

BODY AS EXPERIENCE, CONCEPT, AND METAPHOR: A multimedia course

The stages of this syllabus are not necessarily sequential. Each stage or unit is self-contained, and does not presume exposure to any other stage or unit; but the word "stage" is used for the units to suggest that the given order will be found best for most students--the course moving from the concrete and empirical to the abstract and philosophical to the poetic and religious.

POSSIBLE USERS: Schools of medicine, law, religion; liberal arts curricula.

stage and description	media:		terminal:			film
	booktext (and micro- fiche)	cassette: audio- AV-	video- print	AV- pic	AV-	
1. <u>"My Own Physical Body"</u> --The person's discovery of the body, its forms (anatomy) and functions (physiology) and self-maintenance (homeostasis). Mind/body. Machines as models for understanding the body. ...Jon. Miller, THE BODY IN QUESTION (Random House/79), also a 13-part BBC/tv series (USA first showing, autumn/79)	X		X	X		X
2. <u>"The Body Around the World"</u> --The various concepts of the body in the dominant cultures through history and around the world, centering in the "body" words of these cultures: aboriginal, Mesopotamian, Nilonic [Egyptian], Sinic, Indian, Hebrew, Greek, Roman, Teutonic, Enlightenment, contemporary.		X	X	X		
3. <u>"I Have Both a Brain and a Mind: One or Two Realities?"</u> --Today's situation in brain/mind research, and its implications for such fields and disciplines as bioethics, psychology, philosophy, theology, sociology, neurology, and the arts.	X	X	X	X		
4. <u>"Skinbags: The Sociology of Body"</u> --The price and glory of being endoskeletal, not a turtle; the pleasure/pain of the sense of touch with its earthy and transcendent meanings.	X	X	X	X		X
5. <u>"The Body as Social Metaphor"</u> --"The body social," "the body politic," "the body communal." Stoicism, Christianity, sociologism (including Marxism).	X		X	X		
6. <u>"The Body as Metaphysical and Religious Metaphor"</u> --The cosmic body, the spiritual body, the astral body, the realized body, the body alive-dead-revived-resurrected.			X	X		

[NB: The "terminal" columns' "X"s are projective only.]