

Course Syllabus for Psychology 134: Human Sexuality @ Cuyamaca College Fall 2011

Section: 1722 **Room:** F508 **Time:** 9:30 to 10:45 **Days:** Monday and Wednesday

Text: Our Sexuality, 11th edition Crooks and Baur

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Course Description: 3 hours lecture. Introduction to the facts and theories which seek to explain and understand human thought and behavior including such topics as personality, psychotherapy, learning, memory, interpersonal relationships, adjustment and biological influences. **Prerequisite:** None

Course Objectives (Expected Student Learning Outcomes)

- a) Critically analyze scientific methods and apply these methods when evaluating sexual information and concepts
- b) Differentiate between biological differences and social/cultural influences on gender formation and role expectation
- c) Distinguish between the various definitions and theories of attraction and love
- d) Utilize communication concepts in resolving relationship issues
- e) Compare and contrast the pros and cons of various sexual behaviors
- f) Delineate the various components of sexual orientation and contrast the social issues involved
- g) Compare and contrast the advantages and disadvantages of birth control methods
- h) Delineate the stages of pregnancy and childbirth, the causes of infertility, and issues regarding abortion
- i) Distinguish between the various sexual issues and concerns during childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and aging
- j) Identify and evaluate sexual problems and their treatment options
- k) Distinguish fact from opinion regarding the definition of abnormality and atypical sexual behavior
- l) Use STD factual information to make informed decisions regarding sexual health
- m) Differentiate choice from coercion in issues of rape, prostitution, and pornography

Grading in the course.

All assessments of your learning objectives and exams are given a points value. Your grade is based on the total of your accumulated points. All records will be kept in Blackboard. You can check your points at any time throughout the course.

An A is 90% of the total possible points

A B is 80% of the total possible points

A C is 70% of the possible points

A D in the course is above 60% of the points in the course

Course totals lower than 60% will fail the class.

All points in the class are weighted equally. .

There are 5 exams each worth 50 points each

Each exam will be comprised up to 50 questions answered on a Scantron

For each exam there is a 10 point essay to demonstrate mastery of the course material.

At the end of the semester, there will be a comprehensive final exam.

This exam will replace your lowest exam grade. If you are happy with your grade at the end of the term, then you do not have to take the comprehensive final. You will be asked to complete some experiments on-line as a part of your class participation points. Classroom interaction and attendance can also increase your grade by 2%. Make sure I know your name. Stand out.

Attendance: For successful completion of the course you must attend class. Attendance and participation in activities is required. 5 minutes after the start of class, I will pass around a attendance sheet. If you are going to miss class for some reason make sure you e-mail the instructor. Make sure that any missed assignments can be completed. If you miss more than 4 class periods without contacting the instructor you can be dropped from the course.

Behavior Guidelines and Conduct: I like an interactive classroom, and encourage student interaction. Please be respectful to all of the people in the class around you. Everybody has opinions and they define individuals. If an opinion does not agree with your personal belief, through education we can understand each other.

Through conflict there is no resolution, just a victor.

Cell phones are an important part of our lives, but please put them on vibrate, or blinking light mode during class. If you have to answer your phone in class, then answer it outside and return the next class period. Texting is distracting to me and other people around you. If you are using your phone during class I will stop the class so you do not miss

anything. Use of phones or other electronic devices during examinations is strictly prohibited. I have had many students turn in work that is not their own. If you copy, or use other peoples work on your assignments, then you will get a 0 for the assignment and possible removal from the course.

Personal Disclosure Rule: **Please be careful what you share in the class. We have to keep the class professional and not a therapy session or on-line sex forum. The material in this class is of an adult nature. Please do not bring children to class with you. You will be asked personal questions, and the class will have open discussions. Please feel free to stay quiet. If you feel that something that happens during class is inappropriate, talk to the instructor immediately.**

Cheating and plagiarism (using as one's own ideas writings, materials, or images of someone else without acknowledgement or permission) can result in any one of a variety of sanctions. Such penalties may range from an adjusted grade on the particular exam, paper, project, or assignment (all of which may lead to a failing grade in the course) to, under certain conditions, suspension or expulsion from a class, program or the college. For further clarification and information on these issues, please consult with your instructor or contact the office of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Students with Special needs: Students with disabilities who may need academic accommodations should notify the instructor immediately (and no later than the second week of class).

College Semester Calendar

Cuyamaca Fall 2011 CALENDAR

August 22	Regular Day & Evening Classes Begin
August 22 - September 2	Program Adjustment Period
September 2	Last Day to Add Semester-Length Classes***
September 2	Last Day to Drop Semester-Length Classes Without a "W" Appearing on Transcripts
September 2	Last Day to Receive a Refund for Semester-Length Classes***
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 6	Census Day
September 23	Last Day to Apply for P/NP - Semester Length Classes
October 14	Last Day to Apply for Fall 2011 Degree/Certificate
October 15	End of First 8-Week Session
October 17	Second 8-Week Session Begins
November 10 (Thursday)	Last Day to Drop Semester-Length Classes
November 11 & 12 (Friday & Saturday)	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 24 - 26 **	Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend
December 10	End Second 8-Week Session for Weekday (M-F) classes
December 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 19	Final Examination Days
December 19	Close of Fall Semester
December 20	Instructor Grade Deadline

ONLINE:

Make sure you check the syllabus updates on Weinert's Campus web page. <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/steve.weinert> or his Blog <http://weinertpsychology.blogspot.com>

You must be able to log into blackboard and submit essays. I will help you, and there are resources available on campus if you do not have a computer. There will be also be extra credit opportunities available on-line through blackboard.

The more effort you put into the course the more you will learn.

Topic	Chapter
Mon 22/Aug 11 Welcome	Fill out survey
Wed 24/Aug 11 Gender	5
Mon 29/Aug 11	
Wed 31/Aug 11 Perspective and Research	Chapter 1 and 2
Mon 05/Sep 11	
Wed 07/Sep 11 Quiz 1	
Mon 12/Sep 11 Female Anatomy	3
Wed 14/Sep 11 Female Anatomy	3
Mon 19/Sep 11 Arousal response	6
Wed 21/Sep 11 Quiz 2	
Mon 26/Sep 11 Male Anatomy	4
Wed 28/Sep 11 Male Anatomy	4
Mon 03/Oct 11 Arousal response	6
Wed 05/Oct 11 Quiz 3	
Mon 10/Oct 11 Communication	7
Wed 12/Oct 11 Communication	7
Mon 17/Oct 11 Sexual Behaviors	8
Wed 19/Oct 11 Behavior?	16
Mon 24/Oct 11 MIDTERM EXAM	FIRST 8 CHAPTERS!!
Wed 26/Oct 11	
Mon 31/Oct 11 Orientation	9
Wed 02/Nov 11 Contraception	10
Mon 07/Nov 11 Conception	11
Wed 09/Nov 11 Quiz 4	
Mon 14/Nov 11 Childhood and Adolescence	12
Wed 16/Nov 11 Sex as we age	13
Mon 21/Nov 11 Quiz 5	
Wed 23/Nov 11 Difficulties	14
Mon 28/Nov 11 STI	15
Wed 30/Nov 11 Quiz 7	
Mon 05/Dec 11 Coercion	17
Wed 07/Dec 11 Sale!	18
Mon 12/Dec 11 Final Exam	
Wed 14/Dec 11 Make_up	