

Course	COUN 5560 Human Sexuality
Term, Day, Time	Spring 2, 2010 – Saturday #2 8:00am-5:00pm 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/8 (1pm – 5pm)
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Catalog Description/ Content Area	This course defines and examines the theories of human sexuality including the physiological, psychological, and sociocultural variables associated with sexual identity, behavior, and disorders. Human sexuality theory in relation to couple’s counseling is also examined. Content Areas: human growth and development, helping relationships, social and cultural diversity
Learning and Skills Outcome Objectives	<i>Upon successful completion of this class students will be able to:</i> 1. Demonstrate understanding of their personal attitudes, beliefs, and understandings about human sexual behavior. 2. Demonstrate understanding of the socio-cultural factors related to sexual functioning. 3. Demonstrate understanding of the clinical and ethical implications related to counseling clients with sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and AIDS. 4. Distinguish between sexual deviance, sexual dysfunction, and responsible sexual expression.
Materials	Hyde, J. S. & DeLamater, J. D. (2008). Understanding Human Sexuality with Student CD ROM and PowerWeb. (10th Edition). New York: McGraw Hill College. ISBN# 0-07-338262-0 To Order Textbooks go to the local website at www.webster.edu/jack and click on Order Textbooks. Note: Textbooks should be ordered 2 weeks prior to class to ensure delivery.
Methods of Learning	Students will learn through a variety of methods which include, but are not limited to lecture, text readings, discussion, field research, presentations, and case histories.

Grading	Assignments	Maximum Points
	In Class Presentation	20 Points
	• Field Research / Interview	10 Points
	Four Articles	40 Points
	Final Exam	30 Points
	TOTAL	100 Points

Letter grades will be assigned pursuant to the following scores based on the percent of the total possible points (weighted according to the scale above) that you earned in the course.

Percentage of Total Points	Grade
95%-100%	A
90%-94%	A-
88%-89%	B+
84%-87%	B
80%-83%	B-
70%-79%	C
Below 70%	F

The Graduate catalogue provides these guidelines and grading option: Grades in the program are A, A-, B, B-, C, F, CR, I, ZF, and W

- A/A- Superior graduate work
- B+/B/B- Satisfactory graduate work
- C Marginal work
- F Unsatisfactory work
- CR Credit given for practica/internships
- I Incomplete work
- ZF Permanent grade for unfinished incomplete grade which treated as an F
- W Withdrawn from the course

The grading of this course has a subjective component that is based upon the experience of the instructor. The Counseling faculty recognizes that counseling skills and counselor effectiveness cannot be assessed in the same manner as academic performance in other disciplines. Students completing this course should *demonstrate marked progress toward the course objectives* as noted above as well as be able to write coherently and interact professionally with peers. Your final grade in this course will reflect *not only your academic performance but also your interpersonal skill development as*

	<p><i>evaluated by the instructor.</i> For example, it is possible to excel academically and receive a final grade less than an A or B. Thus, all grades will reflect a combination of <i>objective and subjective</i> assessment.</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p><u>Research Components</u></p> <p>Class Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the first class, students will be assigned a specific topic to make an in-class presentation. This will include providing a presentation outline and reference list for each class member as well as facilitating a class discussion. Students should demonstrate an understanding of the important psychological, socio-cultural, legal and ethical considerations. You will present a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation. A topic may either be selected from the list below or an alternative topic may be suggested for instructor approval. No duplication of topics will be allowed. You will be evaluated on your presentation knowledge and your ability to generate a class discussion through questions and answers. Potential topics could include; sex toys, pornography, transsexuals, sexual assault, masturbation, homosexuality, sexuality and disabled clients, treatment of sex offenders, sex and drugs, impotence, sexual sadism, bondage and discipline, sex workers, Anonymous sex incest, monogamy cybersex, partnerships and illness, sexual addiction, cancer and its impact on sexual functioning etc. • Please provide enough copies of handouts to provide one to each student in class. <p>Interview Paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this course you will conduct an interview to broaden your understanding of how attitudes, behaviors and general information regarding human sexuality and its availability have changed over the years. Interview someone from a different generation than your own regarding their experiences acquiring information about sex and some of their related experiences (parent, grandparent, etc.). Only interview someone with whom you share a reciprocal comfort level. Interview questions will be provided by instructor. <p>Articles and Reflection Paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four response papers to articles you find about sexual health based on the following requirements. These can be articles from newspapers, magazines, and journals. Please use only scholarly journals/articles. You will need to turn in a copy of each article with each response paper you write. The paper should provide an overview of the article, a personal assessment of the accuracy of the article and your personal opinion about the information. All articles used to complete the papers need to be from 2007-2010. These papers are to be 2-3 pages typed not including the cover page. • Article #1 on advertising and media’s influence on sexual health • Article #2 on sexual health issues affecting those in their teens and

twenties.

