

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR OBJECTIVES/COMPETENCIES

Course Number: SOCL 140 Department: Sociology

Course Title: Human Sexuality Semester: Fall Year: 2008

Objectives/Competencies

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1. Develop a "Sociological Imagination" of human sexuality.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilize the sociological perspective to investigate how social and historical factors influence American and cross-cultural perspectives on sexuality. 2. Consider the influence of culture, social class, religion, race, and ethnicity on how groups construct sexuality.
2. Critically examine definitions of sex, gender and sexuality.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define and comprehend labels applied to society members based upon sex, gender and sexuality. 2. Discuss the socio-historical and contemporary origins of these terms and the political context of their definitions.
3. Critique historical and contemporary research methods involving sexuality.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the major research studies regarding sexuality and the history of research on human sexuality. 2. Describe how the perspective of the researcher and the research funding process contribute to research findings. 3. Discuss the methods used in research on sexuality, and particularly with problems inherent with some of these methods. 4. Describe reliability and validity issues relating to research on human sexuality.

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<p>4. Examine the major theories concerning the formation of intimate relationships.</p> <p>5. Examine how the legal system and dominant religions in the United States regard sexuality and homosexuality.</p> <p>6. Critically examine the issues regarding contraception, abortion, and sexuality education programs in the United States.</p> <p>7. Utilize computers and the Internet to research and examine current trends in human sexuality.</p> <p>8. Develop critical thinking skills.</p>	<p>1. Explain major sociological and psychological theories of intimacy, attraction and love.</p> <p>2. Discuss the influence of society on the selection of mates.</p> <p>1. Discuss the perspectives of predominant American religions regarding sexuality and homosexuality.</p> <p>2. Discuss historical and contemporary laws regarding sexuality.</p> <p>1. Describe the predominant societal attitudes towards contraception and abortion.</p> <p>2. Explain the influence of societal values and norms on current trends in the curriculum of sexuality education.</p> <p>1. Demonstrate computer literacy by using the Internet and/or computer-based learning aids to investigate specific questions and issues regarding human sexuality.</p> <p>1. Connect concepts and ideas from the readings, lectures, and discussions.</p> <p>2. Use your knowledge of the major theories/perspectives and research methods to explain opposing views on controversial issues concerning human sexuality.</p> <p>3. Critically analyze issues of social inequality and social change in regards to human sexuality.</p>