

PSYC/SOC 2306 Human Sexuality Fall 2011 Syllabus and Schedule

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Course Description:

An in-depth study of human sexuality across the life cycle utilizing legal, ethical, sociological, biological and psychological perspectives. Course incorporates current research and theories to explore the impact of social and cultural influences on human sexual behavior. (SCANS 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10,11) Prerequisite: None.

Required Material: Text: Strong, B, C., Sayad, B. & Yarber, W. (2011). Human Sexuality: Diversity in Contemporary America (7th Ed.). Boston: McGraw – Hill

Fall 2011 Semester Schedule:

Week of	Read Chapter	Quiz	Discussion Topic	Writing Assignment
August 22 – 27	1 Perspectives on Human Sexuality		Introductions on Introduction board	Values Assignment, Course Orientation Due 8/28, midnight
August 28 – Sept 3	2 Studying Human Sexuality	1(1-2)	Introductions on Introduction board	Values Assignment, Orientation due 8/28
September 4 -10	3 Female A/P/R		1	
September 11 – 17	4 Male A/P/R	2 (3-4)	1	1 due 9/18
September 18 – 24	5 Gender			
September 25 – Oct 1	6 Sexuality in Childhood/Adolescence	3 (5-6)	2	2 due 10/2
October 2 – 8	7 Adulthood		2	
October 9 – 15	8 Love and Communication in Relationships	4 (7-8)	3	3 due 10/16
October 16-22	9 Sexual Expression		3	

October 23 – 29	10 Variations in Sexual Behavior	5 (9-10)		4 due 10/30
October 30- Nov 5	11-12 Birth Control/Pregnancy		4	
November 6 – 12	13 Sexual health	6 (11-13)	4	
November 13 – 19	14 Sexual Function Difficulties			5 due 11/20
November 20 - 26	15 - 16 STDs/HIV	7 (14 – 16)	5	
November 27 – Dec 3	17 – 18 Coercions/Abuse/Laws	8 (17 – 18)	5	6 due 12/4
December 4-8			Final Thoughts	

** Please print the syllabus and refer to it often! As you can see, the course consists of one orientation assignment, a values assessment, reading and Internet research, taking on - line quizzes, writing essays and participating in group discussion. **See the Assignments page for more information about each of these.**

NOTE: The schedule shows the traditional week of Sunday – Saturday. Instructions for Quizzes and Writing Assignments are posted on Sundays, but are not officially due until the next Sunday, midnight. For example, Writing Assignment 1 will be posted on Sunday, September 11, and due by Sunday, September 18.

Important dates for the OC semester can be found at

http://www.odessa.edu/catalog/schedule/FA11/Calendar_FA2011.pdf

Computer skills:

Students should be able to navigate the Internet and conduct required research, create word processing documents and navigate the course web site. Students must also be able to use email, attach files and use various features of Blackboard.

Your final grade is determined by the following:

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| 1. The Course Orientation | 50 points |
| 2. Values assignment | 50 points |
| 3. Multiple choice quizzes (8 at 25 points each) | 200 points |
| 4. Written assignments/essays (6 at 75 points each) | 450 points |
| 5. Small group discussion (5 at 50 points each) | <u>250 points</u> |
| | 1000 points |

There is no final exam per se in this class; **quiz 8, discussion 5 and writing assignment 6 serve as your final.** Even if you are satisfied with your points at this time, you must complete ALL OF these! If you do not complete these, you will fail the course as per the OC policy that any student who does not take the final exam fails the course.

Grading Scale:

880 - 1000 points = A
780 - 879 points = B
680 - 779 points = C
580 - 679 points = D
under 579 points = F

Policies and Procedures:

Checking in to the Course – students are required to check in to the course at least 3 times each week. The course entry page is the Announcements page. Student should also check their OC email accounts and the General Discussion at least 3 times each week. You should read all posts there.

Submitting assignments – writing assignments will be prepared in word processing documents and save in files that are submitted on the assignments page. All documents should be double spaced and have your name of them. You should also conduct a spell – check on all assignments. Save a copy of all assignments on a flash drive.

Attendance policy:

Please note that if you fail to check into the course (General Course Discussion board under Communication button) at least 3 times each week, 10 points will be deducted from your final grade!

