



**AN/SO320 SPORTS AND SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA**  
IES Abroad Sydney

**DESCRIPTION:**

This course will examine various aspects of the relationship between sport and society in Australia. We will examine both the impact of sport on Australian society and the influence of society on the practice of sport in Australia. The course begins with a consideration of general theoretical questions in the study of sport before moving on to an account of the historical development of sports in general and in Australia in particular. The impact of social institutions on sports is examined in sections on the economy and the business of sporting organizations. We examine the reciprocal influences of sport on community engagement, gender, race, ethnic and national identities in Australia.

**CREDITS:** 3 credits

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45 hours

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** English

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**ADDITIONAL COST:** None

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION:**

- Lectures: These will provide students with the theoretical constructs and concepts used within the course and to clarify content issues and application.
- Field studies: These involve activities and visits off site to see firsthand the concepts discussed in class. These include Rugby and Rugby Union Games, Visiting Central Australia Based Indigenous Sporting Organizations, Visiting the Sydney Cricket Ground and Sydney Olympic Park.
- Class debates and discussion: These serve to facilitate further understanding and application of concepts covered in class lectures and through experience gained by living and studying in Sydney.
- Analysis of audio-visual materials: Use of a variety of audio and web-based materials brings concepts and issues to life and allows for students to fully appreciate the issues being discussed throughout the course
- Reader and Moodle site: Additional materials to back up the class lecturers will be found in the Reader and on Moodle through with current information can be delivered to students throughout the course

**REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:**

- Participation - 10%
- Essay – 25%
- Research Project and Presentation – 40%
- Final Exam – 25%

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- To recognise and be able to undertake realistic and accurate comparisons between the role of sport in Australian society and other societies.
- To critically analyse the historical development of sports in general, and Australian sports in particular, from a sociological perspective.
- To apply diverse social theories when analysing sports as social phenomena.
- To assess the interrelated social, cultural, political, and economic dimensions of contemporary sports.
- To discuss and investigate controversial and conflictive issues in sports.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Attendance is mandatory for all IES classes, including field studies. Any exams, tests, presentations, or other work missed due to student absences can only be rescheduled in cases of documented medical or family emergencies. If a student misses more than two classes in any course half a letter grade will be deducted from the final grade for every additional absence. Seven absences in any course will result in a failing grade.

#### CONTENT:

Session	Content	Assignments
<b>Session</b>	<b>Pre-Program Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to the group and an overview of the terminology and concepts to be studied</li> <li>Submission of Journal Entry on Moodle: "Why Sport: Introduce your Sporting Background"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permezel, B. (Director)., Denholmm, A. (Producer) (2012) Sporting Nation [Documentary]. Australia: Princess Pictures Nominees Pty Ltd.</li> <li>Giulianotti R. (2016) Sport: a Critical Sociology. Cambridge: Polity Press, 52-74.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Week 1 – Lecture 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction: the study of Australian sport, approaches &amp; theories</li> <li>Overview of terminology and concepts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coakly, J., Hallinan, C., &amp; McDonald, B. (2011) Sport in Society 2: sociological issues and Controversies. Sydney: McGraw-Hill, 3-25.</li> <li>Booth, D. (2001) One-Eyed: A View of Australian Sport. Sydney: Allen &amp; Unwin, 209-228.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Week 1 – Lecture 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australia as a sporting nation: a historical perspective of the place sports holds in culture &amp; society</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cashman, R. (2002) Sport in the National Imagination: Australian Sport in the Federation decades. Brisbane: University of Queensland Press. 16-57 &amp; 154-204</li> <li>Cashman, R. (1995) Paradise of Sport: The Rise of Organised Sport in Australia. Sydney: Oxford University Press.203-208</li> </ul>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Week 1 – Lecture 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australia as a sporting nation: a historical perspective of the place sports holds in culture &amp; society</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cashman, R. (2002) Sport in the National Imagination: Australian Sport in the Federation decades. Brisbane: University of Queensland Press. 16-57 &amp; 154-204</li> <li>Cashman, R. (1995) Paradise of Sport: The Rise of Organised Sport in Australia. Sydney: Oxford University Press.203-208</li> </ul>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Week 1 – Lecture 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugby Union Game</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Session 3 Readings for background</li> </ul>