- Article #3 on sexual issues affecting older adults.
- Article #4 on new sexual health discoveries, technologies, treatments.

Final Exam

- The final exam will be essay questions.

Class Participation and Attendance:

- Students are expected to attend all class sessions of every course for the full 36 contact hours. In the case of unavoidable absence, the student must contact the instructor. The student is subject to appropriate academic penalty for incomplete or unacceptable makeup work, or for excessive or unexcused absences. Generally, a student who misses more than one four-hour course period (per course) without a documented military or medical excuse and advanced permission of the instructor should withdraw from the class. The University reserves the right to involuntarily drop enrolled students from classes, which they do not attend. **PLEASE BE ADVISED: Students who do not attend the first class session, who have not made prior arrangements with the instructor for being absent, will be dropped from their courses.**
- Attendance the last day of class is mandatory to ensure that all work is completed and to be awarded a passing grade. An Incomplete will not be acceptable without documental proof (Death Notice, Doctor's Letter, etc.) as to absence relating to non-completion of class work. These must be faxed 904-262-1459 or dropped off to Webster University by the Monday after the term ends.
- Participants are expected to arrive on time and be actively involved in the learning experience. Each student should desire to learn, participate, and proactively contribute to the learning of others during each discussion and exercise.
- Students are to participate in classroom discussions. The discussions are an opportunity for students to reveal their understanding of the assignments made for the current and previous classes.
- Assignments are given to prepare the student to participate in class discussions; therefore, it is imperative that reading assignments and associated questions for discussion be completed prior to class.
- A maximum of 10 points will be awarded based on the level and quality of participation and preparation.
- Failure to turn in an assignment within one week will result in a grade of "0" for that assignment. In addition, failure to submit an assignment will lower the final grade by an additional two points.
- All assignments are due as detailed in the Weekly Schedule.
- Late assignments will be accepted, if they are turned in **no later** than one week later, but will be penalized one letter grade. Furthermore, late assignments will lower the student's final grade by an additional one point.
- Late assignments will not be accepted for the final assignments the last week of the course to allow timely completion and grades to be

	submitted.
Policy Statements: University Policies	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p><u>Academic Honesty</u> The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p><u>Drops and Withdrawals</u> Be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals in the Graduate Studies Catalogue to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p><u>Special Services</u> If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p><u>Conduct:</u> Students enrolling in a degree program at Webster University assume the obligation of conducting themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an education institution. Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline may be divided into the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All forms of dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University. 2. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities or of other authorized activities on University premises. 3. Classroom disruption. Behavior occurring within the academic arena, including but not limited to classroom disruption or obstruction of teaching, is within the jurisdiction of Academic Affairs. In case of alleged campus and/or classroom disruption or obstruction, a faculty member and/or administrator may take immediate action to restore order and/or to prevent further disruption (e.g. removal of student[s] from class or other setting). Faculty members have original jurisdiction to address the immediacy of a situation, as they deem appropriate. When necessary and appropriate, Public Safety and/or the local [or military] police may be contacted to assist with restoring peace and order. Faculty response is forwarded to the academic dean (or his or her designee) for review and, if necessary, further action. Further action might include permanent removal from the course. Repeated offenses

