

**ST-Anthropology of Sports (A)**

Sociology and Anthropology 360

Section: E100

Term: 2000 Spring

Instructor: Dr. Noel Dyck

Discussion Topics: Note: This course is held in the Evening, Burnaby campus.

Games and sports of all manner from around the world have been reported by ethnographic fieldworkers since the founding of anthropology as an academic discipline in the nineteenth century. Moreover, individual anthropologists have in different places and times conducted detailed studies of specific indigenous games and forms of play, as well as of large-scale sporting events such as the modern Olympic Games. These developments underpin the recent emergence of a vibrant and growing anthropology of sport.

This course will focus upon the social and cultural construction of games and sport in a broad range of ethnographic settings. It will also consider the distinctive theoretical, methodological, and substantive contributions that anthropology can make to the larger interdisciplinary field of sport studies.

This course will feature the use of ethnographic film pertaining to the place of sport in diverse social and cultural settings.

Grading: Midterm Exam: 40%

Term Paper: 40%

Seminar Presentations and Participation: 20%

Required Texts: Klein, Alan M, Sugarball: The American Game, the Dominican Dream, Yale University Press, 1991

Brownell, Susan, Training the Body for China: Sports in the Moral Order of the People's Republic, University of Chicago Press, 1995

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Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: SA 101 and 150, plus one second year Sociology, Anthropology, or Sociology/Anthropology course. Note: Students who completed SA 365 for credit in 1991-1 may not enrol in this course for further cre

Notes:

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