

Psychology 320 01 Human Sexual Behavior

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Text: Carroll, Janell L. (2007). *Sexuality Now: Embracing Diversity* (2nd Ed.).

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to give you a more open awareness of sexuality. We will look at the origins of sexuality, research in the field, and current attitudes that surround this broad topic. There are times when we will touch on subjects as points of reference and other times we will take time to thoroughly delve into the concept. We will look at your personal views on sexuality and also aid in shaping or forming new points within your framework while dispelling myths that you might hold. This course looks at sexuality from many different perspectives: physiological, psychological, historical, etc. This class will take into consideration all points of view and I strongly urge each and every point of view to be respected.

**It is important for me to state that there is material in this course that we will cover that may be offensive to some people. Please know that your continued enrollment in this class indicates that you are aware of this content and you consent to its presentation.

Assignments and Exams: The class will consist of 5 examinations, one short paper assignment, 3-4 pages in length and six critical thinking assignments.

Exams- 60%

Paper- 30%

CT's- 10%

**It is very important that you attend all classes- your participation is key in generating strong classroom discussions. If absence is unavoidable please notify me before your absence and on your return, please make sure that you have assignments ready to hand in. All assignments are due on the dates given (unless otherwise discussed) and points will be deducted for any late work.

Course Schedule:

- 8/19- Ice Breakers
Why a class in Human Sexual Behavior?
Chapter 1- Exploring Human Sexuality: Past and Present
- 8/26- Conclude Chapter 1
Chapter 2
- 9/2- **Exam 1**(on chapters 1,2); Chapter 3

- 9/9- Chapters 4 and 5
- 9/16- Chapter 6
- 9/23- **Exam 2** (on chapters 3, 4, 5); Chapter 7
- 9/30- Chapter 8
- 10/7- **Mid-Term Exam**- Chapters 6, 7, 8
- 10/14- Chapter 9
- 10/21- Chapter 10
- 10/28- **Paper Due**; Chapter 16 and 11
- 11/4- **Exam 4** (on chapters 9, 10, 16 and 11); Chapter 12 and 13
- 11/11- Chapter 14
- 11/18- Chapter 15
- 11/25- Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2- Wrap Up/ Final Thoughts
- 12/9- **Final Exam**- Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15

**Please know that the schedule is subject to changes.