	<p>could lead to removal from the program and/or the University.</p> <p>4. Theft of or damage to property of the University. Students who cheat or plagiarize may receive a failing grade for the course in which the cheating or plagiarism took place.</p> <p>Students who engage in any of the above misconducts may be subject to dismissal from the University on careful consideration by the executive vice president of the University or his designee. To the extent that penalties for any of these misconducts (e.g. theft or destruction of property) are prescribed by law, the University will consider appropriate action under such laws.</p> <p>Students are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and Judicial Procedure described in the Online Student Handbook and the Student Handbook for Counselor Education.</p>
<p>Course Policies</p>	<p>Course Requirements:</p> <p><u>Self-Awareness, Safety of Disclosure, Appropriate Interpersonal Skills and ACA Code of Ethics:</u></p> <p>In the interaction between class members, self-disclosure and personal examination will occur. All interactions fall under the same umbrella of confidentiality as do client/counselor relationships, i.e., what is discussed in the class stays in the class and is not discussed with other students outside of the course or friends. Any violations of the ethical standards will be dealt with accordingly. Maintaining confidentiality is the primary ethical principle of counselors. If a student fails to maintain the confidentiality of clients or classmates, the student risks a failing grade in the course. In addition, the instructor will refer the breach of confidentiality to the Counseling Advisory Committee for disciplinary action of the student.</p> <p>We will be learning from each other in addition to the text throughout the semester. Therefore, it is important that everyone feels safe, comfortable, and free to discuss and elaborate on their thoughts around their developing knowledge and skills. In class, it is important for each of us to be respectful of one another's positions; relating to others in an empathic manner occurs in class <i>just as with clients</i>. You are encouraged to make your feelings and thoughts known, yet, to do so in a "counselor manner", i.e., respecting the position of listener while giving voice to your thoughts and using your budding counselor attending skills. This is an opportunity for you to practice and evidence your basic skills of empathy, warmth, genuineness, and congruence by communicating in a manner consistent with a good counselor. The building of trusting alliances with your classmates is as important as doing so with your clients. Therefore, you will be practicing some of the same skills when participating in class as in counseling sessions with your clients one day.</p> <p>Further, openness to supervision and instruction by the instructor can become an issue for some students and is, therefore, emphasized here. Openness to supervision is defined as: accepting supervision—both</p>

individual and in class; recognizing your own personal strengths, weaknesses, biases, needs, and beliefs; sensing personal and professional impact on others, both positive and negative; accepting and applying feedback from instructor; seeking out needed experiences, feedback, etc., in a proactive way; and accepting feedback in a non-defensive manner with a professional attitude.

Students who do not evidence openness to supervision and or appropriate interpersonal skills are subject to remediation by the Counseling Advisory Committee at the campus. See the student handbook and or catalog for further detail.

ACA Code of Ethics (2005)

Counselors-in-training have a responsibility to understand and follow the ACA Code of Ethics and adhere to applicable laws, regulatory policies, and rules and policies governing professional staff behavior at the agency or placement setting. Students have the same obligation to clients as those required of professional counselors.

(See C.1., H.1.)

Cell Phones

Turn off all cell phones during class unless otherwise advised by the instructor.

Academic Integrity

All of your work in this class should be original to you and to this class. You are expected to explore, analyze, and discuss the ideas of others, but you must give them proper credit through citations and references. You may continue to explore an area of interest, but you must do new or additional research and writing.

Recycling papers from other coursework is not acceptable.

According to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2001), plagiarism involves presenting the work of another as if it were your own work. It is very important that you give appropriate credit to others when you use their work. If you paraphrase someone else's work, you must also give them credit with a citation.

All students are expected to know what constitutes plagiarism and to avoid committing plagiarism in their written work. Plagiarism will not be excused by ignorance on the student's part. If you believe that you do not have a clear understanding of plagiarism, see your instructor immediately and before any written work is turned in.

Course Attendance:

The University reserves the right to drop students who do not attend class the first two weeks of the term/semester. Absences will result in a significant loss of learning, which will not be recouped through borrowing a classmate's notes. **Students are expected to attend all class sessions of**

every course. It is expected that you will come to class having completed the reading assignments and will ask questions and participate in all activities. You may also be asked to self-disclose in a training environment.

The student is subject to appropriate academic penalty for incomplete or unacceptable makeup work, or for excessive or unexcused absences. See *Grading* for further information.

Course Contact Hours:

Unless a course has enrolled fewer than four students, faculty have a contractual obligation to meet the full complement of contact/meeting hours (32 for undergraduate courses; 36 for graduate courses). Not to meet this full complement of hours may be construed as a breach of contract and may also endanger Webster University's accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission and membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and its licensure by the State of Florida. Finally, course meetings which are missed for any reason must be made up.

