

Psychology 123: Human Sexuality

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tues 2:30-3:30,

Thurs 2:30-3:30

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Goals of the Course

The primary objective of this course is to give the student a broad overview of human sexuality. The scientific study of sexuality is multidisciplinary. We will cover topics ranging from the physiology of sexual arousal to social issues such as rape and sexual harassment. My own professional training is in social psychology and behavioral aspects of sexuality often will be emphasized in the course. By the end of the course, I hope that students will develop a knowledge base that will help them in understanding their own sexuality as well as the role of sexuality in society.

Exam Policy

As indicated on the course outline, there will be four examinations. Each exam will consist of approximately 100 multiple choice questions and will cover the preceding lectures plus the chapters indicated on the preceding page. Not all materials covered in the lectures are covered in the textbook. Not all topics assigned from the textbook will be covered in the lectures. **You are responsible for all lecture material and all assigned readings for each test.** In my exams, I try to sample questions from both of these sources equally.

Each set of exam scores will be curved in the following manner: The highest score made on that exam will be given 100 points and all other scores will be given proportionate scores. For example, suppose a given exam had 100 questions, the highest score in the class was 80, and your score on that exam was 60. Your curved score would be 60/80 or 75%. The letter grades associated with your curved scores are as follows: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, 59 & below = F.

How I will determine your final grade: I will drop the lowest test score from your first three scores. I will average the remaining two scores along with your final exam score. The final will count no more than the other two scores. Your grade will follow the letter grades listed above. **YOU MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM.** If you skip the final, I will average your first three scores and then lower your grade by one letter.

MAKE-UP EXAM POLICY. Normally I do not give make-up exams. If you miss an exam, your grade is simply determined by the average of your other three exam scores. Special make-up arrangements will be made if you have to miss the final.

Extra credit: From time to time during the semester, I will offer students the opportunity to earn extra credit points. The specific terms of these points and their value toward your final grade will vary. I will announce these opportunities in class.

Textbook

Understanding Human Sexuality (11th Edition) by J.S. Hyde & J. DeLamater, McGraw-Hill, 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CAUTIONS

1. I do not take attendance. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get the lecture notes from another student.
2. Plagiarism or cheating on an exam will result in your failing the course (i.e. receiving the course grade of F).
3. Please be courteous to others in the class by holding your talking to a minimum.
4. Please turn off your cell phone or other wireless device during class.

Any student needing to arrange a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability should contact Disability Concerns at 350 Fell Hall, 438-5853 (voice), 438-8620 (TDD).