



Prepared: General Arts and Science Approved: Martha Irwin

Course Code: Title	GAS101: RITUALS IDOLS AND CONTROVERSIES IN SPORT		
Program Number: Name			
Department:	GENERAL ARTS & SCIENCE		
Semester/Term:	18W		
Course Description:	This course gives students the opportunity to examine the many rituals, idols, and controversies surrounding the world of sports. Students will debate, discuss, and present a variety of popular topics in sports such as athlete salaries, performance-enhancing drugs and athlete product endorsement. This course will explore the impact these issues have on social and cultural aspects of human behaviour.		
Total Credits:	3		
Hours/Week:	3		
Total Hours:	45		
Essential Employability Skills (EES):	#1. Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience. #2. Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication. #6. Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems. #7. Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources. #8. Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others. #9. Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals. #10. Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects. #11. Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.		
General Education Themes:	Social and Cultural Understanding Personal Understanding		
Course Evaluation:	Passing Grade: 50%, D		
Evaluation Process and Grading System:	Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight	

Film Analysis of Portrayal	of Sports 30%
Group Debate on Controve	ersy in Sports 30%
In-class Activities	20%
Presentation(s)/Research	Report(s) 20%

Books and Required Resources:

No Text is Required

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:

Course Outcome 1.

Describe common rituals that exist in sports and examine their impact on society and human behaviour.

Learning Objectives 1.

•Define what is meant by the term rituals in sports •Identify and list rituals that commonly occur in a range of professional sports •Examine the impact rituals have on the player's and team's game and pregame mentality •Assess the impacts that rituals in sports have on society

Course Outcome 2.

Identify idols in professional sports and their influence on society.

Learning Objectives 2.

•Define what the term idol means to the individual •Identify popular idols in sports and discuss what identifies them as an idol •Analyze the impact idols have on the sport and society •Examine the idol's role in society and the sport itself

Course Outcome 3.

Examine and assess the various controversies that surround the world of sports and their impacts on society.

Learning Objectives 3.

•Identify the common controversies that exist in the world of professional sports and their impact on the sport and society

•Evaluate the controversies and apply critical thinking skills to current issues •Formulate researched arguments about ethical dilemmas in sports

Course Outcome 4.

Examine the role of the media and film in portraying rituals, idols and controversies in sports.

	Learning Objectives 4.		
	•Discuss the role of the media in dealing with rituals, idols and controversies in sports and its impact on the sport and fans •Examine the role of film in dealing with the issues of rituals, idols and controversies in sports and its impact on the sport and society		
Date:	Thursday, January 25, 2018		
	Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.		

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