Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SOCIOLOGY OF THE BODY

Status: Definitive

Code: **6010UGPUBH** (113084)

Version Start Date: 01-08-2014

Owning School/Faculty: Centre for Public Health Teaching School/Faculty: Centre for Public Health

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ6 Value: 15.00 Delivered 24.00

Hours:

Total Private

Learning 150 Study: 126

Hours:

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay (3000 words)	100.0	

Aims

To explore current sociological perspectives on health, identity and the body.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically discuss key concepts in the sociology of the body.
- 2 Critically examine how our understanding and experience of the body is constructed

through various socio-cultural practices.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay 1 2

Outline Syllabus

Key concepts: functionalism, structuralism, postmodernism and embodiment theory; body image and the commodification of health; body modification; the medicalisation of the body; public health practices and the disciplined body; technology, the body and identity.

Learning Activities

Broken lecture format. Blackboard based resources.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Twigg, J.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	The Body in Health and Social Care
Subtitle	
Edition	1st
Publisher	Palgrave
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Lupton, D.
Publishing Year	1994
Title	Medicine as Culture
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Peterson, A. and Lupton, D.
Publishing Year	1996
Title	The New Public Health
Subtitle	Health and Self in the Age of Risk
Edition	
Publisher	Sage

ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Bell, D. and Kennedy, B.M. (eds)
Publishing Year	2000
Title	The Cybercultures Reader
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	

Notes

Aims to explore how the body is more than a biological phenomenon. Critically exmaines how socio-cultural practices affect our experience of the body and how this may become the basis for discrimination or resistance.