The University of Calgary
Department of Sociology

SOCIOLOGY 401.42

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY – SPORT, THEORY & SOCIETY

SPRING 2014 (University of Colima, Mexico)

INSTRUCTOR:	Dr. Kevin Young
OFFICE / PHONE:	TBA
OFFICE HOURS:	TBA
CLASS TIME:	This will change daily – See Program Schedule
CLASSROOM:	TBA
PRE-REQUISITE:	Soci. 201 or Consent of Instructor. Soci. 399 (Sport) is recommended
COURSE OUTLINE:	Students must print their own copy from the Dept. website

COURSE SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

Interfacing with two other courses offered in Colima (Sociology 301 and 501), this course uses sport as a substantive focus to examine explanatory sociological frameworks (i.e., theory). Following a review of the subject matter as it pertains to life in Canada, and class-based discussions of theory and research in the Sociology of Sport, the course then welcomes students to *apply* theory discussed in the assigned text to aspects of Colima society, including, if they so wish and if available, Mexican sport. Specifically, the breadth and depth of theoretically-driven research in the Sociology of Sport is to be applied by students to an observational research topic of their choosing which, once again, interfaces with other parts of the Colima program.

REQUIRED READING

R. Giulianotti (2004). *Sport and Modern Social Theorists*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A careful and punctual reading of the required material. ***NB: The entire textbook should be reviewed closely, and students should be familiar with at least two chapters (that is, two theoretical approaches) in detail prior to departure. This represents pre-session preparation.***
2. Attendance at all lectures and field trips; committed participation in all classroom activity.
3. Advance notice to the instructor if unable to comply with this program in any way.
4. Students are advised to familiarize themselves with University regulations regarding plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Cheating is regarded as a serious academic offence. The University Calendar provides a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.
5. Students who are having difficulty with the course are advised to contact the instructor immediately to discuss the situation.
6. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with changes (additions, deletions, shifts) to this outline made in class or in the field.
7. Please note the following:

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside an instructor's office or the Department main office. Term assignments must be returned to students individually, during class, or during the instructor's office hours; if a student is unable to pick up her/his assignment, she/he may provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

8. Ethics Research: Students are advised that **no** 'human subject' research beyond techniques of observation vis-à-vis Sociology 301 and 501 is permitted.
9. Keep this outline. It will be your course reference throughout the term. Most of the questions students ask are answered on it. **No hard copies will be provided.**

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated in **three** principal ways:

1. Class presentation (20%) – Date: TBA. (a) 3-5 minute verbal summary of which theoretical concepts interest you and how you might be adopting them.
2. Class participation (20%) -- Your contribution in the classroom and during field trips will be assessed.
3. Part I of Colima Report (60%) – Date: Friday May 30. Six (6) page written report summarizing your theoretical approach to your Colima study. Emphasis should be placed on how existing sociological research, theory, and concepts contribute to explaining your empirical findings.

***More information on all assignments will be made available 'in the field'.**
***All written submissions must be double spaced and 12 font.**
***They must be handed in at the start of class on the day they are due.**
***Do not use cover sheets. Use Headers or Titles (assignment/name/student no.) only.**

Unless submitted on time, the Colima Report will not be graded and thus the student will fail the course.

GRADING SCALE

A+	95>
A	85-94
A-	80-84
B+	77-79
B	74-76
B-	70-73
C+	67-69
C	64-66
C-	60-63
D+	55-59
D	50-54
F	<49