

SOCI 382 ¹

Sociology of Sexualities, Summer 2024

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Course Description:

This course will explore the construction of sexual desires, identities, and practices from a Canadian perspective. It will examine the theoretical foundations of the sociology of sexualities with a focus on queer theory and intersectionality, and cover lived experiences of sexualities within Canada as they intersect with various other identities and structures.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:

The learning objectives are: (1) to become familiar with key concepts and debates within the sociology of sexualities; (2) to gain a broad understanding of the relationships between sexualities and various aspects of social structure; and (3) to develop insights into the lived experiences of sexualities in Canada.

Mode of Delivery:

This course will be fully online. Live Zoom lectures will occur Tuesdays from 2:00-4:20 and will be recorded. Students will also be required to complete a weekly asynchronous component, which will occur on Brightspace.

Course Pre/Corequisites:

While there are no prerequisites for SOCI 382, it is recommended that students take SOCI 281 before enrolling in this course.

Topics May Include:

Theoretical foundations of the sociology of sexuality, sexual identities and social inequality, medicalization and criminalization, sex in popular culture, the relation of gender to sexuality, activism, sex education, sex and the family, sexuality and religion.

Required Resources May Include:

- “Queerly Canadian: An Introductory Reader in Sexuality Studies” (2nd Ed., Rayter & Zisman, 2022)
- Available for free online through the UVic library database.

Additional required readings will be available via Brightspace.

¹ This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.