

SYLLABUS-PSY 355-HUMAN SEXUALITY-TACKETT-FALL 2009

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REQUIRED:

- (1) TEXT: Crooks, R. & Baur, K., Our Sexuality (10th Ed.)
Also, When Sex Isn't Good by Arleque & Goldstein
- (2) SCANTRONS: Large red PAR forms for all exams
- (3) LECTURE NOTES: posted on Blackboard
- (4) STUDY GUIDE: posted on Blackboard
- (5) Attendance
- (6) Condom instructions: posted on Blackboard

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students will study anatomy and physiology of sexual functioning; aspects of the human sexual arousal and response; communication and conflict resolution; sexual functioning for persons with disabilities; normal and abnormal sexual behaviors; pregnancy and childbirth; sexually transmitted diseases; GLBT relationships; rape and sexual assault; sexual dysfunctions and treatments. Students will learn to communicate more effectively about sexual topics by role playing, interviewing guests, and participating in discussions of sexual topics. Thus, class participation is a critical part of this class.

COURSE GOALS: the student will:

- 1) Demonstrate an understanding of basic physiological processes of sexual functioning, including the role of peripheral and central nervous systems.
- 2) Show knowledge of current literature on contraception, fertility, pregnancy and disease rates nationally and internationally.
- 3) Demonstrate knowledge of symptoms, etiologies and treatments of sexually transmitted diseases, e.g., HIV/AIDS, HPV, HSV, syphilis, Chlamydia, and others.
- 4) Demonstrate knowledge of symptoms, etiologies, and treatments of sexual dysfunctions.
- 5) Show competence in modern techniques for communicating sexual information.
- 6) Show competence in modern techniques for successful conflict resolution.

EXAMS: There will be two exams covering each section of the text, lecture, guests, and panels plus a comprehensive final exam. Exam One will consist of 50 multiple choice questions, Exam Two will be 40 multiple choice questions and the Condom Question worth 10 points. The final will be 100 multiple choice questions covering all of the chapters. There will be some selective essay questions. These will be given to you before each exam.

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CONDOM QUESTION: Condom question will be a 10 point essay on Exam Two. If you get it correct on Exam Two, you will receive 10 extra credit points. If you get it wrong on Exam Two, you will receive no points on the essay. However, you will be able to redo it on the final and get back the 10 points added to Exam Two if you get it correct. If you get it wrong the 2nd time, you will get no points.

MISSED EXAMS: If you miss an exam, please provide documentation to explain your absence. For example, give me a copy of your Student Health report or a doctor's note. Make up exams will be given to students who provide legitimate excuses.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS: If you have a religious holiday that conflicts, please notify me the first two weeks of class.

CLASSROOM COURTESY: Turn off all electronic devices during tests and guest lectures and put them away. Do NOT pick them up or handle them during guest lectures or exams. This includes your laptops. Please put them away when we have guests. Please do not eat anything or get up and go out during panels or guests. Go to the bathroom before class when we have guests and panels. I don't care if you get up during lectures. Please do not talk or text message during guests or panels. I am no longer going to tolerate rude behavior. You will be asked to leave class and receive no points if applicable.

POINTS: Exams 1 & 2 total points = 100

Final total points = 100
Total points for the course = 200

EXTRA CREDIT: There is no extra credit for this course.

GUEST LECTURERS AND PANELS: These will be scheduled as close to the beginning of the semester as possible. You will be expected to show up to class on time and stay for the entire guest or panel. If you do not show up or leave class early, TEN points will be deducted from your total points.