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<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Week 2 – Red Centre Trip: Course-Related Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Indigenous Sporting organization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coakly, J., Hallinan, C., &amp; McDonald, B. (2011) Sport in Society 2: sociological issues and Controversies. Sydney: McGraw-Hill, 288-315.</li> <li>Adair, D., Wray, V. (1997) Sport in Australian History. Sydney: Oxford University Press, 63-88.</li> <li>Tatz, C. (1995) Obstacle Race: Aborigines in Sport. Sydney: University of New South Wales Press, 297-339.</li> <li>Rynne, S., Rossi, T. (2012) The impact of Indigenous Community Sports Programs: The Case of Surfing (abridged report). Canberra: Australian Sports Commission.</li> <li>Sports Programs: The Case of Surfing (abridged report). Canberra: Australian Sports Commission.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>Week 2 – Red Centre Trip: Course-Related Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to regional sporting organization – Importance of Grass Roots sports to regional Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mackellar, J., Hahn, C. (2015) On any Sunday (online). Australasian Leisure Management, No. 108, Jan/Feb 2015.</li> <li>Sutherland, J., Jovsnovic, D. (2010) The Economy Space: Sport and Recreation Facilities Delivering Broad Community Benefits. Planning News, Mar 2010, Vol.36(2) pg. 22.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 7</b>	<b>Week 3 – Lecture 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theoretical Approaches to Studying Sports: critical theories and symbiotic interactionalist approaches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coakly, J., Hallinan, C., &amp; McDonald, B. (2011) Sport in Society 2: sociological issues and Controversies. Sydney: McGraw-Hill, 30-54.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 8</b>	<b>Week 3 – Lecture 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining Football in a land with 4 codes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hill, D. (2017) The Fair and the Foul: Inside our Sporting Nation, William Heinemann, North Sydney, 266-289</li> </ul>
<b>Session 9</b>	<b>Week 3 – Lecture 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket, from The Ashes to T20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cliff P. (1999) A sporting nation: Celebrating Australia's Sporting Life, National Library of Australia, Canberra, 25-33.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 10</b>	<b>Week 3 – Course-Related Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugby League game</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Session 8 Readings for background</li> </ul>

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<b>Session 11</b>	<b>Week 4 – Lecture 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Media and the Sporting Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coakly, J., Hallinan, C., &amp; McDonald, B. (2011) Sport in Society: sociological issues and Controversies. Sydney: McGraw-Hill 377-408.</li> <li>Cashman, R. (2002) Sport in the National Imagination: Australian Sport in the Federation decades. Brisbane: University of Queensland Press, 205-232</li> </ul>
<b>Session 12</b>	<b>Week 4 – Lecture 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender and Sport in Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coakly, J., Hallinan, C., &amp; McDonald, B. (2011) Sport in Society: sociological issues and Controversies. Sydney: McGraw-Hill 242-284.</li> <li>Page, F. (May 2016) "Full Credit to the boys girls: Navigating a man's world" in Schultz, J ED (2016) Griffith Review 53: Our Sporting Life, South Brisbane, Griffith University, 39-49.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 13</b>	<b>Week 4 – Lecture 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Best Olympics Ever:" Sydney 2000 and Australia as an Olympic Nation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magdalinski, T. (2000) "The reinvention of Australia for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games" in Mangan, J. &amp; Nauright, J. (2000) Sport in Australasian Society, London, Cass, 305-320.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 14</b>	<b>Week 4 – Course-Related Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Sydney Olympic Park, tour facilities and run-on Olympic Track</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Session 13 Readings for background</li> </ul>
<b>Session 15</b>	<b>Week 5 – Lecture 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The business of Sport, from Charity to Big Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adair, D. &amp; Bamplew, W. (1997) Sport in Australian History, Sydney, Oxford University Press, 23-35.</li> <li>Cashman, R. (1995) Paradise of Sport: The Rise of Organized Sport in Australia. Sydney: Oxford University Press.187-204</li> </ul>
<b>Session 16</b>	<b>Week 5 – Lecture 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Beach and its Importance to Australian Sporting Culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Booth, D. (2001) Australian Beach Cultures, London, Frank Cass, 1-21.</li> <li>Cliff P. (1999) A sporting nation: Celebrating Australia's Sporting Life, National Library of Australia, Canberra, 68-77.</li> </ul>

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<b>Session 17</b>	<b>Week 5 – Lecture 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case studies and class debates: Women in Sport, with reference to AFLW</li> <li>Politics in Sport: Does Sydney need to knock down and rebuild?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To prepare for this session, you will be provided with current media reports to provide a background to the discussion/debate facilitated in class.</li> </ul>
<b>Session 18</b>	<b>Week 5 – Course-Related Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Surf Life Saving Organization</li> <li>Optional Surf Lesson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Session 16 Readings for background</li> </ul>
<b>Session 19</b>	<b>Week 6 - Paper Review, Course Review and Presentations</b>	
<b>Session 20</b>	<b>Week 6 - Exam</b>	

#### COURSE-RELATED TRIPS:

- Rugby Union game
- Red Center Indigenous Sporting organization
- Rugby League game
- Sydney Olympic Park
- Surf Life Saving Organization

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- Pasvolosky, S. (Director) (2017) *John Eales Reveals: The Haka – Discovery* [Documentary]: Sydney: Mint Pictures.
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#### RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Coakley, Jack, Eric Dunning (eds.) (2002) *Handbook of sports studies* (Sage).
- Cashmore, Ernest (2000) *Making Sense of Sports* (Routledge).
- Houlihan, Barrie (ed.) (2003) *Sport and Society: A student introduction* (Sage).
- Moragas, Miquel de; Christopher Kennett, Nuria Puig (eds.) (2003) *The Legacy of the Olympic Games 1984-2000: International Symposium Lausanne, 14th, 15th and 16th November 2002* (International Olympic Committee).
- Rowe, David (ed.) (2004) *Critical readings: sport, culture and the media* (Open University Press).
- Sugden, John; Alan Tomlinson (eds.) (2002) *Power Games: a critical sociology of sport* (Routledge).
- Tomlinson, Alan; Christopher Young (eds.) (2006) *National Identity and Global Sports Events: culture, politics, and spectacle in the Olympics and the football World Cup* (New York: SUNY).