MAST S YLLABUS

(Generic Outline)

Administrative Unit: History & Social Sciences Department

Course Prefix and Number: PSYC 385

Course Title: Human Sexuality

Number of: Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Exploration of sexuality from biological, psychological and social perspectives. Critical issues directly and indirectly associated with sexual behavior are addressed.
Prerequisite: PSYC 101.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): PSYC 101.

Text(s): Most current editions of the following:


Caron, S. L. Sex Matters for College Students. Prentice Hall.

Course Objectives:

• To understand human sexuality from historical and multicultural perspectives.
• To define major theoretical perspectives that influence the scientific study of human sexuality.
• To understand human sexual anatomy and physiology, arousal and response, conception and contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and varieties of sexual life styles, relationships and practices.
• To engage in discourse on gender as it relates to sexuality and society.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:

• Describe and explain the multicultural history of sexuality.
• Understand the significant theoretical perspectives that inform the study of human sexuality.
• Explain the significant research methodologies within the discipline.
• Understand gender, its definition, its role as a master status and the feminist/post structural critique of gender as a construct.
• Recognize anatomical and physiological detail relating to both sexes.
• Differentiate between major theories of love.
• Understand processes of sexual arousal and response.
• Understand processes of conception and childbirth.
• Explain methods of contraception.
• Understand and differentiate between different types of sexually transmitted diseases, the behaviors leading to them and prevention methods.
• Understand the uses and abuses of sexuality in the media and society.
• Recognize paraphilias and the changing nature of social acceptance for abnormal behaviors.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

Students in this course are expected to conduct archival research, write a paper using APA style, and report their research findings to a forum of their peers.

• Multicultural history of sexuality
• Gender issues
• Male anatomy and physiology
• Female anatomy and physiology
• Love and relationships
• Sexual arousal and response
• Conception and child birth
• Developmental aspects of sexuality
• Sexually transmitted diseases
• Contraception
• Paraphilias
• Sex for sale
• homosexuality

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 30

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course's subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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