Metropolitan State University

PSYC 368 : Psychology of the LGBTQ Community

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: PSYC 100 General Psychology
OR
GNDR 201 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci , Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course will provide an overview of psychological theories and research relevant to the understanding of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Queer lives and experiences. Issues explored in class include: coming out, parenting, youth, aging, substance abuse, relationships and sexuality. Additionally, sexuality and gender identity models will be presented, and issues related to class, race and culture will be examined. Sexuality and gender inequalities will be examined both from an interpersonal and global context.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/24/2013 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understand the differences between sex, gender role, sexual orientation and gender identity, and understand how these concepts impact the LGBTQ community.
2. Analyze contemporary psychological issues impacting the LGBTQ community.
3. Differentiate between five primary sexuality and gender identity developmental models.
4. Analyze the ways sexuality and gender inequalities negatively affect the LGBTQ community.
5. Discover ways professionals in the field of psychology can provide culturally competent support to members of the LGBTQ community.

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.

Goal 07 - Human Diversity
1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

G. Special Information

None