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ANTH 265.01: Human Sexuality

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Human Sexuality

Anthropology 265
MWF 1:10—2:00 SS 352
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Course Description:

The focus of this class is the study of human sexuality from an anthropological perspective. We will examine the evolutionary and biological backdrop of human sexuality, and its cultural variation across different societies. The goal is to help students place their own sexuality and that of others in a broader perspective. This course assumes no prior background knowledge in its fields of study; it fulfills the “N” natural sciences general education perspective. It is a cross-listed course in Biology, Anthropology and Women’s Studies. It is required for some majors in the Pharmacy School, and is optional for Anthropology, Biology and the Women’s and Gender Studies minor.

Things you Need to Know:

Readings:

King, Bruce. 2001. *Human Sexuality Today* (Fourth Edition), Prentice Hall.

Chapters on reserve and ERES in library (listed in schedule below).

Evaluation:

Grades are based on a quiz, two midterm exams and a final exam (the final is on Monday, May 10). There is also an optional writing assignment for extra credit. **You will need a scantron to take the quiz and all exams.** The multiple choice quiz is worth 10% of your grade. The multiple choice midterms are worth 30% (each) of your overall grade. The final exam will focus on the last 1/3 of the class, and will be worth 30% of your overall grade. Final grades for the course depend on an overall cumulative score: 100%-90% = A, 89%-80 = B, 79-70% = C, 69-60% = D, 59-0% = F.

Optional Writing Assignment:

Students opting for extra credit will each write a 2-page essay on a topic on human sexuality, using the online ethnographic Human Resources Area Files (HRAF). A handout with details on those topics will be available in mid-February.

The extra credit writing assignment must be typed and proofread, and can be submitted at any time up until May 1. **Extra credit assignments will under no circumstances be accepted after May 1.** Students may submit only one extra credit assignment. Satisfactory completion of the writing assignment may increase your final grade by 5 points. Criteria for “satisfactory” are

described in the writing assignment handout. All writing assignments will be checked for plagiarism from web sources using software specifically designed for this purpose.

Rescheduled exams policy:

Sickness, family emergency, participation in University of Montana athletic competitions, or conflicts with other course exams are legitimate reasons to miss lecture or to request rescheduling an exam. Except in case of emergency, students missing exams must reschedule them in advance. Students rescheduling exams must document their absence with appropriate documentation. Rescheduled exams must occur within 1 week of the scheduled exam. Students who do not follow these guidelines will receive an F on the exam in question.

Attendance/Other:

Attendance, questions, and in-class discussion at all lectures is encouraged. Exam questions will be drawn from lecture material (some of which will not be in the reading) and from films, guest lectures, and assigned readings. There will always be an opportunity to ask questions in lecture, after class, in office hours, or by appointment with Kimber, Garry, or Allison.

Please show consideration for fellow classmates, and do not leave lecture early, or otherwise disrupt the class.

Please turn off your cell phones before class starts. If cell phones become a problem during lectures, the 'cell-phone quiz policy' will go into effect. This policy goes as follows: any time a cell phone rings, the entire class will take an impromptu quiz. This will shift the grading in class to include midterms, final and quizzes at the discretion of the instructors.

Schedule:

Week of:	Topic:	Reading:	Notes:
January 26 th — 30 th	Introduction of instructors	Do Human Sexuality Quiz pg. 3 King	
	Background	Lightfoot-Klein Chapter (<i>on reserve</i>)	<i>Guest:</i> Steven Kaputa
	Theoretical perspectives	King Chapter 1, 1 st half	
February 2 nd — 6 th	Studying/Teaching Sex	King Chapter 9	<i>Guests:</i> Jon Berg and Gary Swant, MT State Abstinence-only Program
February 9 th — 13 th	Anthropology of Sexuality – cross cultural variation in marriage and sexual practices	King Chapter 1, 2 nd half Currier Chapter (<i>on reserve</i>) Frayser Chapter (<i>on reserve</i>)	<i>Film:</i> World Without Husbands or Fathers Quiz on Friday February 13th

February 16th—
20th Sex and Gender:
Cultural Perspectives King Chapter 10
Coleman et al
Chapter
(on reserve) No class Monday Feb. 16th:
President's Day
Guest: Wilma Jean

February 23rd—
27th Sexual Orientation:
Cultural Perspectives
and Variations King Chapter 11
Blackwood Chapter
(on reserve) *Guests: Lambda Alliance (25th)*

March
1st—5th Attractiveness

Mate Choice Burnham and
Phelan Chapter
(on reserve) *Film: Killing us Softly 3*
First exam on Friday March 5th

March
8th—12th More on mate choice King Chapter 14
Film: The Biology of Love
Guests: Futures
NCHA survey

March
15th—19th Biological Basis of
Sexual Reproduction King Chapter 2

Humans and Non-
Humans: Taxonomic
Variation de Waal Chapter
(on reserve)

March
22th—26th Reproductive
Anatomy and
Copulation King Chapter 3

Hormones and
Pheromones

March 29th—
April 2nd Spring Break this Week!

April 5 th —9 th	Sexuality and the Human Life Cycle	Winn and Newton Chapter <i>(on reserve)</i> King Chapter 12	<i>Guests:</i> Curry Health Center Health Enhancement Program
April 12 th —16 th	Reproductive health	King Chapter 5	Second exam on Monday April 12th <i>Guests:</i> Missoula AIDS Council
April 19 th —23 rd	Reproductive Technologies	King Chapter 7	<i>Guests:</i> Planned Parenthood
April 26 th —30 th	Sexuality and Health Sexual Violence	King Chapter 15 Sanday Chapter <i>(on reserve)</i>	<i>Guests:</i> SARS
May 3 rd —7 th	Incest Taboo Review	King Chapter 17 Gregerson Chapter <i>(on reserve)</i>	
May 10 th —14 th	Finals Week	Final covers all chapters covered since 2 nd midterm	Final Exam is on Monday May 10 th , 3:20—5:20, SS 352