AN/SO 320A SPORTS AND SOCIETY IN SPAIN
IES Abroad Barcelona

DESCRIPTION:
This course will examine various aspects of the relationship between sports and society in Spain. We will examine both the impact of sport on Spanish society and the influence of society on the practice of sport in Spain. 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 Spain in particular. The impact of social institutions on sports is examined in sections on the economy and the business of sports clubs. The first half of the course ends with a consideration of the ways in which sport can be used by the media as a political tool. Following the midterm, we examine the reciprocal influences of sport on violence, gender, race, ethnic and national identities in Spain and the bullfight.

ONLINE COURSE. This course will be taught in an online format. Please bear in mind the following points, and do not hesitate to contact your course instructor in case of doubts.
The course will hold a single one-hour synchronous session per week, which will be used principally for discussion and interactive activities.
Attendance is mandatory for the synchronous sessions. Please see the Attendance Policy below.
The expected workload for this synchronous sessions. Please see the Attendance Policy below.
The expected workload for this synchronous session is 9 hours per week, including the synchronous session.

CREDITS: 3 credits

CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

PREREQUISITES: None

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:
• Lectures: These will provide students with the theoretical constructs and concepts used within the course and also to clarify content issues and application.
• Course-related trips: These involve activities and visits off site to see first-hand the concepts discussed in class. These include FC Barça, The Olympic Museum and facilities.
• 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 Barcelona.
• 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 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 (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 Spanish society and other societies;
• To critically analyse the historical development of sports in general, and Spanish 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 online synchronous classes and course-related excursions. 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 one online synchronous class or course-related trip, 3 percentage points will be deducted from the final grade for every additional absence. Six absences will result in a failing grade.

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Sport and the Gendered Body.


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Race and Sport – issues in Spain.


**Synchronous session 12**

Sport and immigration in Spain.


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Course review and Exam preparation.

**Final Exam**

**REQUIRED READINGS:**


**RECOMMENDED READINGS:**