

STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data						
Module Title	Gender and So	ociety				
Module Code	UZSNRC-30-2		Level	2	Version	3
Owning Faculty	Health and Applied Field Sociology and Criminology Sciences					
Contributes towards	BA (Hons) Sociology BA (Hons) Sociology and Criminology BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology BA (Hons) Criminology with Sociology					
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	Module Type	Standard	1
Pre-requisites	None		Co- requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Learning and Teaching				
Learning Outcomes	 At the end of the module the student will be able to: Compare and contrast various sociological approaches to explaining sexual inequality and gender difference, and apply these critically in explaining specific examples (components A and B). Understand how a focus on women's lives and standpoints has transformed traditional sociological practice and theory (components A and B). Become aware of the racism, ethnocentrism, Eurocentrism or other structures of exclusion inherent in social analysis and be able to apply this awareness self-reflectively (components A and B). Gather and use empirical evidence appropriately in support of an argument in a written essay or dissertation, using a standard academic style of referencing of the sources used in order to accurately indicate the origins of ideas and information (components A and B). Demonstrate the ability to read qualitative and quantitative data and offer explanations for patterns of social inequality based on sex and gender, as well as indicating (as relevant) their possible relation to 'race'/ethnicity, class, sexuality and age (components A and B). Think creatively about how to address problems of sexual inequality and unequal power relations between different groups of women in contemporary societies (component B). 			

Syllabus Outline	Contemporary women's lives are vastly different from previous generations, yet there are still certain patterns of sexual inequality, gender difference and normative sexuality that continue to be reproduced. This course aims to develop students' skills in evaluating and explaining the position of women in contemporary society by considering a range of sociological and feminist explanations of gender inequality. The focus is on British society in comparative and international perspectives, with an emphasis on multiple formations of gender, class, 'race' and ethnicity. The course will analyse power relations among women (differentiated by age, class, 'race', ethnicity and nationality), as well as between men and women.
	Students will have the opportunity to learn skills in reading, analysing and critically evaluating sociological theories of gender inequality. They will be able to practice formulating their own sociological questions about women in society. Students will also develop their skills in group work and oral presentation. The ultimate aim is for them to develop their own vision of a sociological approach that would be relevant to women's lives today and to advancing feminist social change.
	Some topics to be covered are:
	 Do we (still) live in a patriarchal society? Home and Domestic Bliss Is dieting a form of bodily discipline? Performing gender - are we all in drag? Intersex: Science, Biologies and Gendered Bodies Pornography: Is sexuality liberating or constraining to women? Sexual citizenship Reproducing the Nation Militarism and Global Gender Politics
Contact Hours	There are 3 hours per week contact hours on this module comprising a 1 hour lecture, a 1 hour seminar/workshop and 1 hour for group work/reading.
Teaching and Learning Methods	Class time will be divided equally between lectures, discussion and group work. Time will be given for students to input their own ideas on topics covered, ask questions and receive clarification and support from the lecturer. The lecturer will also be available to students for one-to-one consultation. Students will be encouraged to source information from, and deploy various electronic resources such as internet, video and social science databases available through the UWE library. Teaching and learning are supported by Blackboard which provides on-line and remote access to teaching and learning resources and a platform for student assessment and feedback.
	Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning; supervised time in studio/workshop.
	Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

Key Information Sets Information	Key Information Sets (KIS) are produced at programme level for all programmes that this module contributes to, which is a requirement set by HESA/HEFCE. KIS are comparable sets of standardised information about undergraduate courses allowing prospective students to compare and contras between programmes they are interested in applying for.					
	<u>Key Informa</u>	tion Set - Modu	le data			
	Number of c	redits for this m	odule		30	
	Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours	
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 Written Exam: Unseen written exam, open book written exam Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation project Practical Exam: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical assessment, practical exam Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the section of this module description: 					issertation, p on, practical s ssessment ar	ortfolio, skills nd will not
	Total assessment of the module:					
Written exam assessment percentage 0% Coursework assessment percentage 60% Practical exam assessment percentage 40% 100% 100%					60% 40%	-
Online Reading List	Indicative rea	ading list can l	be found <u>here</u>	<u>.</u>		

Part 3: Assessment				
Assessment Strategy	An important part of participation and formative assessment in this course is to learn to work with others. During the first term, students will be asked to form small groups of no more than 4 students, in which they will work together during some of the lectures and classes. There will be a special 'Group work Weeks' around mid-term of the second term in which they will be asked to choose a topic together to develop into a group presentation. At the end of the course, we will devote the last session to the presentations, where each group will do a short visual-oral presentation of a theme covered by the course. This presentation could take one of many forms: poster, web page, slide show, video Students will be expected to creatively link at least two blocks of the course under a heading of their choice (eg the body, sexuality,			

growing up girl, disciplines, (Inter)national politics, etc). This assignment is an integral part of the formative assessment for the course.
Also, there will be a total of 2 reflective essays of 1000 words each, comprising an overall portfolio, both reflecting on Sociology of Gender and the students' own relationship to these ideas and their own transformations in thinking around the ideas of the module.
The resit assignment will comprise a 2000 word essay (as opposed to a portfolio, as the portfolio was intended as a formative assignment that related to the learning in class each week.) This essay will demonstrate engagement with the literature and topics offered on the module. There will also be a 10 minute individual presentation offered as a resit.

Identify final assessment component and element		
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A: 40	B: 60
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element v (as o compo	% of
Group Presentation (20 minutes)	1(00
Component B Description of each element	Element v (as o compo	% of
2 x reflective pieces of 1000 words each	10	00

Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. 10 minute individual presentation	100
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. Essay (2000 Words)	100
If a student is permitted an EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE of the module the indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commence	

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