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PSYC 2305
Psychology of Human Sexuality – Fall, 2007
3:00pm-4:20 pm, Monday / Wednesday
Room UGLC 116

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Required Text:
Rathus, S.A., Nevid, J.S., Fichner-Rathus, L. (2008). Human sexuality in a world of diversity (7th ed.). Allyn & Bacon, Boston.

Course Description:
This class deals with human sexual behavior. Topics of discussion will include female and male sexual anatomy and physiology, love, commitment, sexual orientation, sexually transmitted diseases, contraception and abortion, sexual dysfunction, sexual coercion, and commercial sex. Goals of the course include increased awareness of multiple issues related to human sexuality, as well as the facilitation of open, honest, and critical thinking and discussion about this sensitive topic. You will be required to know and understand material presented in lectures (both the professor's and those of guest speakers), films, and the text. Some of the material in the text will *not* be covered in lecture and films, and some of the material in lectures and films will *not* be covered in the text. Please be aware that careful study of course materials will be essential for you to do well in this class. Personal experience with the subject matter will not suffice.

Important Note:
Due to the nature of the course, sexual behavior will be discussed with candor and some subjects may make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. Your continued enrollment in this course indicates that you are aware of the nature of the material and that you consent to its presentation. Continued enrollment in the course also indicates that you will be respectful of others and maintain a mature manner at all times. If, at any time, you are uncomfortable with certain subjects or with the way they are addressed, please inform the professor, either in person, by e-mail, or by putting a note in his mailbox in the psychology office (anonymous notes are fine). Please also recognize that sharing any issues related to harm of self, harm of others, and/or child/elder abuse and neglect are subject to mandatory reporting to the proper authority by Dr.

Cooper and his T.A. This applies to written assignments, class discussion, and one on one discussions with Dr. Cooper and/or the T.A. during office hours.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student or possessing unauthorized materials during a test. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another person's as one's own. And, collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions.

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken randomly six times during the semester. Each student is allowed to miss one class of those six. Missing each of the other five attendance checks will count two points against your final grade. For example, a student who regularly attends class and is absent during one attendance check will not have any points deducted from the final grade. However, a student who is absent for 3 of the 6 attendance checks will have four points deducted from the final grade (1 free absence; 2 absences with 2 point deductions).

Exams:

Three exams will be given. Each will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions taken from the lectures, films, and text. Each question will be worth two points. The exams are *not cumulative.* Makeup exams will not be given unless a student is engaged in university-related activities during the normal exam time *and* has followed the appropriate procedure for notifying the professor of the impending absence (see the Undergraduate Catalog).

Grading:

The course grade will be based upon the average of two of the three exams. Students' lowest grade of Exam I or II will be dropped. *Students' grades on the Final Exam (Exam III) will be calculated into the final course grade. Also, attendance scores will be taken into account for the final grade as detailed above.* If you already know you will not be able to take the final on the date it is scheduled, you need to talk to the professor about dropping the class. Final letter grades may be assigned on a curve, but ranges will be no more conservative than 90% = A, 80% = B, 70% = C, 60% = D, and < 60% = F.

Important Dates (reading assignments may vary):

08/27	Review syllabus and course introduction
08/29	Chapter 1 *Human sexuality, critical thinking, and perspectives.*
09/05	Chapter 2

	Research methods in human sexuality.
09/10	Chapter 3 *Female anatomy.*
09/12	Chapter 3 *Menstruation.*
09/17	Chapter 4 *Male sexual anatomy.*
09/19	Chapter 4 *Male sexual diseases and functions.*
09/24	Chapter 6 *Gender identity and differentiation.* *Possible guest speaker: Gillian Gallentin*
09/26	Chapter 6 *Gender roles, stereotypes, and differences.* *Review for Exam I.*
10/01	EXAM I
10/03	Chapter 5 *Sexual arousal and response.*
10/08	Chapter 8 *Relationships and communication.*
10/10	Chapter 9 *Sexual behavior and fantasies.*
10/15	Chapter 15 *Sexual dysfunctions.*
10/17	Chapter 11 *Childbirth and postpartum.*
10/22	Exam II Review
10/24	Chapter 11 *Conception and pregnancy.* *Guest Speaker: Dr. Schwartz*
10/29	EXAM II

10/31	Chapter 12 *Contraception.*
11/05	Chapter 12 *Abortion.* *Review for Exam II.*
11/07	Chapter 10 *Sexual orientation.* *Possible guest speaker panel*
11/12	Chapter 17 *Atypical sexual variations.* *Paraphilias.*
11/14	HAPPY ABCT Conference *No Class*
11/19	Chapter 17 *Paraphilias: perspectives and treatment.*
11/21	Chapter 18 *Sexual coercion: rape.* *Possible guest speaker: Rebecca Orndorff - Rape*
11/26	Chapter 18 *Sexual coercion: child abuse and harassment.*
11/28	Chapter 16 *Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).* *Bacterial and vaginal infections.* *Possible guest Speaker:Amalia Dudzienski- STIs*
12/03	Chapter 16 *STIs.* *Viral Infections and prevention.* *Possible guest speaker: Lorenzo Sias- HIV*
12/05	Chapter 19 *Commercial sex* Review for FINAL EXAM.
12/10	FINAL EXAM: 1:00pm-3:45pm (Be sure to confirm on exam schedule).