

Teaching Plan APSS289

Week	Date	Topic	Tutorials	Tasks
1	Jan 11/12	Introduction – Sociological Imagination	Introduction to SL – SL as a model	
2	18/19	Society over Individual	Outfitting/accessorizing an avatar	
3	25/26	Individual over Society	Changing the avatar shape	
4	Feb 1/2	Nature vs. Nurture	Society vs. individual sites in SL	
5	8/9	Relativism vs. Universalism	'Natural' vs. 'unnatural' in SL	
6	15/16	Spring Festival		
7	22/23	The Human Life Cycle	What is 'normal' in SL – Strange sites	Task 1: How and why of avatar
8	Mar 1/2	Gender	'Life'-related sites (schools, bars, etc.)	
9	8/9	The Family	Documentary "Wonderland"	
10	15/16	Task Week		
11	22/23	Education	Presentations	Task 2: What people, where, why?
12	29/30	Work and Leisure	Presentations	
13	Apr 5/6	Easter Holidays		
14	12/13	Deviance and Crime	Presentations	
15	19/20	(Virtual) Reality	Documentary "Molotov Alva"	Task 3: How real is 'virtual' reality?

Grading:

- Group Presentation: 40% **Topic:** Lecture of the week before, i.e. Family – Education – Work and Leisure
- Task 1 – 500 words: 15% **Topic:** Picture of avatar plus 500 words on the reasons for the design choices and what they project.
- Task 2 – 500 words: 15% **Topic:** Find 3-5 people in SL, why are they in SL, how much time do they spend there, what do they do?
- Task 3 – 1000 words: 30% **Topic:** What is the difference between a 'virtual' world and the 'real' world?