

<b>Title of the course:</b>	<b>Sociology of Sexualities and Gender</b>		
<b>Course ID:</b>	<b>VE-NPT032</b>		
<b>Level of education:</b>	<b>Erasmus</b>	<b>Academic semester:</b> 2022/2023 Fall Semester	<b>Spring</b>
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<b>Hours per semester:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Credits:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Exam:</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	<b>no</b>

### Aims of the course

The course aims to provide students with a deep understanding of the complex and multifaceted nature of sexuality and gender and their intersections with broader social structures and systems of power.

The specific aims of this course includes:

1. To introduce students to key concepts and theories related to the sociology of sexualities and gender, such as social constructionism, heteronormativity, and intersectionality.
2. To explore the historical and cultural contexts that have shaped the meanings and experiences of sexuality and gender in different societies and time periods.
3. To examine the social institutions and structures that shape the ways in which people experience and express their sexualities and genders, including family, media, religion, and law.
4. To analyze the experiences and perspectives of marginalized groups, such as LGBTQ+ people, in relation to sexuality and gender.
5. To encourage critical thinking and analysis of how societal norms and structures contribute to the marginalization and oppression of certain groups based on their sexuality and gender identities.
6. To provide students with tools for understanding and addressing issues related to sexuality and gender in contemporary society.

### Course outline

1. Introduction to the sociology of sexualities and gender
  - Defining key terms and concepts
  - Understanding the social construction of sexuality and gender
2. Historical and cultural contexts of sexuality and gender
  - Examining the changing meanings and experiences of sexuality and gender across time and societies
  - Analyzing the impacts of colonialism, imperialism, and globalization on sexuality and gender
3. Theories of sexuality and gender
  - Introduction to key theoretical frameworks, such as social constructionism, feminist theory, and queer theory
  - Applying theories to contemporary issues related to sexuality and gender
4. Social institutions and structures
  - Examining the ways in which social institutions and structures, such as family, religion, and law, shape sexuality and gender
  - Analyzing the role of media and technology in shaping perceptions of sexuality and gender
5. Intersectionality
  - Understanding the intersection of sexuality and gender with other social categories, such as race, class, and nationality
  - Analyzing the experiences and perspectives of marginalized groups, such as LGBTQ+ people, in relation to sexuality and gender
6. Contemporary issues and debates
  - Analyzing contemporary issues and debates related to sexuality and gender, such as reproductive rights, gender-based violence, and LGBTQ+ rights
  - Examining the role of activism and social movements in addressing issues related to sexuality and gender

#### 7. Conclusion and reflection

- Reviewing key concepts and theories covered in the course
- Reflecting on personal learning and potential avenues for further exploration

#### Requirements and assessment

- participation in class discussions and activities.
- presentation: this presentation has to focus on analyzing and applying concepts and theories covered in class to real-world situations.
- oral exam: based on the student's ability to answer questions related to the course material.

#### Grades:

- 0-50% failed
- 51-60% satisfactory
- 61-70% average
- 71-80% good
- 81%- excellent

#### Readings

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6. Rubin, G. (1984). Thinking sex: Notes for a radical theory of the politics of sexuality. In C. S. Vance (Ed.), Pleasure and danger: Exploring female sexuality (pp. 267-319). Routledge.
7. Sedgwick, E. K. (1990). Epistemology of the closet. University of California Press.
8. Stryker, S. (2008). Transgender history. Seal Press.
9. Warner, M. (1999). The trouble with normal: Sex, politics, and the ethics of queer life. Harvard University Press.
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