistant Administrator [lstyler@ucalgary.ca](mailto:lstyler@ucalgary.ca).

#### **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 are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

#### **Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct:** (see Calendar)

A single 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 **exceptional circumstances only** 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 **prior** to the originally scheduled midterm to support their circumstance. Personal travel plans and arrangements are **not** 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](mailto:kinesrep@su.ucalgary.ca).