



Summer 2023

Course & Session Number	SOWK 553.07 S01	Classroom	Online
Course Name	Human Sexuality and Social Work		
Dates and Time	Start of Classes: June 27 th End of Classes: August 8 th Dates and Time: Tuesdays, 5:00pm-7:30pm MST Add/Drop/Withdrawal Dates: Please refer to the course-specific deadline in your Student Centre ¹ .		
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OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, RACIAL JUSTICE, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND DECOLONIZATION

The Faculty of Social Work (FSW), University of Calgary (UCalgary), is committed to promoting and actualizing equity, racial justice, diversity, inclusion and decolonization. We affirm that diversity and uniqueness are enriching and valuable, and that they can strengthen our teaching, learning, research, scholarship, and community connections. We aim to foster an inclusive, thriving and equitable environment for our students, non-academic and academic staff, and community members. We take the stand that [equity](#) does not mean sameness in treatment of people, but rather requires measures and accommodations for diverse life experiences and circumstances to ensure that no one of a particular social group is disadvantaged, underrepresented or overlooked in all aspects of our work. We intend to address systemic inequities and compounded disadvantages due to intersectionality of social locations, particularly for those who are members of racialized communities, Indigenous peoples, Black peoples, persons with disabilities, migrant groups (including refugees and immigrants), 2SLGBTQ+ communities, linguistic minorities as well as those who have experienced socioeconomic, caregiving, religious, political, and/or cultural barriers to their education and employment. We also recognize, honour, and integrate into our work diverse perspectives, ways of knowing and doing, experiences, and strengths. An anti-oppressive lens, particularly intersectional, anti-colonial, anti-racist and decolonizing frameworks, will inform our work.

Please refer to our full statement of our [Commitment to Equity, Racial Justice, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization](#), our [Statement on Anti-Black Racism](#) and the work of the faculty's [Anti-Black Racism Task Force](#), our [Statement on Anti-Asian Racism](#), and the university's [Indigenous Strategy](#).

¹ In the Enrolled Courses table, under Deadlines, click on the Calendar icon by each course and the deadlines will appear.

SYLLABUS STATEMENT

Examines contexts, theories, practice models and skill development in specialized fields of practice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sexuality is an integral part of our lives. Sexuality impacts who we are, how we structure day-to-day life, and many of the decisions that we make. Yet many of us have insufficient knowledge about sexuality and feel less than comfortable discussing sexuality issues in our personal and/or professional lives. Despite this, most of us tend to have strong feelings about issues related to sexuality (e.g., what is “normal” and acceptable) that have been shaped by a complex combination of factors. Many of these topics are also at the core of current controversy and debate in our society.

As social workers, sexuality-related issues undoubtedly enter our practice, yet we often avoid this area because of our own discomfort and lack of knowledge. This course will help us examine our individual and societal views around sexuality issues from a variety of perspectives and increase our knowledge, comfort, and communication skills in this area. We will cover a variety of critical topic areas such as Indigenous sexualities, the marginalized body and sexuality, polyamory, feminist and queer porn, queer theory, and more.

This course will take place online via Desire2Learn (D2L) and Zoom. To facilitate robust learning, students are expected to participate in the asynchronous learning tasks using the D2L learning environment and synchronous Zoom sessions. When unable to participate live due to the time difference or unforeseen circumstances, please inform the instructor and propose and implement propose an alternative participation activity (e.g., watch the recordings, submit a brief reflection, and attend an event, etc.).

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Have a broader understanding of the impact of sexuality in our lives;
2. Identify personal, societal, and professional values related to sexuality and understand how they affect our professional work, personal lives, and relationships;
3. Convey accurate information and be comfortable discussing a wide range of issues related to human sexuality;
4. Critically discuss issues related to sexuality from a range of different experiences (queer, Black and racialized, Indigenous, disability, newcomers, religiosity);
5. Analyze issues related to sexuality and distinguish between value statements and arguments grounded in empirical evidence; and
6. Have increased appreciation and sensitivity for diversity and social justice issues related to human sexuality.

