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UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ILHB13, History of Ideas: The History of Sexuality, 7.5 credits

*Idé- och lärdoms historia: Sexualitetens idéhistoria, 7,5
högskolepoäng*

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2007-10-23 to be valid from 2007-10-23, spring semester 2008.

General Information

Subject: History of Ideas and Sciences

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

History of Ideas and Sciences

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give a basic account of the ways in which attitudes towards the body and sexuality have been formed and re-formed throughout Western history and how concepts such as gender, body and sexuality interrelate
- be able to outline the Western concept of sexuality and its political, social and cultural consequences throughout history.

Competence and skills

- be able to relate the history of sexuality to the more general debate within disciplines of the philosophy of culture such as cultural studies, post-colonial theory, gender theory and modern political philosophy
- be able to formulate and define a research issue through the production of an assessed written assignment.

Judgement and approach

- be able to analyse and reflect critically on the ways in which basic concepts within the history of sexuality are applied to contemporary social debate.

Course content

The course provides the students with cultural insights into historical conceptions of the body and sexuality. Medical, religious, legal, political and ideological perspectives are discussed such as the medical representation of the body and sexuality, the classification and adaptation of gender and the body as an instrument. The course discusses how sexuality has been seen from a legal perspective during various periods, the politicising of the body and the sexualisation of the body. In particular, the course examines the outlook of Ancient cultures on homosexuality, the balance between body and soul, the Christian understanding of the body and its importance to the approach of the Western world towards sexuality. Key figures in the developments which took place during the 19th and 20th centuries are examined, such as Freud and psychoanalysis, Simone de Beauvoir and Michel Foucault.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

Examinations take the form of one or more assessed written assignment(s).

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course replaces ILH428.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in ILHB13, History of Ideas: The History of Sexuality

Applies from H07

0701 The History of Sexuality, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction