

WINTER 2008

DEPARTMENTAL

(All departmental courses count towards the minor. All of the following courses above 100-level automatically count towards the major.)

ENGLISH 132	<u>Gender, Sexuality, Literature and Culture</u>	
	Online Section 1	Caryl Casson
	Online Section 2	Stacy Jiang
	Online Section 3	Valerie Gramling

Literature treating the relationship between man and woman. Topics may include: the nature of love, the image of the hero and heroine, and definitions, past and present, of the masculine and feminine. Enrollment limited.

HISTORY 297F	<u>History of Sexuality</u>	Babette Faehmel
	M-Tu-W-Th-F 9-11:30	

Introducing students to the study of gender and sexuality as historical categories. Rather than thinking of a person's gender and erotic longings as simply biological facts or expressions of instinctual drives, we will ask to what extent social, cultural and political developments have influenced the ways in which we define masculine/feminine, normal or abnormal sexuality, and what we consider sexy, erotic, or queer. We will approach the topic from multiple perspectives. In examining how historical forces influence notions of gender/sexuality, we will look at relatively open and straightforward ways of control and regulation such as religious dogma or civil laws. We will also examine the more subtle workings of power. For that we will try to understand how ideas about what is "normal" or "appropriate" gender or sexual behavior were disseminated in society, how historical actors internalized or resisted these ideas, and how they at times even deployed them strategically to advance agendas of their very own. We will look at men and women of different races, classes, ethnicities, ages, and sexual proclivities, to illuminate the extent of diversity in U.S. gender and sexual relations.

SOCIOL 222	<u>The Family</u>	
	M-Tu-W-Th 12:30-3:30 p.m.	

First part: historical transformations in family life (relationships between husbands and wives, position and treatment of children, importance of kinship ties); second part: the contemporary family through life course (choice of a mate, relations in marriage, parenthood, breakup of the family unit).

SOCIOL 395K	<u>Domestic Violence</u>	Laura Hickman
	Online	

Prior to the 1970s, domestic violence in America was widely viewed as a private matter in which public intervention was inappropriate except under the most extreme circumstances. Over the past several decades, however, domestic violence has been increasingly perceived and responded to by the public as a criminal matter. Take a detailed look at patterns and trends in domestic violence in contemporary America, explore theoretical perspectives about its causes, and examine the domestic violence reform movement, paying special attention to research that tries to assess the actual effectiveness of criminal justice reforms in reducing domestic violence. Elective course in Criminal Justice Studies Certificate Online Program but open to all.

SOCIOL 103

Social Problems

M-Tu-W-Th 12:30-3:30

Introduction to sociology. The major social problems facing American society today such as crime, mental health, drug addiction, family tensions, and inequalities based on race, gender, ethnicity, and social class, are reviewed contemporarily and historically.

SOCIOL 105

Self, Society and Interpersonal Relations

M-Tu-W-Th 9-noon

Introduction to sociology and social psychology. Topics reviewed include social perception, socialization, concepts of self, personal and gender identity, expressions of emotion, social roles, group formation and power, prejudice, racism, sexism, and other topics relevant to studies in social psychology.