LEARNING RESOURCES

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND/OR READINGS

Hillock, S. (2021). *Teaching about sex and sexualities in higher education*. University of Toronto Press.

- Textbook is available online for free at University of Calgary Library

Other required weekly course readings are posted in the D2L site.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND REQUIREMENTS

A D2L site is set up for this course, which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials. A laptop, desktop or mobile device with Internet access, microphone and speaker is required for D2L and Zoom access.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER COURSES

This is an elective course. There are no pre-requisites for this course. However, the content covered in this course will be applicable to practicum placements and integrative seminars in the BSW program. The course provides an opportunity to analyze and integrate knowledge from other courses in the social work program through application of concepts as they relate to human sexuality.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Important Dates for Summer 2023

- Start of Term: Monday, June 26, 2023
- End of Term: Friday, August 25, 2023
- Fee Deadline: Wednesday, July 5, 2023
- Victoria Day, no classes: Saturday, July 1, 2023 (observed Monday, July 3, 2023)
- Alberta Heritage Day, no classes, Monday, August 7, 2023

Date	Topic	Zoom/Assignment dates
June 27	Introduction: Situating the course	Zoom session: June 27 th
June 27-July 4	Module one: Polyamory and non-monogamy	Zoom session: July 4 th
July 5-July 12	Module two: Indigenous Sexualities	Zoom sessions: July 11 th
July 13-July 20	Module three: Race, religiosity, and sexuality	Zoom session: July 18 th
July 21-July 28	Module four: The body and sexuality	Zoom session: July 25 th

July 29-August 5	Module five: Porn, pleasure, and sex toys	Zoom session: August 1st
August 6-8 th	Wrap up	Zoom session: August 8th

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND RELATED INFORMATION

GUIDELINES FOR ZOOM SESSIONS IN ONLINE CLASSES

Students are expected to participate actively in all Zoom sessions. If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session) for your best learning experiences. Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. **Unless advised (or agreed) otherwise by their instructors, video cameras should be turned on during class and students are expected to manage their microphones as required.** All students are expected to behave in a professional manner during all Zoom sessions.

ZOOM RECORDINGS OF ONLINE CLASSES

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS

Assignment 1: Inquiry Project-40% (Outline- 10%, Full Project-30%)

This assignment asks you to explore an aspect of human sexuality which is of interest to you. You are asked to frame some good inquiry questions to guide your learning, use a range of resources to answer the questions you have posed, and communicate your findings. The learning product you produce should include a section in which you reflect on the learning which has occurred for you in doing the assignment, and how this learning has impacted your worldview and professional identity.

The first part of this assignment is to develop an outline of your inquiry project which will be submitted to the instructor. The **outline is due on July 13th** and the **full project is due on August 12th** will be provided in our Zoom sessions. Rubrics will be provided on D2L.

Assignment 2: Reflections of learning (30%, 10% each)- due on July 7th, July 21st, and August 4th

As part of the (un)learning and (re)learning process, students will be invited to reflect on their encounters with various theoretical approaches, knowledges, process, content, and materials from the course. These reflections should examine evolving conceptualizations, understandings, and tensions related to sexuality, various intersections, relations of power, as connected to various lived realities of

oppression and marginalization. As an embodied approach, students are invited to feel and process knowledge about sexuality, attuning to how knowledge is experienced and cultivated through the body and mind. This assignment should incite student reflections about social work practice in relation to their social identities, communities they serve, and the themes, theories and concepts learned throughout the course. It is expected that students will draw on experiential, reflexive, and scholarly knowledge. Potential questions to reflect on could be what connections you made, what questions do you have, and what is needed for you to take up this knowledge in the present and future.

Your reflections will be personalized to you, reflecting your personal relationship to knowledge creation and integration. Your reflections can be as traditional or as visionary as suits your relationship with knowledge and learning style. For example, your reflections may be written, audio-recorded, visual (video, painting, sketch), poetry, dance, or more. We will discuss mediums and expectations of reflections on the first day of class.

