

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.