

# New Course Spring 2012

## Baseball and Society: Politics, Economics, Race and Gender

### Topics Covered:

- **Origins of the Game** - Sorting myth from fact from Cooperstown to Hoboken
- **Baseball as Business** - From an amateur game to a professional sport
- **The Deadball Era**- The game amidst labor conflicts and scandal
- **The Long Ball Era** - Babe Ruth's America
- **Baseball and War** - From World War I to 9/11 and beyond
- **A Parallel Universe** - Racism, Jim Crow laws, and the Negro Leagues
- **Addressing Racism** - Jackie Robinson, Hank Greenberg, and Roberto Clemente
- **Baseball and Economics** - Expansion, relocation, and the financing of ballparks
- **Labor Wars**- Collective Bargaining and the Rise of Free Agency
- **Steroids, Gambling, Sabermetrics and Moneyball**
- **Women and Baseball**- A League of Their Own?
- **The Closet in the Locker Room** - Gay athletes in a macho world
- **Baseball and Globalization** - The game in Latin America and Asia
- **The Future of the Game** - The pros and cons of proposed reforms

### **HDFS 3042-**

Human Development  
& Family Studies

### **WS 3042-**

Women's Studies

### **AFAM 3042-**

African American  
Studies

### **Instructor:**

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### **Register as Follows:**

HDFS Majors: HDFS 3042

WS Majors: WS 3042

AFAM Majors: AFAM 3042

All others: HDFS 3042

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**Tuesday  
& Thursday  
2:00-3:15**

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