

Biology 207.50 – Human Sexuality, Spring 2021

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Required Synchronous Meeting: M 4:00 – 4:50 pm

Zoom link: <https://millersville.zoom.us/j/99409708668>

Office Hours: M 11 am – 1 pm; W 11 am – noon; T/R 3 pm – 4 pm.

If you would like to meet with me via Zoom please contact me via email. My preferred meeting times are during office hours, but I am also willing to schedule appointments outside that time.

Zoom Office Link: <https://millersville.zoom.us/j/9166519846>

Required Text: LeVay S, Baldwin J, Baldwin J. 2018. Discovering Human Sexuality 4th ed. ISBN 978-1605356693. (the third edition is okay)

Companion Website: <https://oup-arc.com/access/levay-dhs-4e>

Objectives: The aim of this course is to provide non-biologists with a basic understanding of the biology of human sexuality including the anatomy and physiology of sex and sexual reproduction in humans. This course will also explore the interface between the biological and social aspects of sex and sexuality. As part of our examination of human sexuality topics such as gender, homosexuality, contraception, pornography, forcible sexual acts, and sexually transmitted diseases will be covered. Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- 1) Describe the anatomy and physiology of the male and female reproductive systems
- 2) Describe the events of conception, pregnancy and childbirth
- 3) Recognize and understand how to use all forms of contraception
- 4) Recognize all forms and expressions of gender and sexuality
- 5) Describe human sexual behaviors and understand the relationship between these behaviors and social context

Note: This course contains content and language that is of an explicit sexual nature. Visual materials depicting nudity, sexual situations, explicit language, and other mature content is part of this course. It is expected that all material will be approached in a strictly academic manner and with appropriate respectfulness.

Pronouns and Preferred Names: Please let me know if you have a preferred name or preferred pronouns. I will try to use gender-neutral pronouns; however, societal gender constructs are hard to overcome. Forgive me if I use the wrong pronoun, and don't hesitate to politely correct me.

Attendance and participation:

You must attend *and participate* in all Zoom meetings. These will be 50 minute sessions, Mondays from 4:00 – 4:50 pm. Most discussions will be used to review expectations for assignments and are an opportunity to ask questions, but some will be open discussion on topics pertinent to human sexuality.

- Your participation will be assessed via visual contact with you on the Zoom, verbal participation in the class, or written participation via chat.
- You may not participate in class while driving a vehicle. This is a dangerous practice and will be considered an unexcused absence.

Excused Absences: If you have a valid excuse for not attending class or completing assignments contact me immediately. Documentation of your excused absence will be required.

MU Class Attendance Policy:

<https://www.millersville.edu/about/administration/policies/pdf/academics/academic-policy-ud-class-attendance.pdf>

Your Grade will be based on the following:

Attendance and Participation: 130 points

Attendance at weekly synchronous meetings is required. As life is uncertain, I will drop one unexcused absence.

Weekly Quizzes: 260 points

Each week you will take a 20 pt. quiz on the content covered in that weeks lecture and textbook reading. Quizzes will open at 6 am on Tuesday and close at 10 pm. You must take the quiz within the available timeframe; quizzes will NOT be reopened if you fail to complete the quiz within the assigned timeframe.

Research Topic Selection: 10 points

You must sign up for one of the Research Topics by Friday February 5th at 4:00 pm

Writing a Research Paper Worksheet: 15 points

In order to ensure that you understand the expectations for writing a research paper you must access and review all of the material in the Research Paper module. Once you have reviewed this information you will be able to access and complete the 'Writing a Research Paper Worksheet' due Friday February 12th at 4:00 pm.

Presentation: 50 points

You will prepare a 5 - 7 minute presentation on your research topic. Presentations are due Friday March 5th at 4:00 pm

Research Paper: 150 points

You will select a topic from the "Research Paper Topics" and write a 6-page research paper on that topic. You must utilize and cite at least 3 peer-reviewed sources for your paper. In addition to the 6 pages of your research paper you will include a literature cited page which identifies at least 3 peer reviewed sources used in your research. Your research will be the foundation for your presentation. Papers are due Friday March 19th at 4:00 pm.

Presentation Critiques: 30 points

You will each watch 3 presentations and complete a written critique for each presentation. You may not critique your own presentation. Critiques are due Friday March. 26th at 4:00 pm.

Book Review Worksheet: 10 pts.

In order to ensure that you are familiar with the expectations for writing a book report you will review all the content in the Book Review module and complete the 'Book Review Worksheet' due Friday April 9th at 4:00 pm.

Book Review: 50 points

You will read a book on a topic relevant to human sexuality. After reading the book you will prepare a 4 page review of this book (~1000 words). Your book review is due Friday April 16th at 4:00 pm.

Revision of Papers: points will vary

You have the option of revising either your research paper or your book review to improve your grade. Revisions must show significant improvement from the original. If you choose to revise one of your papers you can regain up to 30% of the points missed on your first version.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will be accepted, but subject to a penalty of 10% of total points for each calendar day an assignment is late after the due date.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

A = 93 – 100%

A- = 90 – 92%

B+ = 87 – 89%

B = 83 – 86%

B- = 80 – 82%

C+ = 77 – 79%

C = 73 – 76%

C- = 70 – 72%

D = 60 – 69%

F = less than 60%