American spectacles surrounding sports, athletes, fans and their hero(ines) have *articulated* a very exhilarating and complex “ideological footprint” of American culture. The post Title IX 999% increase in female sport participation has done more for women than simply produce soccer moms and little kickers since the 1999 World Cup. What role does athletics play in education? What do major sporting events tell us about our identities and what do they reveal to us as communities and a society? This course will examine a variety of sport controversies such as steroid use, body fascism, violence, power, shock-jock radio announcing and the intersection of economic and social capital, ability, race, gender, and sexuality in American athletics. This course is for the competitive athlete, pick-up player, fan, or anyone who wants to learn more about the powerful role sports play in American culture.