

# SPORT STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

The Sport Studies minor is a broad, interdisciplinary, intercollege educational program for teaching students how to critically explore the role of sport (broadly defined) in human societies. It brings together the multitude of scholarly resources that Penn State currently possesses in the study of sport in society into a coherent program to provide novel learning opportunities for undergraduates. The Sport Studies minor fosters a critical understanding of sport in human societies. The program stresses the connections between sport and other social institutions and cultural concepts, examines sporting traditions across cultures and time periods, and analyzes sport from a multiple methodological perspectives. The minor examines the role of sport in shaping identities - including ethnic, racial, class, and gender identities as well as local, regional, national, and global identities. The minor explores how the commercialization of sport effects the way it is marketed and the extent to which economic incentives shape sport and how other businesses use sport. The minor also employs sport to explore the relationships between multiple knowledge domains - from the Arts, Humanities, Business, Law, and the Sciences (including the Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, and the Social and Behavioral Sciences) - that provide a broad overview of the world we inhabit.

## What is Sport Studies?

Sport Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines the social, cultural, historical, ethical, philosophical, psychological, organizational, and economic aspects of sport and physical activity. It delves into the relationships between sport and society, including issues of gender, race, ethnicity, (dis)ability, social class, and religion. Through research and critical analysis, Sport Studies explores topics such as sport media, governance, fan behavior, marketing, and globalization. Sport Studies contributes to our understanding of human behavior, social dynamics, and the broader cultural significance of sport worldwide.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to gain insights into social issues through sport
- You want to explore diverse aspects of sport, from history to economics
- You want to analyze the interactions between sport, culture, and identity
- You want to pursue careers in sports journalism, management, marketing, ethics, history, or research

## Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>).

In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
AFAM 114N	Race, Gender and Sport	
ASIA 101N	Sports in Asia	
COMM 170	Introduction to the Sports Industry	
ENGL 234	Sports, Ethics, and Literature	
HIST 113	Baseball in Comparative History	
KINES 100	The Cultural and Behavioral Foundations of Kinesiology	
RPTM 120	Leisure and Human Behavior	
<b>Supporting Courses and Related Areas</b>		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 credits of electives, at least 6 of which must be at the 400-level:		12
AMST/KINES 441	History of Sport in American Society	
AFAM 114N	Race, Gender and Sport	
ASIA 101N	Sports in Asia	
CAMS/KINES 442		
COMM 170	Introduction to the Sports Industry	
COMM 412	Sports, Media and Society	
COMM 476	Sports Writing	
COMM 477	Sports Broadcasting	
COMM 478	Sports Information	
COMM 498	Special Topics	
ECON 460	Issues in Sports Economics	
ECON 447W		
ENGL 234	Sports, Ethics, and Literature	
HDFS/KINES 427	Developmental Sport & Exercise Psychology	
HIST 113	Baseball in Comparative History	
LHR 459	Collective Bargaining in Professional Sports	
KINES 100	The Cultural and Behavioral Foundations of Kinesiology	
KINES 321	Psychology of Movement Behavior	
KINES 341	The Historical, Cultural, and Social Dynamics of Sport	
KINES 345	Meaning, Ethics, and Movement	
KINES 419	Disability Sport and Recreation	
KINES 420	Psychosocial Dimensions of Physical Activity	
KINES 421	Exercise Psychology	
KINES 422	Physical Activity Interventions	
KINES 423	Psychology of Sports Injuries	
KINES/WMNST 424	Women and Sport	
KINES 425W	Physical Activity in Diverse Populations	
KINES 426	Physical Activity and Public Health	
KINES 428	Motivation and Emotion in Movement	

KINES 429	Psychology of Sport Performance
KINES 439W	
KINES 440	Philosophy and Sport
KINES 446	History of Sport in the Modern World
KINES 447W	Representing Sport in Popular Film
KINES 486	
KINES 493	Principles and Ethics of Coaching
KINES 493W	Principles and Ethics of Coaching
MKTG 443	Sports Marketing
MKTG 449	Sports Business Market Strategy
RPTM 120	Leisure and Human Behavior
RPTM 201	Introduction to Community Recreation
RPTM 210	Introduction to Commercial Recreation and Tourism
RPTM 277	Inclusive Leisure Services
RPTM 300Y	Tourism and Leisure Behavior
RPTM 320	Recreation Resource Planning and Management
RPTM 390	Political and Legal Aspects of Recreation Services
RPTM 410	Marketing of Recreation Services
RPTM 415	Commercial Recreation Management
RPTM 435	Recreation Facilities Planning and Management
RPTM 470	Recreation and Park Management

## Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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## Career Paths

Upon completing an undergraduate degree that includes a minor in Sport Studies, students can pursue various career paths. Opportunities include roles in sport journalism, management, marketing, and research. Participants may choose to further their education by pursuing graduate studies in fields such as sports management, sports psychology, or sports sociology. Advanced degrees can lead to positions in research, higher education, or specialized roles within the sport industry.

## Careers

Completing an undergraduate degree that includes a minor in Sports Studies opens doors to entry-level positions such as sport analyst, marketing assistant for sport organizations, athletic program coordinator, consultant, and journalist. These opportunities provide avenues to apply knowledge gained in Sports Studies while exploring diverse aspects of the sports industry.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN SPORT STUDIES (<https://www.jobsinsports.com/blog/>)

## Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Upon completing an undergraduate degree with a minor in Sports Studies, students can pursue graduate studies in specialized areas such as sport history, sport philosophy, sport management, sport communications, sport psychology, and sport sociology. Graduate programs offer opportunities for advanced research, internships, and mentorship, preparing students for leadership roles in the sports industry, academia, or research institutions.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://hhd.psu.edu/kines/graduate/master-science-kinesiology/>)

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