

**University of Ghana Nominee for the  
Virtual course for FF UHK students taught by African experts within the Erasmus+ ICM  
project**

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**COURSE - SOC 448: CULTURE AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

Course Description: What role does culture play in defining people's reproductive health behaviours and experiences? In this course we will examine how human reproductive health is influenced by culture. The course provides students with a basic understanding of reproductive health issues with an emphasis on how culture influences reproductive health experiences and outcomes. Thus, students will be introduced to the approaches to the study of reproductive health, adolescent reproductive health, infertility, and new reproductive technologies. In addition, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, specifically HIV/AIDs and maternal health will also be discussed. These topics will be thoroughly discussed within the context of family and kinship, marriage, status of females and other diverse cultural practices that have a direct bearing on such reproductive health matters. It is hoped that the course will set the tone for students to understand why any sustainable reproductive health program, service and policy must take into consideration the culture of the people.

**Course Objective**

By the end of the course, it is expected that students will have knowledge on how culture influences reproductive health in Africa. This will enhance students' engagement in any intellectual discourses on the interplay between culture and reproductive health issues.

## **Learning Outcomes**

After the lectures, students should be able to discuss with facts the following:

- What is Reproductive Health?
- What is Culture and the implications of culture on reproductive health?
- The differences between the biomedical and cultural explanations of infertility.
- Caldwell's explanation for Africa's high rates of HIV/AIDS.
- Specific factors that can lead to successful reproductive health program.

## **Convenient Dates:**

**13<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**

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