

Sociology
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) 22
Sociology of Sports

Discipline Specific Elective-22 (DSE - 22) : Sociology of Sports

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE - 22 Sociology of Sports	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. To constitute play, games, and sports as objects of sociological inquiry.
2. To examine the interrelationship between sports and other social spheres like work, culture, and gender, and global historical processes.
3. To explore the distinctive issues in the sociology of sports in South Asian history and political economy.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Critically analyse the ways in which sport, games, and play are embedded in society, culture and economy.
2. Evaluate the interrelationship between sports and broader political and cultural processes.
3. Examine the significance of symbolic and practical representations of sport in society.

SYLLABUS OF DSE:

Unit I: Games, Play, and Sports (9 Hours)

This unit introduces students to sociological study of sports

- a. Sports: Definition and Classification
- b. Sports and Modernity

Unit II: Sociological Theories of Sport (12 Hours)

This unit explores the foundational theories in the sociological analysis of sports.

- a. Sports in Classical Social Theory
- b. Sports in Contemporary Social Theory

Unit III: Issues in the Sociology of Sports (18 Hours)

This unit examines the interrelationships between sports and other phenomenon such as colonialism, globalization, consumption and media

- a. From Colonialism to Globalization
- b. Culture of Sports

Unit IV: Sports in South Asia (6 Hours)

This unit maps the broad issues in understanding sports in India.

- a. Sports and Colonial Modernity
- b. Sports, Infrastructures and Identity

Practical Component: NIL

Unit I: Games, Play, and Sports

- a. Sports: Definition and Classification

Caillois, Roger. *Man, Play, and Games*. University of Illinois Press, 2001. Ch. 1-2. Pp. 3 - 36.

- b. Sports and Modernity

Guttman, Allen. *From Ritual to Record: The Nature of Modern Sports*. Columbia University Press, 2004. Ch. 2 Pp. 15-55.

Unit II: Sociological Theories of Sport

- a. Sports in Classical Social Theory

Giulianotti, Richard. *Sport and Modern Social Theorists*. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2004. Ch. 1. Pp. 11-30, & 81-108.

- b. Sports in Contemporary Social Theory

Jarvie, Grant and Maguire, Joseph. *Sport and Leisure in Social Thought*. Taylor & Francis, 2002. Chapter 6. Figurations, Power and Civilising Processes. Pp. 130-154

Bourdieu, Pierre. "Program for a Sociology of Sport", *Sociology of Sport Journal* 5, 2 (1988): 153-161.

Hall, M. Ann. "The Discourse of Gender and Sport: From Femininity to Feminism", *Sociology of Sport Journal* 5, 4 (1988): 330-340.

Unit III: Issues in Sociology of Sports

a. From Colonialism to Globalization

Besnier, Niko, et al. *The Anthropology of Sport: Bodies, Borders, Biopolitics*. United States, University of California Press, 2018. Ch. 2 Sport, Colonialism, and Imperialism Pp. 39-70.

Richard, Giulianotti, and Roland Robertson. Sport and Globalization, in David L. Andrews and Ben Carrington eds. *Blackwell Companion to Sport*. Wiley Blackwell, 2013. Pp. 41-56.

b. Cultures of Sports

Chris Gaffney and John Bale. Sensing the Stadium, in Vertinsky, Patricia Anne and John Bale. *Sites of Sport: Space, Place, Experience* Routledge, 2004. Pp. 25-38.

Giulianotti, Richard. Supporters, Followers, Fans, and Flaneurs: A Taxonomy of Spectator Identities in Football. *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*, 26(1), 2002. Pp. 25-42.

Rowe, David. The Sport/Media Complex: Formation, Flowering, and Future in David L. Andrews and Ben Carrington eds. *Blackwell Companion to Sport*. Wiley Blackwell, 2013. Pp. 61-74.

