

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER, SEX, AND SEXUALITY

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER, SEX, AND SEXUALITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

GENDER & SEXUALITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces students to the transformation of an ordinary experience –to have a sex, to identify with a gender, to practice sexuality– to an object of sociological research. The course defines each of the terms and deconstructs the meanings of common sense attached to it. The course considers the following topics: the sex of bodies as biological and the meaning of bodies as cultural; is heterosexuality a need of the human species; is sexuality natural; social relationships as constructions of differences in hierarchies between the feminine and the masculine; the constructs that give meaning to sex, sexuality, identifications, and gender relations. The course also shows that differences in sex and gender, which are not in themselves problematic, become a "problem" within egalitarian societies when they lead to the creation of inequalities, discrimination and violence against women, men who are not sufficiently masculine, non-heterosexuals, and transgender people.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

L1

Host Institution Course Title

SOCIOLOGIE DU GENRE, DU SEXE, DE LA SEXUALITÉ

Host Institution Campus

UNIVERSITÉ DE BORDEAUX: Collège Sciences de l'Homme

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociologie

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