School of Social Sciences course summary

Semester 1, 2016

ARTS2871 Power and Powerlessness

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Summary of the course
Power is a fundamental concept in sociology and anthropology and also one of the most contested. This course explores different approaches to power – as capacity, condition, and practice – from the perspective of the concept’s relation to powerlessness. Thinkers may include Marx, Weber, Arendt, Foucault and Butler. Topics may include violence, freedom, knowledge, sovereignty, bodies, creativity, and rights.

Course learning outcomes
At the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:
1. Recognize key issues in theorizing the intersection of power with powerlessness.
2. Distinguish between different perspectives on power.
3. Enhance their capacity for reflective and independent learning through reading as a practice of active analytical engagement.
4. Display skills associated with scholarly inquiry including those related to critical analysis, argument and written expression.

Assessment
[NOTE: These must be the same as the tasks recorded AIMS for this course. You can add/delete rows as needed from the table below]

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<td>Group Facilitation</td>
<td>20 min</td>
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<td>Workbook</td>
<td>1-2 pages per week</td>
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<td>Essay</td>
<td>2000 words</td>
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For the purpose of attendance monitoring, the final assessment for this course is the essay worth 40% of your overall grade for this course. This is the assessment item that will be graded at zero if you do not meet the attendance requirement for this course (see https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/).

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.