Unit IV. Sports in India**a. Sports and Colonial Modernity**

Mills, James and Paul Dimeo 'When Gold is Fired It Shines': Sport, the Imagination and the Body in Colonial and Postcolonial India. In John Bale and Mike Cronin eds. *Sport and Postcolonialism*. Berg, 2020. Ch7. Pp. 107-122.

b. Sports, Infrastructures and Identity

Gopal, Meena. Padma Prakash. *Sports Studies in India: Expanding the Field*. India: Oxford University Press, 2022. Pp. 1-32

Nirbed Ray and Projit Bihari Mukharji. Sedentary Games and the Nationalist Project: A Silent History. In Boria Majumdar and Fan Hong. *Modern Sport: The Global Obsession*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2013 Pp. 199-206.

Nandy, Ashis. *The Tao of Cricket: On Games of Destiny and the Destiny of Games*. India: Viking, 1989. Pp. xi-xxii.

Suggested Readings:

Rigauer, Bero. *Sport and Work*. Columbia University Press, 1981.

Appadurai, Arjun. The Decolonization of Indian Cricket. Carol Breckenridge, ed. *Consuming Modernity: Public Culture in a South Asian World*. University of Minnesota Press, 1995. Pp. 23-46.

Barthes, Roland. MacKenzie, Scott (Tr.). "Of Sport and Men" *Revue Canadienne d'Études Cinématographiques / Canadian Journal of Film Studies*, vol. 6, no. 2, 1997, Pp. 75-83.

Bose, Mihir. *The Magic of Indian cricket: Cricket and Society in India*. Routledge, 2006.

Bourdieu, P. Sport and Social Class. *Social Science Information*, 17(6), 1978, Pp. 819-840.

Dimeo, Paul and James Mills. *Soccer in South Asia: Empire, Nation, Diaspora*. United Kingdom: Routledge, 2001.

Donnelly, Peter, and Kevin Young. "The Construction and Confirmation of Identity in Sport Subcultures." *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 5 (3), 1988. Pp. 223–40.

Dunning, Eric. *Sport Matters: Sociological Studies of Sport, Violence and Civilisation*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2013.

Elias, Norbert. and Dunning, Eric. *Quest for Excitement: Sport and Leisure in the Civilising Process*, Oxford: Basil Blackwell 1986.

Farred, Grant. "What's My Name? Muhammad Ali, Postcolonial Pugilist." *Dispositio*, vol. 20, no. 47, 1995, Pp. 37–58.

Hargreaves, Jennifer. *Sporting Females: Critical Issues in the History and Sociology of Women's Sport*. Taylor & Francis, 2002.

Henne, Kathryn E. *Testing for Athlete Citizenship: Regulating Doping and Sex in Sport*. Rutgers University Press, 2015.

Hoberman, John. *Sport and Political Ideology*. United States: University of Texas Press, 2014.

Huizinga, Johan. *Homo Ludens: A Study of the Play-Element in Culture*. Angelico Press, 2016.

MacAloon, John J. "An Observer's View of Sport Sociology." *Sociology Of Sport Journal*, 1987, 4, 103-115.

Magrath, Rory. *Athlete Activism: Contemporary Perspectives*. Taylor & Francis, 2021.

Markovits, Andrei S., and Rensmann, Lars. *Gaming the World: How Sports Are Reshaping Global Politics and Culture*. Princeton University Press, 2010.

Oates, Joyce Carol. *On Boxing*. United States, HarperCollins, 2009.

Poli, Raffaele. (2007). The Denationalization of Sport: De-ethnicization of the Nation and Identity Deterritorialization. *Sport in Society*, 10(4), 646–661.

Ransom, Amy J. "Bollywood Goes to the Stadium: Gender, National Identity, and Sport Film in Hindi." *Journal of Film and Video*, 66, no. 4 (2014): 34–49.

Smart, Barry. *The Sport Star: Modern Sport and the Cultural Economy of Sporting Celebrity*. United Kingdom: SAGE Publications, 2005.

Wellard, Ian. *Sport, Masculinities and the Body*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2009.

Whannel, Garry. "Television and the Transformation of Sport." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 625 (2009): 205–16.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

Common List of Generic Electives (GE) Semester VIII