

**Miami Dade College
Homestead Campus
Social Science Department
SOP 2772
January 8 through April 25, 2008**

Class Day/Time: MWF from 10:00 am to 10:05 am
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course concerns itself with facts, principles, theories and points of view concerning human sexuality including physiological, sociological and psychological perspectives.

Class Rules / Guidelines:

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected in this course just as they are in the world of work. The maximum allowable excused absences are two throughout the term.

1. **ABSENCES:** Roll is taken at the beginning of every class meeting. It is your responsibility to attend class meetings and to arrive on time to be counted on the roll. The student will get a “tardy” if s/he arrives 15 minutes after class started. After 3 tardies, student will get an Absent. NOTICE: IF YOU MISS MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE ABSENCES, (2), YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS BY THE INSTRUCTOR WITHOUT NOTICE.
2. **CELL PHONES/PAGERS/TEXT MESSAGING:** All cell phones, pagers or text messaging devices should be muted or turned off during class. Please do not answer your phone in class or repeatedly leave class to answer your phone/send a text message.
3. **IF YOU ARE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS:** If you are dropped from this class by the instructor or for non-payment of student fees, you will no longer be allowed to attend the class. You will also not receive a grade for the class and the instructor will not accept your assignments, papers, or tests.

If you are dropped from the class and wish to re-enroll, you must do so BEFORE YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CLASS. You must provide proof of registration and payment of fees from the Registration Office before the instructor will let you attend the class.

TO RECEIVE A GRADE IN THE CLASS, YOU MUST BE PROPERLY ENROLLED BY NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE TERM.

4. **LATE/MISSED WORK:** You are responsible for submitting work by the due date/time. The instructor may impose a penalty for work submitted late. If you should miss class due to an absence or from being temporarily dropped from the course, you (not the instructor) are solely responsible for making up the work/ material/tests missed. The instructor is not responsible for reminding you about missing work/test.

Unless an incomplete is arranged through the instructor, ALL COURSEWORK IS DUE BY THE END OF THE ACADEMIC TERM. WORK SUBMITTED AFTER THE END OF THE TERM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

5. **PLAGIARISM/CHEATING:** Cheating is the deliberate act of receiving unfair assistance or help on a test or assignment or the submission of someone else’s work as your own. Should an instructor determine that a student has plagiarized or cheated on an assignment, you will receive a grade of zero for the work and not be allowed to make-up the grade. The student may also be referred to the Dean of Student’s Office for disciplinary action.

6. **INCOMPLETE GRADE FOR THE COURSE:** Instructors and the department will only consider issuing a grade of “I” or incomplete if the student has satisfied the majority of required work in the class, has faithfully attended the class, and has an extremely extenuating circumstance. An Incomplete Agreement Form must be completed by the student and signed by the instructor if the incomplete is deemed valid. Students who are past due on assignments/tests/papers or who have exceeded the allowable number of absences are usually not granted the opportunity to do an incomplete.

NOTICE: A STUDENT HAS ONE SEMESTER TO SETTLE THE INCOMPLETE OR THE FINAL GRADE ASSIGNED WILL BE AN “F.” The instructor is not responsible for reminding the student about the incomplete.

7. **EXTRA CREDIT:** The instructor may only grant extra credit opportunities to the entire class. No student will be allowed an extra credit opportunity any different than what has been offered to the entire class. Please do not ask for special exceptions.

8. **REQUEST FOR CHANGING A FINAL GRADE:** Final course grades are only changed for two reasons:

- Changing from an incomplete or “I” to a final grade, or
- Due to a grade calculation error by the instructor.

Remember, the instructor cannot curve or adjust a student’s grade for any personal reasons. Nor can the instructor accept work submitted after a term has ended unless the student has received permission to do an incomplete and the proper paperwork has been filed in advance with the department.

