Metropolitan State University

PSYC 381 : The American Male

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

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

This independent study looks at traditional patterns of male socialization in the United States and their effect on men's personal well-being, health, relationships and roles in business, family and society. Topics include the historical genesis of male socialization in American culture, stages of male development, men's reactions to the feminist movement, work as a primary focus of male identity, men and competition, homophobia--(men's fear of men), men and violence, and options for new male roles.

B. Course Effective Dates: 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Student will demonstrate the ability to make connections between this knowledge and student's experiences with men and relationships with women (family, friends, coworkers, and self, if student is male).
2. Student will develop the ability to utilize skills of critical thinking in a community project and in presenting a particular men's issue in a research paper.
3. Student will learn the genesis of male development and their effect on men's health, and family, social and work relationships.
4. Student will understand men from various backgrounds: cultural, class and sexual orientation.

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.

G. Special Information

None