

PSYC 333: Human Sexuality

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Class hours: Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 and Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00

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Textbook (required)

Hyde JS, DeLamater JD, & Byers ES. (2004). *Understanding Human Sexuality*, Second Canadian Edition. Toronto, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Course description

The purpose of this class is to provide students with an overview of typical sexual behavior and its variations. Topics include the history of sex research, sexual anatomy, the sexual response cycle, sexual dysfunction, sex therapy, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Particular attention will be paid to current issues in sex research and theory.

Course format

The course is presented as a series of lectures (two 1 hour 15 minute lectures each week) as outlined below. Please keep in mind that **you are responsible for reading and studying the chapters listed below in their entirety, even if not all the material from the chapters is covered during class time.** Additional readings outside the required text will be assigned for some lectures, including guest lectures. **You are also responsible for reading and studying the articles in their entirety, even if not all the material is covered during class time.** These readings will be available on WebCT. It is strongly recommended that you read the relevant chapters and/or articles before coming to class; this way, you will get much more out of the lectures.

Evaluation

Questions on the exams will be based on the chapters, assigned readings, and lectures, including guest lectures and movies shown during class time. As well, exam questions may be based on questions asked during class. There will be **no** opportunity for extra credit or make-up work.

There will be 2 mid-term examinations (October 11 and November 8) and a final exam that will take place during the final exam period. Each midterm examination is worth 25% of your final grade (total of 50%), and the final is worth 50%. The two midterm exams are **non-cumulative** (i.e., each midterm will be based on material covered only since the last exam). They will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions. The final examination will be **cumulative** (i.e., it will cover material from the whole term), but it will focus mainly on material covered since the second midterm. The final exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions, and a choice of one of two essay questions.

Exam	Date	Material covered	Percent of final grade
Midterm #1	Tuesday October 11, 2005 (in class)	Chapters 1-5, 9, 11, 12 Readings Lectures	25%
Midterm #2	Tuesday November 8, 2005 (in class)	Chapters 7, 8, 10, 13, 20 Readings Lectures	25%
Final exam (cumulative)	Date, time, and location TBA	All material covered on Midterms 1 and 2 with a focus on Chapters 14-19 and readings & lectures from Midterm 2 on	50%

WebCT

All information pertaining to the course (e.g., course outline, contact information, slides of the lectures, assigned readings) will be available on WebCT. It is strongly recommended that you print and bring the slides with you to class to fill in any information. Slides for each class will be available on WebCT by **noon the day before the lecture**.

Missed exam policy

Students will be excused from a midterm or final examination for compassionate reasons; that is, illness, accident, or a death in the family. Students must provide written documentation (e.g., doctor's note) of their excuse. Only in these cases will students be excused from the examination. **In these cases, the remaining exams for the semester will be re-weighted.** Please email me **and** the teaching assistant as soon as possible once you know that you will miss an exam. We are committed to accommodating any student with a legitimate compassionate excuse.

Failure to abide by this policy will result in a grade of **ZERO** for the missed examination.

Students with disabilities

Please visit www.queensu-hclds.org/ or call the Disabilities Services office (533-6467) as soon as possible to fill out the proper forms needed for alternate exam arrangements.

Course syllabus

Date	Lecture Topic	Readings
Tuesday, September 13	Overview and introduction	Chapters 1-2
Thursday, September 15	History of sex: Part I	Chapter 3
Tuesday, September 20	History of sex: Part II	Chapter 3
Thursday, September 22	History of sex research: Part I	Chapter 3
Tuesday, September 27	History of sex research: Part II	Chapter 3
Thursday, September 29	Genital anatomy and sexual response cycles	Chapters 4, 9, 11, and 12
Tuesday, October 4	Variations in genital anatomy	Chapter 5
Thursday, October 6	Guest speaker: Dr. Chalmers <i>Female Genital Mutilation</i>	Readings to be available on WebCT 1. Chalmers B & Omer-Hashi K (2000). 432 Somali women's birth experiences in Canada after earlier female genital mutilation. <i>Birth</i> , 27(4), 227-234. 2. Chalmers B & Omer-Hashi K (2002). What Somali women say about giving birth in Canada. <i>Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology</i> , 20(4), 265-281.
Tuesday, October 11	Midterm 1	
Thursday, October 13	Attraction and Intimacy	Chapter 13 Readings to be available on WebCT TBA
Tuesday, October 18	Guest speakers, Sexual Health Resource Center: <i>Contraception, STDs</i>	Chapters 8 and 20
Thursday, October 20	Guest speakers, Sexual Health Resource Center: <i>Enhancing Sexual Pleasure (aka the "sex toy" lecture)</i>	Chapter 10, pages 252-270

Tuesday, October 25	Communication	Chapter 10, pages 270-284 Readings to be available on WebCT TBA
Thursday, October 27	PBS movie: Life's Greatest Miracle	Chapter 7
Tuesday, November 1	Guest speaker: Dr. Rehman, Department of Psychology <i>Violent Relationships</i>	Readings to be available on WebCT TBA
Thursday, November 3	Normative view of sexuality	Readings to be available on WebCT TBA
Tuesday, November 8	Midterm 2	
Thursday, November 10	Sexual orientations	Chapters 14 and 15
Tuesday, November 15	Guest speaker: Dr. Hird Department of Sociology <i>The sex/gender binary</i>	Readings to be available on WebCT 1. Hird MJ (2000). Gender's nature: Intersexuality, transsexualism, and the sex/gender binary. <i>Feminist Theory</i> , 1(3), 347-364. 2. Hird MJ (2002). Re(pro)ducing sexual difference. <i>Parallax</i> , 8(4), 94-107.
Thursday, November 17	Sexual variations	Chapters 16, 17, and 18
Tuesday, November 22	Sexual dysfunction: Part I	Chapter 19, pages 502-515
Thursday, November 24	Sexual dysfunction: Part II	Chapter 19, pages 502-515
Tuesday, November 29	Sex therapy	Chapter 19, pages 515-531
Thursday, December 1	Vulvar pain	Readings to be available on WebCT TBA

Note: **Chapters 21** (Ethics, Religion, and Sexuality) and **22** (Sexuality Education) are **not** covered in this class and therefore, you are not responsible for reading or studying these chapters. Material from these two chapters will **not** be on the exams.