

Spring 2010

**HIV/AIDS at Colleges and
Universities: A Global Perspective**

WS 3998-005: Variable Topics in Women's Studies

Thursdays 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Instructor:

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This course will examine the status of HIV/AIDS and its impact on college and universities in the USA and globally. The course will also examine AIDS related issues medically, biologically, culturally, economically and behaviorally. Other sexually transmitted diseases will also be discussed. The class will be conducted as a seminar. This means that assigned reading are to be done before class so that class discussion of the readings can be held. Participants are expected to come to class prepared to discuss, question, and apply the readings. At times, persons who have specific expertise in various fields of AIDS will be brought in as guest lecturers. The topics indicated in the course outline which follows are a guide. The class will proceed through them at the group's pace.

Goals:

- To identify ways of changing beliefs, practices, and norms in order to increase safe sex behavior among college students.
- To examine the epidemiology of HIV infection and vulnerability to HIV/AIDS as a result of biology, social relations, and cultural practices.
- To examine factors associated with high risk sexual behavior.
- To understand cultural factors which can contribute to the spread of HIV infection among college age populations.
- To become acquainted with locally available HIV testing sites, care and support services.
- To examine prevention and intervention strategies aimed at reducing HIV infection.

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