

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