Communication Policies:

Students should use the **General Course Discussion board** for all communication related to the course. This includes questions, comments, and requests for clarification. Please note, however, if the answer to a student question is to be found within the course web site, she will be returned to the site to continue to look for the answer to the question.

Students must put their names and SOCI/PSYC 2306 on all emails; if an email without this information is sent it will be returned to the sender. Weekly emails to students inform you of the week's assignments

If you email the instructor, she will respond in a very timely manner. You are expected to acknowledge her reply and indicate that she has addressed your concern. You should therefore check email for a response if you sent the instructor an email.

Do not use texting style of communication/writing in group discussion and in Writing Assignments. This is a college class, and academic writing is expected.

Late Submission Policy:

Late work is not accepted except under special circumstances. Acceptance of late work is up to the instructor's discretion. If you feel you have a unique situation/circumstance that prohibits your meeting a deadline, you should communicate it to me privately via email. Students are strongly encouraged to communicate any problems to the instructor in a timely manner.

Incomplete Policy:

A grade of "Incomplete" may be given only if (1) the student has passed all work completed, and (2) he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of "I" will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student. A contract between student and instructor must be signed.

Instructor Response Time:

The instructor will respond to emails and bulletin board posts with 24 – 48 hours of receiving them. If she will be unavailable for any length of time for any reason, she will post such a message in the announcements area and on the general Discussion Board.

Statement of Academic Dishonesty:

Ethics, Cheating and Plagiarism "Using someone else's ideas or phrasing and representing those ideas or phrasing as our own, either on purpose or through carelessness, is a serious offense known as plagiarism. "Ideas or phrasing" includes written or spoken material, of course, from whole papers and paragraphs to sentences, and, indeed, phrases. but it also includes statistics, lab results, art work, etc. "Someone else" can mean a professional source, such as a published writer or critic in a book, magazine, encyclopedia, or journal; an electronic resource such as material we discover on the World Wide Web; another student at our school or anywhere else; a paper-writing "service" (online or otherwise), which offers to sell written papers for a fee."

(Statement taken from <http://webster.commnet.edu/mla/plagiarism.shtml>)

I do not tolerate cheating in any form. If you plagiarize copy, cut and paste an essay, or cheat on an exam once, that assignment will receive a "0." If you plagiarize or cheat the second time, you will receive an "F" in the course.

Cutting and pasting any information from any Internet source is considered cyber plagiarism and will result on a 0 for the first offense and an F in the course for any subsequent offenses.

See the section on "Scholastic Dishonesty" in the updated Odessa College *Student Handbook*.

See <http://www.riosalado.edu/library/tutorials/Pages/avoidingPlagiarism.aspx>

Statement of Special Accommodations:

In accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, Odessa College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the recruitment and admission of students, the employment of faculty and staff, and the operation of any of its programs and activities. Students with a disability should contact *ADA Accommodation/Support personnel* Becky Rivera-Weiss @ 432-335-6861 or brivera@odessa.edu

Preparation for Computer Emergencies

Computer Crash

Not having a working computer or a crashed computer during the semester will NOT be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing course activities at a scheduled time. NOTE: Identify a second computer that you can use when/if your personal computer crashes.

Server problems

When the Blackboard server needs downtime for maintenance, the Blackboard administrator will post an announcement in your course informing the time and the date. If the server experiences unforeseen problems your course instructor will send an email.

Complete Loss of Contact

If you lose contact with me completely (i.e. you cannot contact me via Blackboard or email), you need to call me at my office, 335-6555, and explain the reason you cannot contact me and leave me a way to contact you.

Lost/Corrupt/Disappeared files

You must keep/save a copy of every project/assignment on an external disk or personal computer. In the event of any kind of failure (e.g., Blackboard server crash or virus infection, students own computer crashes, loss of files in cyberspace, etc) or any contradictions/problems, I may/will request you to resubmit the files. In other words, if you submit a document to me, and I either do not receive it (lost in cyberspace) or it is corrupted when I open it, it is incumbent upon you to resend it to me, corrected, with little or no "downtime" in regard to the timeline for submission.

Computer and System Requirements:

Please see <https://www.odessa.edu/OCGlobal/blackboard/requirements.htm>

Email: Students enrolled in Odessa College must use Odessa College email address. Go to <http://www.odessa.edu/livemail.htm> to set up your email account.