

**Course description for 2000-level Culture, Sports and Play  
Australia, summer 2018**

This course will explore how sports and play intersect with social and cultural settings. By using the lens of sports and play, the course will provide a viewpoint on the variability and commonality of contemporary, human cultures. We will explore sports and play (both modern and traditional) as a means of symbolic communication and a way to both enculturate and acculturate societal members. Through case studies of the practice of sports and play we will explore key issues in anthropology such as gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, class and stratification, violence, urban space, (post)colonialism, nationalism, and globalization. Ethnographic research methods will be introduced.