

# Sports, Cultures and Ethics, Certificate

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Whether it's in intense fandoms, age-old rivalries, records being broken by athletes or political controversies, sports have become embedded into everyday life. Delve deep into the human aspect of sports --- its historical background, the ethics and the cultural significance --- that affects fans and athletes alike.

## Description

The certificate program in sports, cultures and ethics is a cross-disciplinary inquiry into the social, ethical and cultural influence of sports in society.

Courses explore the significance of sports in modern history, including relationships between sports and identity, community, politics, media, business and education. Students analyze the ethical and philosophical issues of participating in and watching sports. Students also explore how playing fields become places of connection and conflict, expanding opportunities or reinforcing inequalities based on race, gender, sexuality, religion and socioeconomic class.

Students who complete the program have knowledge and understanding of the multifaceted nature of sports and its wide-ranging impact on cultures and lives.

## At a glance

- College/School: [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- Location: [Tempe](#)

## Program requirements

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The certificate in sports, cultures and ethics requires a minimum of 18 credit hours, of which at least 12 must be upper division. At least six upper-division hours must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. All courses for the certificate must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale).

### **Required Courses -- 6 credit hours**

AFR 375: Race, Gender and Sport (SOBE OR SB & C) or HST 377: Sports in United States History (HUAD OR (HU or SB) & H) (3)

PHI 370: Sports Ethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

### **Electives (choose four) -- 12 credit hours**

At least six credit hours must be upper division. AFR 375 or HST 377 may be used as an elective if not used as a required sports culture course.

AFR 375: Race, Gender and Sport (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

ASB 252: Sports and Culture (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

CEL 394: Sports and Leadership (3)

COM 394 / SBS 394 / SOC 394: Soccer: The Global Game (3)

COM 477: Sport, Culture, and Discourses (3)

CSM 335 / PRM 335: Sports and Recreation for Youth Development (3)

FMS 360: Sports Media (3)

HST 214 / SLC 214: The World's Game: History and Culture of Soccer (G) (3)

HST 302: History of the Olympic Movement (3)

HST 302: The Mexico City 1968 Olympics in Global Context (3)

HST 306: History of Baseball (3)

HST 377: Sports in United States History (HUAD OR (HU or SB) & H) (3)

HST 379: History of College Sports (3)

HST 494 / MCO 494 / TGM 494: Sport and Globalization (3)

NEW 300: International Cities Barcelona (3)

PHI 371: Philosophy of Sport (HU) (3)

PHI 394: The Olympics and Philosophy (3)

POS 294: Sports, Politics, & the Law (3)

REL 383 / ASB 383: Religion and Sports (HUAD OR HU) (3)

SGS 394: The Geopolitics of Sport (3)

Additional courses related to sports, cultures and ethics that are not on the elective list may be used with the approval of the certificate directors.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## **Enrollment requirements**

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## **Program learning outcomes**

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Evaluate the social, cultural, political, and economic contexts relevant to ethical and justice issues in sports
- Interpretation of how playing fields become places of connection and conflict, expanding opportunities or reinforcing inequalities based on race, gender, sexuality, religion and socioeconomic class

## **Career opportunities**

Students who combine the certificate in sports, cultures and ethics with their major program of study will become more marketable to employers.

Students who complete this undergraduate certificate often decide to pursue employment in sports business, sports journalism, sports law, education, sports governance and administration, coaching or the sports sciences. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

## **Contact information**

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