OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the material will vary - see course syllabus available from instructor

FACULTY/DEPARTMENT: SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND MEDIA STUDIES
SOC 435

COURSE NAME/NUMBER  FORMER COURSE NUMBER  UCFV CREDITS
Sociology of Sexuality

COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course examines sexuality from a sociological perspective. It is designed to allow students to investigate the moral and political controversies that surround sexuality, the loaded meanings attributed to sexual experiences, the varied social identities and social movements constructed around sexual practices, and how definitions of “normal” sexuality shift over time. The course will investigate Foucault’s History of Sexuality and a variety of theories which may include the social construction of sexuality and queer theory.

PREREQUISITES: 60 credits to include at least 9 credits of sociology (SOC 220 and SOC 335 recommended).
COREQUISITES: none

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S)
(a) Replaces: 
(b) Cannot take: 

SERVICE COURSE TO:

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 60

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:
Lectures: 45 Hrs
Seminar: 15 Hrs
Laboratory: Hrs
Field Experience: Hrs
Student Directed Learning: Hrs
Other (Specify): Hrs

HOURS PER DAY:

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT: 26

EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS:
WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only) Yes No
WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department) Yes No
TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE: Yes No

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2006
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: December 2009 (Four years after UPAC final approval date)

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:
Course Designer(s): Katherine Watson
Department Head: Elizabeth Dennis
Chairperson: (Curriculum Committee)
Dean: Eric Davis
UPAC Approval in Principle Date: UPAC Final Approval Date: December 7, 2005
LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:
1. to gain an in-depth understanding of sociological theories of sexuality
2. to consider and assess current research within the area of sexuality
3. to apply theories to specific topics
4. to assess the consequences of laws, policies and regulations for individuals and societies.

METHODS:

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):
Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check:)
☑ Yes ☐ No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:
Examination and/or paper.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:
[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]
A variety of other readings will be available in a coursepack

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

STUDENT EVALUATION:
[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]
Research Paper 40%
Final Exam 40%
Presentation 20%

COURSE CONTENT:
[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]
Tentative Class Schedule:
Week 1: Course Introduction
Week 2: The Social Construction of Sexuality
Week 3: The Foucauldian Revolution: History of Sexuality
Week 4: Foucault Continued
Week 5: Science, Medicine and the Production of Sexual Subjects
Week 6: Identities and Boundaries
Week 7: Sexual Practices and Performance
Week 8: Sexual Morality and Social Control
Week 9: Sexualities, Communities and Identity Politics/Movements
Week 10: Technologies of Sex: Pornography, erotica and the internet
Week 11: The Political Economy of Sex: Consuming 'Love' in Capitalism
Week 12: The Globalization of Sexualities: Transnational identities and Sex Tourism
Week 13: Conclusion