COURSE SYLLABUS
PSY231 – HUMAN SEXUALITY
FALL 2002

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Required Materials

Course Description
Human Sexuality is the discussion of the biological, social and psychological aspects of human sexual functioning with an emphasis on sexual response patterns, sexual attitudes, and sexual myths and fallacies.

Course Objectives
By the end of this course, you should be able to meet the following objectives:
• Understand and describe basic sexual and reproductive anatomy.
• Describe hormonal development.
• Understand sexual arousal and sexual response cycles.
• Explain and discuss the concept of gender identity, gender roles, and sexual orientation.
• Identify and explain the theories underlying attraction, love, relationships and intimacy.
• Understand and explain the processes involved with conception, pregnancy and childbirth.
• Identify and explain the different methods of contraception and the advantages and disadvantages of each method.
• Discuss the ethical and medical issues surrounding abortion.
• Discuss the concept of sexuality in childhood, adolescence and adulthood.
• Identify and explain the different types of sexual dysfunctions and sexual deviance.
• Identify and explain sexually transmitted diseases.
Course Requirements

The final grade in this class will be determined by your performance on 3 exams, 3 projects, 5 in-class activities and participation in daily class activities. The specifics involved in each of these is discussed below:

Exams: There will be 3 regular exams and one final exam during the term. Each regular exam will be worth a total of 100 points and will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions worth 2 points apiece. Regular exams will be graded on a curve with the highest grade in the class determining the curve. Example: If the highest score is a 97 out of 100, 3 points will be added to your exam score. The regular exams will cover lecture and reading material from the previous section of the course. The final exam will follow the same format and also be worth 100 points, but will be comprehensive. Only 3 exam scores will be included in the determination of the final grade. You have the option of dropping your lowest score or not taking the final exam. Since not every student will be required to take the final, the curve will be determined by averaging the curves of the 3 regular exams.

Projects: There will be 3 projects worth 25 points apiece due throughout the term. Projects must be turned in by class time on the day they are due. The purpose of the projects is to allow you to become familiar with finding and analyzing information through different sources, such as the Internet. Projects will be graded on content, organization and grammar/punctuation. They must be typed and double-spaced.

In-Class Activities: We will be conducting several activities in class that require participation and may require some work outside of class. There will be 5 activities throughout the term worth 10 points each. In-class activities will not be announced or appear on the course schedule and you must be in class to get credit (unless prior arrangements have been made).

Participation: In addition to the graded activities discussed above, we will also be conducting different types activities in class including problem-solving, group work, etc. I will collect these activities approximately 5 times per semester. They will be worth 5 points each time collected and will count toward your participation grade.

Grades: Final grades will be assigned based on the total number of points earned during the course (450 possible). You will be assigned to the letter grade corresponding to the your point total according to the table below:

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Class Policies

*Makeup Exams:* Makeup exams are only allowed once for every student. **Prior notification of the instructor is required.** If you fail to notify me before the class is scheduled to take the exam, you will have to drop that exam score. If you have already taken one makeup exam this term, and need to miss a second exam, you will also have to drop the second exam score and be required to take the final. All makeup exams will be given in the Learning Center (see below).

Learning Center (LRC212), #(541)917-4684

**Testing Schedule:**

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<td>Saturday</td>
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You must bring your student ID card or some other form of picture ID with you in order to take an exam. Makeup exams must be taken within one week of the original exam date.

*Late Assignments:* You may turn in one project late, but it must be turned in within 7 days of the original due date. Two points will be deducted from your project score for each day after 7 days. If you have already turned in a project late, the second project will be graded down at the rate of 2 points for every day after the due date it is late. **I will not accept projects after 14 days have elapsed since the due date regardless of whether or not this is your first late project.** In-class activities and participation activities will not be accepted after the class has completed them (unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor).

*Cheating/Plagiarism:* Using someone else’s work as your own or using information or ideas without proper citations (which is called plagiarism) can lead to your failing the assignment, test or the class. Bibliographies and in-text citations are required whenever you use outside sources, including Internet sources.
**College Policies:**

*Students with Disabilities:* If you have any emergency medical information for the instructor should know of, need special arrangements in the event of evacuation, or have a documented disability and may need accommodation, you should make an appointment with me as early as possible (no later than the first week of the term). If additional assistance is required, you should contact LBCC’s Office of Disability Services at (541)917-4683.

*Waitlist Policy:* If our class is full, registered students not attending class during the first week of the term will be withdrawn, and waitlisted students who are attending class will be admitted to the class on a space available basis.

*Drop Policy:* If you wish to drop this course without it appearing on your transcript, you must do so by **October 11, 2002.** The last day to officially withdraw from this course (a ‘W’ appears on the transcript) is **November 15, 2002.**

*Incomplete or ‘Y’ Grades:* You may qualify for an Instructor’s withdrawal or ‘Y’ grade if you have completed less than 25% of the class work. You may be eligible for an ‘Incomplete’ grade if you have finished 75% of the class work. If you have an ‘Incomplete,’ all coursework must be finished by the end of the next term. I can only award an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’, or ‘F’ grade. In other words, you cannot have an ‘Incomplete’ grade changed to a ‘Y’ grade. Please contact me before the end of the term if you need either of these options.
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<th>Week</th>
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| 10/1 | What is Human Sexuality? Research Methods | Chapter 1  
Chapter 2 | |
| 10/8 | Female Sexual Anatomy and Physiology | Chapter 3 |  |
| 10/15 | Male Sexual Anatomy and Physiology | Chapter 4 |  |
| 10/22 | Sexual Arousal and Response | Chapter 5 | Project #1 (due 10/24) |
| 10/29 | Exam I (Chapter 1-5)  
Gender Identity and Gender Roles | Chapter 6 | Exam #1 (10/29) |
| 11/5 | Gender Identity and Gender Roles (con)  
Sexual Orientation | Chapter 6  
Chapter 10 | |
| 11/12 | Sexual Orientation (con)  
Conception, Pregnancy and Childbirth | Chapter 10  
Chapter 11 | Project #2 due (11/14) |
| 11/19 | Contraception and Abortion  
Exam II (Chapters 6, 9-12) | Chapter 12 | Exam #2 (11/19) |
| 11/26 | Sexually Transmitted Infections  
Thanksgiving Break | Chapter 16 | Project #3 (due 11/26)  
No class (11/28) |
| 12/3 | Atypical Sexual Variations  
Sexual Coercion  
Making Responsible Sexual Decisions  
Exam III (Chps 16-18,20) | Chapter 17  
Chapter 18  
Chapter 20 | Exam #3 (12/5) |

Final Exam: Tuesday, December 10th from 2:30 – 4:20 p.m.