

Module code	AZ-3308		
Module Title	Sociology of the Body		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-Anthropology)		
Type of Module	Major Option/Breadth		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims			
<p>The module seeks to enhance students' understanding of the human body as a social construct. Every culture has to deal with the physical reality of the body and develop its own theories about and therapies for the body. These include notions of health and illness, of beauty and ugliness, and social practices that are aimed at maintaining or regaining the integrity of the body.</p>			
Learning Outcomes:			
<i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	30%	- Understand the key sociological and anthropological concepts and theories of the body	
Middle order :	50%	- Apply key concepts and perspectives to arrive at a more comprehensive understanding of a range of issues relating to the body (health and illness, beauty, food, etc.)	
Higher order:	20%	- Critically assess different sociological approaches to the study of the body - Cooperate and work efficiently in a group project and present the results in a clear and persuasive manner in a classroom setting	
Module Contents			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the social construction of the body - the sociology of health and illness - the body and discourses on agency and resistance - comparative health care systems - cultures of bodily beauty: cosmetics and fitness industries - the sociology of food - the sociology of aging 			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Feedback on group work, essay and presentation in tutorials	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50% Coursework: 50% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tutorial participation (5%) - 1 group project and presentation (25%) - 1 written assignment (20%) 	