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SOC 301 Introduction to Sexuality Studies

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Basic Information

Class hours: Monday through Friday, 3 hours each day

Office Hours: 2 hours (According to professors' teaching plan)

Field Trip: According to professors' teaching plan

Credit: 6

Total contact hours: 90 (50 minutes each)

Instructor: TBA

Course Description

As an introductory course to human sexuality, this course provides an entry to the study of the most intimate part of human lives. It is an interdisciplinary approach that examines the history, biology, anthropology, psychology and sociology of sexuality. This course examines the social institutions involved in shaping human sexuality; family, education, economy, politics, religion, medicine and media. The course will also analyze systems of power including dominant and subordinate groups, stratification, inequality and exclusion. Intersectionality as a concept plays an important role in understanding sexuality as it is experienced through race, gender, class, age, disability and other master statuses.

Learning Objectives and Outcomes

At the end of this course, students will:

1. demonstrate a thorough understanding of human sexuality from biological, historical, psychological and sociological perspectives;
2. analyze the foundations of human reproduction, contraception, and sexual behaviors;
3. examine gender roles, gender change and gender power structures;
4. explore research methods engaged in studying human sexuality and sexual behaviors;
5. describe human sexuality across the lifespan;
6. identify social issues related to human sexuality such as STD/STI, violence, laws, politics, etc.

Required Textbooks

- *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies*, 2ed, by Steven Seidman, Nancy L. Fischer, Chet Meeks, Routledge Publishing
- *The Social Construction of Sexuality*, 3ed, by Steven Seidman, W. W. Norton
- Articles and other materials will be made available in electronic format on the course website

Assignments

1 Presentations 10%

1 Applied Assignment 10%

1 Research Paper Assignment 15%



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- 1 Midterm 25%
- 1 Final Exam 30%
- Attendance & Quizzes 10%

Evaluation/Grading Policy

In this course, students are evaluated on the following Grading (Scale) System

97-100	A+	87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	Below 60	F
94-96	A	84-86	B	74-76	C	64-66	D		
90-93	A-	80-83	B-	70-73	C-	60-63	D-		

Course Schedule (5 weeks)

Week 1: Introduction, History, Theories & Research Methods of Human Sexuality; Chapters 1-3

1. What is Human Sexuality?
2. History of Human Sexuality
3. Theories of Human Sexuality
4. Research Methods in Human Sexuality
5. Applied Assignment 1 & Quiz 1

Week 2: Physiology, Sexual Arousal & Attraction/Love; Chapters 4-6

1. Male Physiology
2. Female Physiology
3. Sexual Arousal
4. Sexual Love & Attraction
5. Applied Assignment 2 & Quiz 2

Week 3: Gender Roles, Identity, Trans & Differences; Chapters 7-9

1. Gender Roles
2. Gender Identities
3. Transgender/Transsexual
4. Sexual Differences
5. **Mid-term Exam**

Week 4: Sexual Behavior, Orientation, Conception, Pregnancy/Alternatives; Chapters 10-12

1. Sexual Behaviors in Children
 2. Sexual Behaviors in Teens
 3. Contraception,
 4. Pregnancy
 5. Pregnancy Alternatives
- Research Paper & Quiz 3

Week 5: Sexual Behavior in Adults/Orientations, Sexual Variations, Commercial Sex, Sexual Dysfunctions & STI; Chapters 13-15

1. Sexual Behaviors in Adults & Sexual Orientations
2. Atypical Sexual Variations, & Commercial Sex
3. Sexual Dysfunctions
4. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
5. **Final Exam** & Presentation



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*Instructor maintains the right to modify and change the schedule as needed

Academic Honesty

Every student in this course is trusted to fully comply with the Minzu University of China Honor Code. On the test, it is expected that students will neither receive nor give aid to another student, access any material, use any electronic device other than a simple calculator. Any student in violation of the Honor Code during the test will immediately receive a F for this course.

Attendance Policy

You are expected to attend classes. Any student who misses 20% or more of classes will risk failing the course. You are expected to attend class unless you are ill or there is a crisis in your family. Prolonged illness or a pattern of frequent absences can jeopardize your grade. In the case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to gather class notes from other students. You are encouraged to be on time to class since being tardy can be disruptive to others in the class.

Missed/Late Assignments

Assignments are due on the date listed. Without prior approval from the instructor, no late assignments will be accepted.

Learning Disabilities / Physical Handicap

Students who have a learning disability or physical handicap are encouraged to make arrangements with the instructor and the Disabled Student Services Office for class assignments and exams so that their academic performance is not negatively affected.

Time Spent Outside of Class on Coursework

For every 1-credit hour spent in class students should expect to spend a minimum of 2 hours outside of class (on homework, reading, test preparation).