

**Armstrong Atlantic State University
Department of Health Sciences**

**PUBH 5570
Women & Minority Health Issues
Fall 2006**

Texts Women's Health: Complexities and Differences, Ruzek, Olesen, Clarke
Infections and Inequalities: The modern plagues, Paul Farmer
Articles on E-Reserves: www.library.armstrong.edu/eres.html (botsford)

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Course Description The exploration of public health issues concerning women & minorities.

Course Details An interdisciplinary course focusing on a range of health issues as they pertain to women and minority populations. Major themes covered include: a historical and sociopolitical understanding of the construction and deconstruction of “race” and “sex” or “gender”; the origination and use of social capital; the household production of health and the triangle of care; the politics of health and structural violence; risk and informed consent; and the sociological, cultural and environmental aspects of health, illness, and the body. Health topics include: body image, mental health, chronic life stressors, cancer, contraception, pregnancy, abortion, STDs, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and violence. The course will touch upon these issues in African-American, Latina, Asian/Pacific American, Native American, Caribbean, lesbian, disabled, and elderly populations.

Evaluation	1.	1 point	3.7%	<i>Plagiarism Tutorial</i>
	2.	6 points	22.3%	<i>Attendance & Participation</i>
	2.	10 points	37.0%	<i>Weekly Response Papers</i>
	3.	10 points	37.0%	<i>Comprehensive Exam</i>

27 points total 100.0%

Grading Criteria	A	90 - 100 %	25 - 27 points
	B	80 - 89 %	22 - 24 points
	C	70 - 79 %	19 - 21 points
	D	60 - 69 %	16 - 18 points
	F	0 - 59 %	0 - 15 points

Academic Policies

Plagiarism Tutorial ~ Students will receive one (1) point for completing the online plagiarism tutorial via the link <http://www.library.armstrong.edu/plagiarismtutorial.html> and e-mailing the results to the instructor at richleig@mail.armstrong.edu.

Attendance & Participation ~ Students will receive one (1) point for each class they attend and offer thoughtful contribution.

More than three (3) absences will result in a grade of “WF” for the course.

Excused absences will be allowed only in extreme cases (e.g., death, serious illness, etc.). Excuses of this nature must be accompanied by a signed, written statement explaining the absence. If written verification is not submitted to the instructor, the student will receive a mark of zero (0) for the missed class(es). The student is responsible for obtaining missed lecture notes or other information from classmates. There will be no exceptions.

Weekly Response Papers ~ Each week at the beginning of class, students will hand in a one-page, single-spaced paper addressing a topic provided by the instructor. Papers must be typed and must cite any source materials according to APA Style.

2 points each for 5 papers (grading scale is below)

- 2 An on-time, well written paper critically addressing the topic
- 1 An on-time paper in need of improvement
- 0 A paper turned in past the deadline and/or no paper

Exams ~ One (1) open book, open note 10-point exam covering any material from the textbook and/or discussed in class will be given during the semester. Makeup exams will not be allowed.

Honor Code ~ Every student is to abide by AASU’s Academic Honor Code and Code of Conduct (www.sa.armstrong.edu/Activities/hccoc.htm). In particular, this includes:

1. Exercising honesty in all matters;
2. Being fair, courteous, respectful, and accepting of diversity;
3. Refraining from engaging in discriminatory or harassing behavior; and
4. Avoiding plagiarism in both spirit and deed.

If a student is caught **PLAGIARIZING** or **CHEATING**, the student will receive a grade of zero (0) for that assignment or exam — no exceptions! Honor Code violations also may result in a failing grade (F) for the entire course and/or dismissal from the program. It is the student’s responsibility to know and understand what plagiarism and cheating entail. For helpful information about plagiarism, please visit <http://www.library.armstrong.edu/plagiarismtutorial.html>.

If a student requires more information and/or clarification about any of these policies, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor.

Course Outline*

#	Date	Topics	Readings	Due
1	08-21	Syllabus and Introduction		
2	08-28	Gender and the Media	Women's Health ~ 10 Article ~ Coon	Plagiarism Tutorial
3	09-04	Labor Day ~ No Class		Paper 1 (<i>Due Sept. 5</i>)
4	09-11	Essentialism Eugenics Informed Consent	Article ~ Oudshoorn (Chap 2) Article ~ Judicial Opinions Article ~ Gamble Women's Health ~ 14	Paper 2
5	09-18	Dynamics of Difference Household Production of Health Social Capital	Women's Health ~ 3 Women's Health ~ 16 Women's Health ~ 17	Paper 3
6	09-25	Pregnancy Infectious Disease	Women's Health ~ 13 Infections/Inequalities ~ 3 Infections/Inequalities ~ 7	Paper 4
7	10-02	Violence Structural Violence Sexual Assault	Women's Health ~ 7 Women's Health ~ 19 Infections/Inequalities ~ 2 Infections/Inequalities ~ 10	Paper 5
8	10-06	Turn in Comprehensive Exam	Exams due by 4:30 p.m. Late exams will <u>NOT</u> be accepted.	Exam

* This course outline is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.