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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY

SOSC 413

SPECIAL TOPIC: SEXUALITY, POLITICS AND POLICY
30 POINTS

TRIMESTERS 1 & 2, 2016

Key dates

Trimester dates: 29 February to 13 November 2016

Teaching dates: 29 February to 16 October 2016

Easter break: 24–30 March 2016

Mid-trimester break: 25 April to 1 May 2016

Mid-year break: 30 June to 8 July 2016

Mid-trimester break 2/3: 22 August to 4 September 2016

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test in the last three weeks of teaching, or an examination, it may instead be possible to apply for an aegrotat (refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

Class times and locations

Seminars: Wednesday 15:10 - 17:00 Von Zedlitz VZ107

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Office Hours: See blackboard. Appointments outside office hours can be made by email.

Communication of additional information

Additional information will be communicated in lectures and on Blackboard. You will automatically receive all Blackboard announcements as an email sent to your @myvuw.ac.nz email address. If you are not going to use this Victoria email address set up for you, we strongly encourage you to set a forward from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

Prescription

This course focuses on political movements and policies that seek to regulate sexuality and sexual conduct. Classes require critical reading and discussion of classic and contemporary texts on the following topics: sexuality and self; marriage, love and romance; commercial sex; sexual violence; sex and moral panics; sex and media

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will:
1. Use classical and contemporary social theories to analyze political debate and social policies relating to sexuality and sexual conduct.
2. Select a topic related to sexuality and/or sexual conduct and discuss it in relation to themes from classical and/or contemporary social theories.
3. Develop a theoretically informed argument on a topic related to sexuality in well-structured academic prose.

Teaching format

The course will be taught in a seminar format with one 2-hour class per week over trimesters 1 and 2 (24 total). The seminars will focus on participatory discussion of weekly readings.

Mandatory course requirements

There are no mandatory course requirements.

Workload

The expectations are that students will work 10 hours per point, therefore a 30 point course equates to 300 hours over trimester 1 + 2 including scheduled contact time of 2 hours per week.

Class attendance: 48 hours

Reading for class: 152 hours

Preparing reading responses: 20 hours

Developing a topic and preparing to lead class discussion: 30 hours

Writing the final essay: 50 hours

Assessment

	Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO (s)	Due date
1	Reading responses and reviews (participation in class discussion and 4 written reviews synthesizing readings (700-1000 words))	40% (10% each)	1	Completed by 23 Sept
2	Leading a discussion on a selected topic.	10%	1,2	Varies
3	Final essay (5000-6000 words)	50%	1,2,3	14 Oct 2016

Assessment criteria for each of the assignments will be posted to Blackboard and discussed in class.

Please note: Marks for Honours level assignments and final course grades are not finalised until the completion of honours moderation. Honours grades gained in individual courses remain provisional until the overall final classification made at the Honours moderation meeting. Marking criteria will be available on BlackBoard.

Submission and return of work

Submit a paper copy to the Assignment Box at the SACS Administration Office, Level 9, Murphy Building (to the side of the lifts), by 4pm on the due date. Your essay MUST NOT be placed in individual staff pigeonholes, or under staff office doors, or handed to lecturers or tutors. The Assignment Box is cleared at 4pm every day. All work is date-stamped, recorded and then handed to the appropriate markers.

Marked assignments not collected in lectures or tutorials can be collected at the Murphy 9th floor reception desk, between **11.00 am and 3.00 pm only from Monday to Friday**.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions
Assignments are due on the dates stated. If for some serious reason you don't think you can get an essay in on time, see your supervisor *prior* to the due date and discuss the problem. Extensions of time are not permitted except for illness, or bereavements.

Penalties
Late submissions for student assignments in all Sociology and Social Policy courses are subject to a penalty. The exact deduction will be calculated on the basis of one half mark per day late for each 10 marks, i.e. 1 mark will be deducted each day for an assignment worth 20% of the total course mark.
Note: assessment work will not be accepted for marking more than 7 days after the due date or 7 days after an approved extension date.

You are advised to always keep a copy of any work you submit for assessment.

Set texts

There is no set text or book of student notes for this course. All readings will be placed on Blackboard by the Course Coordinator.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course.

Student feedback

This is a new course so no student evaluation information is available.
Student feedback on University courses may be found at
www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism

- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progess (including restrictions and non-engagement)

- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates

- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin

- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades

- Special passes: refer to the *Assessment Handbook*, at www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf

- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy

- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support

- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability

- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter

- Subject Librarians: http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian

- Terms and conditions: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract

- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin

- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure

- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile

- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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