Assignment 3: Participation - 30%- self-evaluation due August 11th

The participation grade awards you marks for your dedication to be an active learner in this course. The participation grade will be allocated based on the quality and extent of your participation in our Zoom sessions. If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, you can still earn participation marks and you can choose from a variety of make-up assignments.

At the end of the term, please submit a self-evaluation detailing your learning progress throughout the class. An example of a self-evaluation, requirements and grading criteria will be provided in D2L.

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION INFORMATION

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS

Please submit all assignments electronically through their respective Dropbox in D2L. Assignments may be submitted in Word or PDF format. Assignments are due by 11:59pm on their due date. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment and to ensure that the proper version is submitted.”

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

If you require an extension, please let me know in advance of the assignment deadline if you are able.

EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING

All assignments will be assessed partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented and referenced in APA 7th edition format. If you need writing support, please connect with the Student Success Centre, at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support>

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

It is expected that all work submitted in assignments is the student's own work, written expressly by the student for this particular course. Students are reminded that academic misconduct, including plagiarism, has serious consequences, as set out in the University Calendar:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

GRADING

A student's final grade for the course is the sum of the separate assignments. It is not necessary to pass each assignment separately in order to pass the course. The University of Calgary [Undergraduate Grading System](#) and Faculty of Social Work Percentage Conversion will be used. This grading system overrides the grading system in D2L.

Grade	Grade Point	Description	Percentage Range
A+	4.0	Outstanding performance	95 - 100
A	4.0	Excellent performance	95 – 100
A-	3.7	Approaching excellent performance	90 – 94
B+	3.3	Exceeding good performance	85 – 89
B	3.0	Good performance	80 – 84
B-	2.7	Approaching good performance	75 – 79
C+	2.3	Exceeding satisfactory performance	70 – 74
C	2.0	Satisfactory performance	65 – 69
C-	1.7	Approaching satisfactory performance	60 – 64
D+	1.3	Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject	55 – 59
D	1.0	Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject	50 – 54
F	0.0	Failure. Did not meet course requirements	Below 50
CG		Credit Granted	
CR		Completed Requirements	

COURSE EVALUATION

Student feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the standard University and Faculty of Social Work course evaluation forms. Students are welcome to discuss the process and content of the course at any time with the instructor.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS

Professional Conduct

As members of the University community, students and staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary's [Code of Conduct](#).

Students and staff are also expected to demonstrate professional behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment. Consistent with the aims of the Social Work Program and the University of Calgary, all students and staff are expected to respect, appreciate, and encourage expression of diverse world views and perspectives; to offer their fellow community members unconditional respect and constructive feedback; and to contribute to building learning communities that promote individual and collective professional and personal growth. While critical thought and debate is valued in response to concepts and opinions shared in class, feedback must always be focused on the ideas or opinions shared and not on the person who has stated them.

Students and staff are expected to model behaviour in class that is consistent with our professional values and ethics, as outlined in the [Canadian Association for Social Workers, Code of Ethics](#) (2005) and the [Alberta College of Social Work Standards of Practice](#) (2019).

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) (SAS). SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. Please refer to the full policy on [Student Accommodations](#).

Research Ethics

"If a student is interested in undertaking an assignment that will involve collecting information from members of the public, they should speak with the course instructor and consult the [CFREB Ethics Website](#) before beginning the assignment.

Academic Misconduct

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please refer to the [Integrity and Conduct](#) section in the University of Calgary Calendar.

Instructor Intellectual Property

Course materials created by professor(s) (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

Copyright Legislation

All students who use materials protected by copyright are expected to comply with the University of Calgary policy on [Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright](#) and requirements of the [Copyright Act](#) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the [Non-Academic Misconduct Policy](#).

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. [Private information](#) related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's [Sexual and Gender-based Violence Policy](#) guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances.

Other Important Information

Please visit the [Registrar's website](#) for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/ Assembly Points
- Safewalk

