

**PSYCHOLOGY 2309: HUMAN SEXUALITY**  
FALL 2015/SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

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- Class Meetings: T/Th: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm  
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- Required Text: NONE: Students will be expected to take EXCELLENT notes and will be getting supplemental subject matter from articles provided by the Instructor, or by students (you and your classmates). HOWEVER: It is suggested to follow Wren's lectures through Crooks, Robert and Baur, Karla (2009). Our Sexuality (11<sup>th</sup> Edition) Brooks/Cole Publishing Co.
- Course Description: This course offers a comprehensive and academically sound introduction to the biological, psychosocial, behavioral, and cultural aspects of sexuality. It seeks to aid students in gaining an appreciation for human diversity by becoming aware and appreciating one's own and others' diverse experiences and attitudes on relevant sexual issues.
- Course Objectives: At the end of this course/semester, students will be able to:
1. master a broad and accurate knowledge base about sexuality;
  2. understand the biological basis of sexuality and the complex political, media-related, and ethical issues of sexuality;
  3. understand the various influences on the development of one's sexual knowledge, attitudes, relationships, and behaviors;
  4. demonstrate increased comfort in talking about sex;
  5. integrate knowledge gained from the course lectures, discussions and exercises to articulate current trends, and changes that influence sexual attitudes and values.
- Grading: Grades will be based on:
- 1) a) Attendance & b) Reaction Papers (1/3 grade);
  - 2) Class Presentations (1/3 grade);
  - 3) Mid-Semester Exam and Final Comprehensive Exam (1/3 grade);
- Class participation will be considered for students whose final grade is on the 'cusp' between two major grades.
- Activities Explained:
- 1) a) Attendance: Each class day students will print their own names on the roll sheet that is passed around the class. Attendance is important, so each day you miss, you will be in jeopardy of getting a good.  
b) Reaction Papers: Due every Tuesday. These can be hand-written, but must be legible (I must be able to read it). These are your thoughts about what you learned the previous week. You will not be graded so much on content, as much as it will be on your personal reflection. Please be sure to put your full name & date on each paper.
  - 2) Class Presentation: Each student will participate in student presentations when assigned to do so. Presentations will cover a current peer-reviewed article on Human Sexuality, and can incorporate audio and visual (from Internet or other sources) examples, may include power-point presentations, etc. NO 'X-RATED' films, please. R-rated will be enough. Written summaries will be given to Wren at the start of the presentation. Students will supply copies of the article for Wren and classmates. Copies can be made at the BASS office. Wren will discuss this in further detail in class.
  - 3) Mid-Semester Exam: Tuesday, October 13, 2015, class time and place.
  - 4) Final Exam: Comprehensive. Exact date and time will be announced later.

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