

COURSE OUTLINE

SUMMER SEMESTER

June 23 – August 8, 2009

COURSE: **PSY – 3122B Human Sexual Behaviour**
Monday and Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Room : ART 257

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OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM
LMX 359 (by appointment)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Fundamental questions about human sexual behaviour. Biological bases of human sexuality. Development and manifestations of human sexual behaviour. Sexuality and culture, current trends. (see course description in student calendar).

TEXTBOOK:

Hyde, J., De Lamater, J., & Byers, S.E. (2006). Understanding Human Sexuality (3rd Canadian Ed.). Toronto: McGraw-Hill. Revised custom publication bound for PSY3122 and available at The Agora Bookstore.

Additional documents will be available on Virtual Campus or for purchase at Reprography.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The last day for withdrawal from the course is **July 13th, 2009**.
- There will be **no class on Wednesday July 1st**, because of Canada Day **nor on Monday August 3rd**, because of the Civic Holiday.

COURSE CONTENT:

Definitions and Dimensions of Human Sexuality

Theoretical Perspectives (*Chapter 2*)

Sociocultural and Historical Perspectives (*Chapter 1*)

Sexological Research (*Chapter 3*)

Anatomy (*Chapter 4*)

Physiology of the Sexual Response (*Chapter 9*)

Arousal and Communication (*Chapter 10*)

Challenges to Sexual Functioning (*Chapter 19 pp.503-515*)

Sexual Development in Children and Adolescents (*Chapter 11*)

Adult Sexuality and Relationships (*Chapters 12 – 13*)

Sexual Health Issues (*Chapter 20*)

Sexual Violence (*Chapter 17*)

Diversity of Sexual Behaviour and the Concept of “Normal” (*Chapter 16*)

Variations of Sexual Orientation (*Chapter 15*)

Some of the chapters are to be read on your own and will not be covered in class lectures or presentations. You are responsible for covering the content of the chapters indicated above in order to prepare for exams.

EVALUATION

1. 50% Mid-term Exam: (in class **Wednesday July 15th**)
2. 50% Final Exam (**Saturday August 8th, 1:00-4:00PM** in DMS room 1140)

OR

1. 35% Mid-term Exam
2. 30% Research paper (10 pages, to be handed in Wednesday **August 5th**)
3. 35% Final Exam

Exams: The format for both exams includes a combination of objective (true/false and multiple choice) and short answer questions, with emphasis on objective questions on the mid-term exam and on short answer questions for the final exam.

***I only allow make-up exams in extreme circumstances and in this case, you are required to provide written documentation to support your absence.

Research Paper: The research paper involves choosing a topic of your choice, somehow related to human sexual expression, and elaborating on two aspects of this topic. You are strongly urged to have me your topic before approved you start your research. The research paper is expected to adhere to APA standards and to be approximately 10 typed, double-spaced pages in length. You must include at least 4 research articles in the bibliography along with a photocopy of their original abstract that can be in Appendix. I will schedule a seminar outside of class hours in order to cover the details of the marking scheme. In addition, Mrs André Coté from the MRT library can assist you in finding research articles specific to your topic using the library databases (ex. PsychInfo). If there is enough interest, she could hold a seminar outside of class hours, sometime after the mid-term exam.

Papers are due in class Wednesday August 5th. Papers may be handed in earlier than the due date.

Late papers will be penalized three marks (out of 30) for each day thereafter; however, late papers that exceed the due date beyond 5 days will not be accepted. Please notify me if you think you are going to hand in the paper late. **DO NOT** leave your paper anywhere or with anyone without notice.

I am required to keep a copy of all major assignment for one year. If you would like your graded project returned to you, please submit two copies of it and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Electronic submissions for any required work will not be accepted.