Nebraska Wesleyan University

HIST 4540 History of Sexualities

Catalog

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Course Description

This course is a study of the history of sexualities from US and transnational perspectives. It covers the development of ideas about sexual behavior in antiquity and their influence on Europe and the United States, as well as global histories of sexuality. The course covers the influence science, religion, migration, and capitalism have had historically in shaping social values about sexuality. Additional topics include sexual norms and nonconformity, the connection between sex and gender roles, sex and the body, and sexual liberation. Students in this course will conduct research in the history of sexualities and complete a research paper.

Archway Curriculum: Essential Connections: Writing Instructive
Archway Curriculum: Integrative Core: Gender and Sexuality Thread

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. History