9. **DISRUPTING CLASS:** Any student who intentionally disrupts the teaching/learning process or who acts in a disrespectful, threatening, or intimidating way toward the instructor will be asked to leave the class. Campus Security will be called if the student refuses to leave. The student will be referred to the Dean of Students and must receive his approval before returning to class.

Any student who deliberately causes a class to be cancelled due to his/her inappropriate actions will be immediately reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. An inquiry may be made by the academic department and the responsible student may face suspension or expulsion.

10. **INSTRUCTOR COMPLAINT PROCESS:** Should a student have an academic grievance against the instructor, he/she should follow these steps:

- Try to address and resolve the problem with the instructor first.
- Make an appointment with the Chair of Social Sciences, Dr. Lee Thomas to try and resolve the issue. The Chair will consult with the faculty member, the student, and the Dean of Academic Affairs in reaching a decision.
- If the student feels that his/her problem has not been addressed adequately by the instructor or department, he/she may contact the Dean of Academic Affairs.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Textbook:
Kelly, Gary F. Sexuality today, Eighth Ed..

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: There will be two required tests. Each test will count for 20% of your grade. There will be no make-up tests. At the end of the week we will go through the chapter’s summary.

Every student should prepare it before coming to class. If the student does not do it, there will be a minus (-) mark on the grading page. This will decrease the participation grade for the student. Three minus (-) marks will amount to an "F". There will be two group projects to be performed (which are explained on a separate page.) These will count for 20% of your grade. The remaining 40% of your grade will be based on your class participation. Personal portfolios consist of a career research paper (explained separately). There will be two student's contribution articles that will have to do with the class topic. Student will have to bring the article and comment on it and give their opinion. This will be a part of the participation grade.

Students are expected to have read the relevant chapter before coming to class, regardless of whether they were present or not the class before. Failure to do so will result on an "F".

GRADING: The grade you earn in this class is based on a combination of test scores, written assignment and class participation.

Test #1: Chapters 1-9
Test #2: Chapters 10-18

Test #1:	20%
Test #2:	20%
Participation:	40%
Projects:	20%
Total:	100%

GRADING SCALE:

90-100% = A 80-89 % = B 70-79% = C 60-69% = D 0 -59% = F

Course Content and Reading Assignments:

Any changes to this schedule is at the teacher's discretion.

Jan 7, 9, 11	Class Introduction, Course Requirements, Attendance, Academic Honesty. List areas where you may need assistance.
Jan 14, 16, 18	Chapter 1: and Chapter 2 Female Sexual Anatomy
Jan 21, 23, 25	Preparation of chapters 3 and 4
Jan 28, 30, Feb 1	Chapter 5 Developmental and Social Perspectives on Gender
Feb 4, 6, 8	Chapter 6 - Sexuality in Infancy, Childhood and adolescence -
Feb. 11, 13, 15	Chapter 7. Adult Sexuality and Relationships Chapter 8 - Sexual Individuality and Sexual Values.
Feb. 18, 20, 22	Chapter 9 - Sexuality, Communication and Relationships Review and Midterm
Feb. 25, 27, 29	Chapter 10 - Reproduction, Reproductive Technology and Birthing (Students ' contribution) .
Mar. 3, 5, 7	Chapter 11 - Decision Making about Pregnancy and Parenthood – Student contribution
Mar. 10, 12, 14	Chapter 12 – Solitary and Shared Sex and Chapter 13 – Sexual Orientation, Identity and Behavior
Mar. 17, 19, 21	Chapter 14 - The Spectrum of Human Sexual Behavior Chapter 15 – Sex, Art, the Media and the Law
Mar. 24, 26, 28	Chapter 16 – Sexual Consent, Coercion, Rape and Abuse
Mar 31, Apr 2, 4	Chapter 17 – Sexually transmitted diseases
Apr 7, 9, 11	Chapter 18 – Sexual Dysfunctions and their treatment
Apr. 14, 16, 18	Review and Final Test, Chapters 10 through 18
Apr 21, 23, 25	Questions and comments.

No food, drinks or chewing gum in the classroom, please.
