

Summer 2018

GSS-255-01/355-01 | Cross Cultural Perspectives on Sex (4 credits)

This course provides students with a framework for understanding the historical and contemporary investigation and application of cross-cultural perspectives on sex (thus, also, assigned sex, gender, and sexuality). We will interrogate how sex, the “body”, and sexuality exist as cultural constructions. We compare how this is different from other theories of social construction. Cultural norms, mores, and other ideologies sanction and regulate human sex and sexuality, and universally exist, but particular form and function varies widely from one culture to another, and even within culture. This course then examines cross cultural perspectives on these variations of sexual attitude, behavior, and regulation. We then examine the methodologies and ethics of this type of research; we build time-limited field-work projects, focusing on participant-observation methods and practices. Finally, we conclude with an academic round- table discussion of our work, and upper-division students present a final draft of their field work project.

PH 355-01 | Men's Health (4 credits)

The focus of this course is on issues affecting the health of men. This course will provide students with opportunities to critically explore a broad array of men’s health concerns including: health disparities faced by men, reproductive health, male anatomy and physiology, masculinity, diseases unique to men, diseases that are more common in men or affect men differently than women, wellness, and mental health. Special emphasis on the importance of social and behavioral factors that influence the determinants, distribution, prevention and health promotion of men in a modern and diverse society. No prerequisites; 100% online via Moodle.