

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Love and Society - 53408

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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

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Eva Illouz

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Course/Module description:

The course will discuss research and leading theories about love and similar social phenomena, such as intimacy and romantic relationships.

Course/Module aims:

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

Analyze social phenomena related to love, romance, intimacy, etc. using the theories that were studied in the course.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

1. Love and Modernity
2. Love and Gender
3. Capitalism and Love

Required Reading:

Beck, Ulrich, and Beck-Gernsheim, Elisabeth. *The Normal Chaos of Love*. Cambridge, U.K.; Cambridge, MA: Polity Press; Blackwell, 1995. [Introduction]

Giddens, Anthony. *The Transformation of Intimacy: Sexuality, Love, and Eroticism in Modern Societies*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1992. [Introduction, Chapter 3: "Romantic Love and Other Attachments" and Chapter 4: "Love, Commitment and the Pure Relationship"]

Illouz, Eva. *Why Love Hurts: A Sociological Explanation*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2012. ["Introduction: The Misery of Love"]

Firestone, Shulamith. *The Dialectic of Sex: The Case for Feminist Revolution*. 1970. [Chapter 6: "Love"; and chapter 7: "The Culture of Romance"]

Cancian, Francesca M. "The feminization of love." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 11, no. 4 (1986): 692-709.

Cancian, Francesca M. *Love in America: Gender and Self-development*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987. [Introduction and Conclusion]

Illouz, Eva. *Consuming the Romantic Utopia: Love and the Cultural Contradictions of Capitalism*. Reprint 2019. ed. 1997. ["Introduction to the sociology of love"]

Illouz, Eva. *The End of Love: A Sociology of Negative Relations*. Oxford University Press, 2019. [Chapter 1: "Unloving: Introduction to a Sociology of Negative Choice"]

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Additional information:

The final exam will be a home exam (similar to writing a paper). Throughout the semester the students will receive small assignments that will not be graded. Only students who submit these assignments will be permitted to submit the home exam and complete the course.