A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: PSYC 100 General Psychology or equivalent with instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course surveys social science research and theories of the impact of graphically violent or sexual materials on children and adults using two influential aspects of culture as examples. It stresses research design and systematic interpretation of results, along with intensive behavioral analysis of film and music, and presents clinical techniques for minimizing the negative effects of violent or sexually graphic materials on children.

B. Course Effective Dates: 04/07/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analysis of research findings in learning and social behavior will be required.
2. Application of the material to current social and political situations will be evaluated.
3. Student will learn how research in psychology apply to violence and the media.
4. The historical perspective of the influence of the media on violent behavior will be required.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None
Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

F. Special Information

None