DETERMINATION OF GRADES IS BASED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

Minimum Requirements:

Products (papers, case studies, projects) must be on time, in the correct format, corrected for spelling and grammar, appropriate materials included and referenced to-the-point and on topic and conclusions must be supported.

Examinations must be complete, accurate, neat, evidence clear thought, and exhibit concise and to-the-point responses.

Behavior in class discussions and group activities should be responsible, should exhibit open communication, be constructive, and helpful.

Mastery Level (Grade of "B"): Professional Achievement

Products must meet the requirements stated above for minimum requirements and additionally meet professional criteria. For example, documentation should be included to support research papers, the APA format should be used consistently throughout the paper, and substantially more than the minimum number of references should be included. Presentations should be logical, organized, and comprehensive.

Examinations should be organized, in depth, comprehensive, logical and complete, and evidence thorough understanding of the subject /topic through application of principles.

Classroom behavior should exhibit very focused activity and thought on the subject at hand, be motivated, and assist in discovery of new insights and relationships concerning the subject/topic of discussion.

Mastery Level Plus (Grade of "A"): Creative Achievement

Products must meet all requirements stated above and additionally meet creative criteria. These criteria include unique topic or subject selection,

	<p>synthesis of ideas, evaluation of subject matter and positions found in the literature, be creative in approach, establish new relationships with ideas and provide new insights.</p> <p>Examination responses indicate insightfulness of understanding, a synthesis of information and unique ideas, and rationale for application of principles following careful analysis.</p> <p>Classroom behavior should exhibit very focused activity and thought on the subject at hand, be motivated, and assist in discovery of new insights and relationships concerning the subject/topic of discussion.</p> <p>The grade of “A” represents the best work of students, accomplished in a unique and professional manner.</p> <p>Note: To achieve the objectives of this course, this syllabus may be revised at the discretion of the instructor without prior notification or consent of the student.</p>	
Weekly Schedule		<p>Pre-Assignments for Session 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 1, 3, 4 & 5 • Be prepared to share with the class a discussion on reasons why people study sexuality. • Find an article in the popular press that addresses sexuality. Bring the article to class (along with publication source and date) and be prepared to share the main points in 2-3 minute discussion.
	Session 1	<p>A.M. Session (8-NOON) THEME: Perspectives on Sexuality Topics: History of Sexuality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters 1 & 3 • Overview of the course requirements and scoring criteria • Discussion on why people study sexuality • The History and Understanding of sexuality
	Session 2	<p>P.M. Session (1-5PM) THEME: Issues in Sex Research Topics: History of Sex Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Kinsey’s Research • The Major Sex Surveys • Milestones in Sex Research <p>Assignments for Sessions 3 &4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 6, 7, 9, & 10 • Prepare In-class presentation

	Session 3	<p>A.M. Session (8-NOON) THEME: Conception, Pregnancy and Childbirth Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Presentations Begin • Stages of Pregnancy • Effects of Substances During Pregnancy • Contraception • Postpartum Period <p>Assignments for Session 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 9 & 10 • Prepare In-class presentation
	Session 4	<p>P.M. Session (1-5PM) THEME: Sexuality and the Life Cycle Topics: What sexual developments face young adults and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexuality in Childhood • How Sexuality influences Development • Sexuality in adulthood • Presentations <p>Assignments for Sessions 5 & 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 11, 13, & 14 • Prepare In-class presentation
	Session 5	<p>A.M. Session (8-NOON) THEME: Love and Communication Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining Intimacy • Theories of Love • Communications in Relationships • Presentations
	Session 6	<p>P.M. Session (1-5PM) THEME: Sexuality Orientation Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitudes • Sexual Orientation • Mental Health • Presentations <p>Assignments for Sessions 7 & 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 15, 16, 17, & 18 • Prepare In-class presentation

	Session 7	A.M. Session (8-NOON) THEME: Coercion Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormal Sexual Behavior • Impact of Sexual Coercion • Presentations • Prevention of Sexual Variations • Treatment of Sexual Variations
	Session 8	P.M. Session (1-5PM) THEME: Sexual Disorders Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Disorders/Types/Causes • Therapies • STD's • Presentations • The role of early abuse • Research topics/Discussion Assignments for Session : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare In-class presentation
	Session 9	P.M. Session (1-5PM) THEME: Sexual Disorders and Therapy – continued Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of sexual disorders • Therapies • Presentations • Closing Remarks

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