Sociology 4452G-001
Social Construction of Sexuality
Winter 2024
Delivery Method: In-Person

This is a DRAFT only. Please see the course site for the final version.

Course Description

This course will explore the social construction of various forms of sexuality from sociological, criminological, historical, cultural, raced, classed, gendered and queer frameworks. The course will examine theoretical conceptions of normalcy and move into discussions about both legal and illegal forms of sexuality.

Antirequisite(s): None

Prerequisite(s): Registration in third year or above in any Department of Sociology module, or fourth year in any module.
Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Weight: 0.50

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand and be able to explain how sexuality and deviant sexuality are socially constructed.
- Understand and be able to explain how social structure, place, and time impact constructions of sexuality and its expressions.
- Creatively engage peers in presentation of course material.
- Critically evaluate and synthesize course material in presentations and writing.
- Further develop critical thinking, research, and writing skills.

TEXTBOOK AND OTHER RESOURCES

There will be no textbook for this course.

Weekly readings will be available through Western Libraries.

Additional course material (e.g., videos, readings) will be posted on the OWL site.

COMMUNICATION

The best way to reach me is through email.

Students are responsible for checking the course OWL site.
(http://owl.uwo.ca) on a regular basis for news and updates. This is the primary method by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class.

COURSE CONTENT AND SCHEDULE

Students should check the course OWL site frequently to access the online lessons, course material, and for key deadlines.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

The evaluation methods described in the course outline are essential requirements for the course.

Students are expected to attend all classes and to come to class prepared to critically discuss the readings and other course material.

Students will be required to upload all assignments to OWL.

More details about the assignments will be posted on OWL.

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<td>Participation</td>
<td>Attend class; actively participate class discussions; answer online questions as required; demonstrate accomplishment of learning objectives</td>
<td>On-going</td>
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<td>Paper Proposal</td>
<td>Students will submit a two page paper proposal that includes the general topic, preliminary research question, preliminary outline, and proposed bibliography. Late penalty: 5% per day</td>
<td>January 31</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Seminar facilitation</td>
<td>Students will lead the class discussions of the weekly course readings. This will require short summaries of the readings, critical evaluations, and the development of creative group work projects.</td>
<td>Date to be determined during the first class.</td>
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<td>Final Paper</td>
<td>Students will write a research paper of approximately 3500 words. The paper will use primary academic sources (10-15) and will address a specific research question. Late penalty: 5% per day</td>
<td>April 8</td>
<td>40%</td>
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Student Absences/Academic Consideration for Missed Work

If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness or other serious circumstances, please follow the procedures below.

**Assessments worth less than 10% of the overall course grade:**

N/A

**Assessments worth 10% or more of the overall course grade:**

For work totaling 10% or more of the final course grade, students must provide valid medical or supporting documentation to their Home Faculty Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible. If your absence is excused, reasonable extensions will be negotiated.

**ACADEMIC POLICIES**

Please review the Department of Sociology “Important Academic Policies” document [https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic_Policies.pdf](https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic_Policies.pdf) for additional information regarding:
• Scholastic Offences
• Plagiarism
• Copyright
• Academic Accommodation
• Accessibility Options
• Mental Health

IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer to the Western’s academic calendar for important dates.

Please visit the Social Science Academic Counselling webpage for information on adding/dropping courses, academic considerations for absences, appeals, exam conflicts, and many other academic related matters: Academic Counselling - Western University (uwo.ca).