

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Sociology of the Body - 53124

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Sociology & Anthropology

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course examines various sociological, cultural and philosophical theories in their perception of the human body. What is the meaning of the human body according to the different theoretical approaches? How do social norms and cultural values affect body perception? How social forces and structures established human bodies and how? How is subjective-physical experience manifested? What is the dynamics that exist between subject and the society in different physical-emotional contexts? These and other questions will be discussed during the lessons through theoretical and conceptual analysis.

Course/Module aims:

To develop awareness and critical thinking on how the body is situated/absent in social theories

To learn how the social conflicts exist in the physical space

To study possible soma-physical methodologies for social research

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

a. Understand the meaning of the body in research and social theories through different concepts.

B. To analyse the complexity and politics of the knowledge on human body.

C. To develop critical thinking toward representation and discourse on the body.

D. To critically analyze different texts and studies that focus on the body

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

A. A theoretical introduction to sociological and cultural approaches of body and embodiment

B. The discursive and disciplined body - the bio-politics

C. Between the pathological body and the normative body

D. Physical- phenomenology and physical narratives

E. Gendered bodies and bodies without gender

F. The cybernetic bodies - on robots, humans, and their inter-action

G. Death, life and between life and death conditions

H. Physical politics- biological citizens

Required Reading:

The reading materials will be on the course module

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: