Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Course Name: HLTH 333/3.0

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Course Instructor:

Contact Hours:

Lectures: 1 x 3 hrs/wk / 12 weeks Tutorials: 1 x 1 hrs/wk / 12 weeks

Contemporary Issues in Human Sexuality

Prerequisite:

Level 3 in a HLTH or KINE plan.

Exclusion:

NONE

Course Description:

What is sexuality? What is sexual health? Do we live in a sexually healthy society? How would we know? This course has been designed to help us place contemporary sexual issues in a broad historical and cultural context. Our primary goal is to analyze both sexuality and health on social and political levels, to see them not simply as personal or physical/biological concerns. Together we will work to develop the critical (and self-reflexive) analytic skills required to explore sexual issues at the local and international level. It is expected that students will approach all readings, videos, and tutorial discussions with an open-mind and an objective perspective, as befits the task of social analysis.

Course Texts:

Courseware package and assigned readings will be posted on onQ.

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify and contextualize issues related to sexuality and cultures of sexuality.
- Discuss sexuality as a social construct.
- Explain the relationship between private life and social structures.
- Practice thinking historically and sociologically about important social issues.
- Appraise processes of social change.
- Practice the art of the good question.
- · Apply critical reading skills.
- Practice writing as a tool of critical thinking.
- Identify, reflect upon, and assess our own perspectives and opinions.
- Identify and apply social justice frameworks.

Course Evaluation:

A model of assessment that is called contract grading will be used for HLTH 333. Contract grading puts the focus on labour/effort and engagement rather than standardized markers of achievement. The intention is to make coursework into a space of experimentation, where it is not devastating to your final grade should you try something new/interesting and then fail. Contract grading also provides different options for different students in recognition of people's different goals, time commitments, and responsibilities outside of school.

Course Outline

What is Sexuality?	Reproductive justice
Social construction of sexuality, history of sexuality,	Sexuality, colonialism and resistance

sexual cultures	
Sexual health and sexual rights in context	#Metoo and Sexual Violence / Pleasure
Medicalization of sexuality	Racism, colonialism and violence
Marriage/relationships/love/alternatives sexuality	Sexuality at Queen's
Childhood and sex education	·