

## **HISTORY THROUGH SPORTS**

*Requirement area:* **Social Studies or Elective**

*Course code:* WSA000

*Grade Level:* 11, 12

*Prerequisites:* None

*Length:* 1 semester (0.5 credit)

*Homework:* None

*Description:* Sports in American Society will focus on the significant impact sports has played—and continues to play—in society, with an emphasis on U.S. society. In this course students will examine the development of sports in America through various historical, civic, economic and sociological perspectives. There will be an emphasis on helping students gain a better understanding of the interconnected relationship that sport has with social, economic, cultural, and political forces at work, especially in the United States. Using an inquiry-based approach, student will examine historical context and on-going civic impacts of sports including the significance of gender, race, ethnicity, age and socioeconomics through readings, primary/secondary sources, audio-visual and online materials as well as student-driven projects and class discussions. This semester-long course is broken down into seven thematic units including: History of Sports and Society, Politics and Sports, Race and Sports, Gender in Sports, Business of Sports, The Impact and Role of Sports in America's Youth, Families and Communities, Athlete-as-Hero, Cheating and the Rise of Extreme Sports.