

Courses in English Course Description

Department	13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title	Sports and Politics: Drugs, Sex and Corruption
Hours per week (SWS)	2
Number of ECTS credits	2
Course objective	<p>The course will be conducted in English, and every student is expected to actively participate in the discussions. However, it is not a language course, so only an ability to understand and the courage to express ones self is required.</p> <p>The purpose is to become aware of how much of sport is controlled by unseen goals or actions behind the curtains, and also to be aware of some ways in which politics is a lot more than elections or country leaders and parliaments. The course also aims to provide a discussion forum between students from different cultures who exchange stories and opinions on the topics included.</p>
Prerequisites	
Recommended reading	
Teaching methods	<p>Some introductory material and occasional lecture material will be provided by instructor, along with some reading material.</p> <p>Each student will give a short presentation on some topic of their interest. Instructor will provide suggestions, but students have great freedom to investigate what interests them.</p> <p>There will be some short written tasks of only 1-2 pages.</p> <p>After the last course day, each person will write a short report, 2-3 pages, about what they have learned in the course.</p>
Assessment methods	<p>The course is open both to exchange students from other universities and to regular HM students. Rather than an exam or term paper, marks will be derived from Module Arbeit work (see above). Though there is no attendance requirement, clearly it would be hard to complete these "Module Arbeit" tasks without attending most of the 6 sessions.</p>
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	<p>Since the run-up to the World Cup in Qatar, nearly everyone worldwide with social media access has become aware of the political aspect of major sports events – even those who have little interest in either sports or politics! Many fans complain that this is something new, that sports used to be for everyone to enjoy and not involved in political conflicts.</p> <p>But is that true? We will investigate just how much sports and politics have been inseparable since the beginning of historical records. We also will discuss whether the two should be separated and whether separation is possible. Additionally, we will consider what role sports fans play in this twosome, and also what every normal citizen should be aware of, even concerning the engagement of family members in sports at any level.</p>
Remarks	