



COURSE APPLICATION

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BASEBALL AS A ROAD TO GOD

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IDSEM-UG 1324 (4 units)

Open to sophomores and juniors (seniors who wish to apply should contact dan.evans@nyu.edu).

*Application and essay (see essay requirement below) should be submitted electronically to facultyservices.gallatin@nyu.edu by **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th**. Students will be notified of application decisions by Thursday, December 6th.*

COURSE DESCRIPTION: “Baseball As a Road to God” aims to link literature about our national pastime with the study of philosophy and theology. This seminar aims to blend ideas contained in classic baseball novels such as Coover’s *Universal Baseball Association*, Kinsella’s *Iowa Baseball Confederation*, and Malamud’s *The Natural* with those found in such philosophical/ theological works as Eliade’s *Sacred and Profane*, Heschel’s *God in Search of Man*, and James’ *Varieties of Religious Experience*. It discusses such themes as the metaphysics of sports, the notions of sacred time and space, and the idea of baseball as a civil religion. Not for the faint-hearted, this course requires students to read over two dozen works of varying lengths in addition to supplemental readings as they might arise. Weekly papers are also required. As with any serious commitment of one’s time, the rewards of taking a seminar such as this can be great.

Name _____ E-mail _____

NYU ID _____ Phone _____

College or school in which you are matriculated _____

Class standing Sophomore Junior Senior (special permission required)

Please state your concentration (or major, for non-Gallatin students)

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

On a separate sheet (typed and double-spaced), please answer the following question in 400 words or less:

Discuss any thoughts or experiences you have had about baseball, religion or the intersection of the two which might be relevant to this course.

For administrative use only: Status of application: Student may enroll. Student may not enroll.

Comments: _____