Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS5690			
Subject Title	Violence in Intimate Relationships			
Credit Value	3			
Level	5			
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite / Exclusion	Nil			
Assessment Methods	100% Continuous Assessment Individual Assessment			
	1. Term paper 50%			
	2. Group presentation 30%			
	3. Attendance and participation in class and presentation 20%			
	 The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; Student must pass the specific components if he/she is to pass the subject. 			
Objectives	The issue of violence in intimate relationships is examined through multiple lenses. An introduction to the history of family violence, theories and current research on the etiology of violence in intimate relationships, interventions and prevention models to addressing this worldwide problem will be discussed.			
	The purpose of this course is for students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the dynamics of violence in intimate relationships, to conduct clinical assessments, and to identify appropriate intervention strategies.			
Intended Learning Outcomes	 Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. articulate the dynamics of violence in intimate relationships at multiple perspectives (social, legal, medical, family, and individual) and from multiple theoretical foundations; b. understand the special needs of victims and offenders, including an understanding of the gender roles in producing violence in intimate relationships; c. assess the risk, and patterns of violence and control; identify appropriate individual, group, family, and societal interventions. 			
Subject Synopsis / Indicative Syllabus	 Violence in intimate relationships a. Terminology b. Global, Asian and Chinese perspectives c. Public health approach Intimate partner violence 			
	a. Dating violence, violence against women, IPVb. Theories of and risk factors for Intimate Partner Violence			

c. Typology of IPV

3. Child victimization

- a. Types of victimization
- b. Corporal punishment
- c. Child physical abuse
- d. Child sexual violence
- e. Neglect and psychological abuse
- f. Child polyvictimization

4. Elder Abuse

- a. Types of elder abuse
- Risk factors of elder abuse

5. Family polyvictimization

- a. Explaining Family Polyvictimization
- b. Asian culture specific violence prevention

6. Screening, risk assessment and risk management

7. Violence prevention

- a. Legal, social and health perspective
- b. Multi-disciplinary approach and multi-disciplinary case conference
- c. Services for victims and children
- d. Services for batterers

Teaching / Learning Methodology

The participation of students both in the lectures and presentations are crucial for learning in this subject. The subject lecturer will be responsible for providing students with the theoretical and knowledge inputs about family violence while students are expected to critically evaluate the knowledge and apply it to various selected presentation topics and case discussion.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

Specific assessment methods / tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)		
		a	b	c
1. Term paper	50%	✓	✓	✓
2. Group presentation	30%	√	√	✓
3. Attendance and participation in class and presentation	20%	√	√	√
Total	100%			

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

Assessment will be based on presentation or a topic chosen by the students and on their participation in class. Students will be required to hand in a term paper to critically examine a topic of interest which reflect their individual efforts and understanding of the subject.

Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	 Lecture and presentation 	39Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	■ Reading	56 Hrs.
	Group discussion outside class	28 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	123 Hrs.

Reading List and References

Essential

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Journal

Trauma, Violence and Abuse (Review Journal)
Aggression and Violent Behavior (Review Journal)
Violence Against Women
Journal of Interpersonal Violence
Child Abuse and Neglect
Child Maltreatment
Violence and Victims
Journal of Family Violence
Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma