

**Psychology 334 Section 2
Human Sexuality
Spring Semester 2008**

Time and Location: Lee Drain Bldg. 4:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.
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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 3:00-4:20 p.m.; Tuesday, 5:00p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, 1:00-1:50 p.m. and by appointment

Course Objectives: Students will be able to:

1. remember and understand contemporary issues in Human Sexuality to include biological, social, emotional, cognitive and spiritual elements.
2. analyze and evaluate current scientific literature as it pertains to biological, social, emotional and spiritual aspects of human sexuality.
3. understand and evaluate current attempts to solve social and psychological problems that are associated with human sexuality (i.e. sexual dysfunction, sexually transmitted disease, etc.)

Grading and Assignments:

1. Four exams and a final exam. Each exam may include multiple choice, short answer and essay questions and will cover material from the text, lecture, supplemental readings and in-class discussion. One of the four exams, excluding the final exam, will be dropped.
2. Numerous in-class writing assignments covering lecture and discussion material (1 minute papers) to share with classmates and the professor in small groups.
3. Five or more unannounced quizzes over assigned readings and lecture.
4. Two 2-3 page typed, double spaced, 12 point font mini- papers over some aspect of human sexuality. These papers should present a main point that should be supported with clear and supported reasoning. Information from other sources must be cited appropriately using APA format. The points should be illustrated with examples. The final draft must be grammatically correct and free of typographical errors. Students must turn in at least one rough draft of each paper for comment. Each paper will also be critiqued for content by fellow students.

Exams = 300 points

Final Exam = 100 points

In-class writing assignments (completion only) = 50 points

Unannounced quizzes = 100 points

Mini-papers = 100 points

Total = 650 points

A = 585 points

B = 500 points

C= 450 points

D = 385 points

F = below 385

Class Attendance: Regular and punctual class attendance is expected. Attendance will be recorded in accordance with SHSU policy. In-class assignments cannot be made up unless in accordance with SHSU policy. Grades will be based on student performance on exams and written assignments.

A more detailed description of the following policies with links specific to each policy may be found at: <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

Academic Dishonesty Policy: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource material.

Classroom Rules of Conduct: Students are expected to participate in and facilitate an environment of learning and to respect each other. To this end, students should refrain from any activity or behavior that distracts from the learning process (side conversations, falling asleep, etc.). **All electronic devices must be turned off and not visible during class.** Computers or recording devices may not be used to take notes unless in accordance with consultation by the Office of Services of Students with Disabilities.

Students with Disabilities Policy: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they should not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. Please note that no accommodation can be made until the student registers with the Counseling center.

Religious Holidays: Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work.

Visitors in the Classroom: Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office.

This syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class and will be posted on Blackboard

TENTATIVE CALENDAR
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| Date | Topic | Reading |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| January | | |
| 16 | Ch. 1 Perspectives on Human Sexuality | |
| 18 | Ch. 2 Research Methods | |
| 23,25 | Ch. 3 Female Sexual Anatomy and Physiology | |
| 30 | Ch. 4 Male Sexual Anatomy and Physiology | |
| February | | |
| 1 | Exam 1 (Ch. 1-4 and Lecture) | |
| 6 | Ch. 5 Sexual Arousal and Response | |
| 8,13 | Ch. 6 Gender Identity and Gender Roles | |
| 15,20 | Ch. 7 Attraction and Love | |
| 22,27 | Ch. 8 Relationships and Communication | |

Exam 2 (Ch. 5-8 and Lecture)

March

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Ch. 9 Sexual Behavior and Fantasies

7

Ch. 10 Sexual Orientation

12, 14

Spring Break

19,21

Ch. 11 Conception, Pregnancy and Childbirth

26,28

Ch. 12 Contraception and Abortion

April

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Exam 3 (Ch. 9-12)

4

Ch. 13 Sexuality in Childhood and Adolescence

9

Ch. 14 Sexuality in Adulthood

11,16

Ch. 15 Sexual Dysfunctions

18,23

Sexually Transmitted Infections

25

Exam 4

30

Ch. 17 Atypical Sexual Variations

May

2,,7

Sexual Coercion