

Module Title The Body in Contemporary Life Keywords Body, Surveillance, Medicine, Embodiment, Technology, Death	Reference SS4027 SCQF SCQF Level 10 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created April 2005 Approved June 2005 Amended May 2014 Version No. 5
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Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to SCQF 10 entry requirements or equivalent.

Aspects of death, dying and disposal.

Indicative Student Workload

Corequisite Modules

None.

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	12
Seminars	12

Precluded Modules

None.

<i>Directed Study</i>	
Directed Study	50

Aims of Module

<i>Private Study</i>	
Private Study	76

To provide students with a critical understanding of the sociology of the body.

Mode of Delivery

A combination of lectures, workshops/seminars, student led and student directed learning.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

Assessment Plan

1. Judiciously appraise the key theories and concepts pertaining

Learning Outcomes Assessed

theories and concepts pertaining to a sociology of the body.

2. Critically analyse the impact of historical/contemporary societal and cultural discourses on the social construction of the body and lived experience.
3. Apply a critical understanding of key theories, concepts and discourses to aspects of contemporary life experience.

Indicative Module Content

Theoretical perspectives.
 Social construction of the fetus/infant.
 Gendered bodies.
 The medicalisation and experience of pregnancy and childbirth.
 'Extreme makeovers' in contemporary Society.
 Body regulation and surveillance.
 The impact of technology on perceptions of the body.
 Military bodies.

Component 1	1,2,3
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Component 1 will be assessed by written coursework.

Indicative Bibliography

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