

POPH90198 Sex Work, Drugs, Sex Between Men & HIV

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2011. Classroom/Block
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 30 hours; the subject will run in 6 hour sessions held over 5 consecutive days. Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Basic knowledge of HIV and its routes of transmission is recommended but not essential. This subject can be taken in conjunction with, and is complimentary to other MPH subjects with a HIV theme.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website.
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Subject Overview:	This largely interactive and participatory subject uses case studies from around the world to highlight the myriad of factors that contribute to HIV vulnerability of sex workers and examines the overlapping vulnerabilities of sex work and injecting drug use (IDU) and men who have sex with men (MSM). It explores the themes of stigma and discrimination, gender inequities, violence, trafficking, funding policies and legal frameworks, and their impact on HIV vulnerability and mitigation. The training will be conducted in conjunction with sex worker representatives from RhED (http://www.sexworker.org.au), and includes a guided field visit to a working brothel to see first hand the settings in which the Victorian sex industry operates. This subject can be taken in conjunction with, and is complementary to the MPH subject "HIV and AIDS: An Evolving Global Response" (POPH90190).
Objectives:	On the completion of this subject students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Demonstrate increased knowledge of issues pertaining to sex work and HIV, including overlapping vulnerabilities including injecting drug use and sex between men. # Develop effective action plans to reduce sex workers' vulnerability to HIV, which are inclusive of human rights approaches, advocacy, HIV prevention initiatives, treatment and access to appropriate services. # Identify and appraise good practice, evidence and policies regarding HIV and sex work. # Address issues of stigma and discrimination regarding sex work and HIV including personal and community attitudes that might encourage or hinder sex workers access to care and utilise/modify accordingly. # Articulate the link between sex work and gender.
Assessment:	Group oral presentation of 20 minutes to be delivered on the last teaching day of the subject (20%) Minor written assignment of 1000 words due two weeks after the last teaching day of the

	subject (20%)Major written assignment of 3000 words due six weeks after the last teaching day of the subject (60%)
Prescribed Texts:	Students will be issued key readings for this subject.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Upon completion of this subject, students will have developed skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Critical thinking and analysis, # Finding, evaluating and using relevant information, # Written communication, # Oral communication, # Initiative, autonomy and organisation.
Related Course(s):	Master of Public Health
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Global Health Sexual Health