Syllabus: SOCI-2306 - Human Sexuality-IN

Syllabus for Human Sexuality - Fall 2006

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND FULLY. IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PRINT IT OUT, SO YOU WILL HAVE IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU IN CASE YOU NEED TO REFER BACK TO IT.

Quick overview of course: 1) 3 assignments for each chapter; 2) 4 exams; 3) 1 paper - all information regarding the course is listed below

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Class: Human Sexuality 2306 IN POS
Time: Internet
Office Location: Alvin Community College/Pearland College Center
Office hours: I will check my WebCT email at least once a day Monday-Friday. You should have a response from me within 48 hours Monday-Friday by 5pm. If you email me something after 5pm on Friday, you will not have a response until Monday. The best way to get in touch with me would be through WebCT email or at telliott@alvincollege.edu
Telephone: My telephone number at ACC is 281-756-3724 – Patty Balderas will take a message and give it to me.

Course Description: This course involves the study of the psychological, sociological and physiological aspects of human sexuality. Emphasis will be placed on awareness of one's own sexuality and adaptation and on the interpersonal aspects of sexuality. Other classes ACC offers in Sociology are Introductory Sociology, Marriage and the Family, Minority Studies, Social Problems, Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, and Drug Use and Abuse. This course is divided into four sections with an exam after each one. As an internet class, you are responsible for the material from the book and WebCT assignments. Alvin Community College now offers an Associates Degree in both Sociology and Psychology. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these plans and I would be happy to help you.

Required Text: Human Sexuality - Diversity in Contemporary America - 5th ed. by Strong, DeVault, Sayad, and Yarber - available at the bookstore. Please make sure that the code is with your book (if it comes with one) before you leave the bookstore. They are very strict on their return policy. If you buy the wrong book, they may not take it back and there is nothing I can do about that.

Cheating and Plagiarism: Alvin Community College prohibits cheating and plagiarism. If you are caught you will be punished according to Alvin Community College policy.

Alvin Community College offers assistance to physically challenged and learning disabled students. Please call me if you need any assistance.
Course Requirements: This course consists of class assignments through WebCT, four exams, and a paper.

Grading: Class assignments will be worth 54 points, exams will be worth 9.0 points each, and the paper is worth 10 points. That is a total of 100 points. If you do every class assignment by the due date and there is not a problem with them, you will receive 1 point for each one. You are responsible for knowing if you have turned in all of your assignments. There is now a column per assignment under the grading section to help you to help you keep track of what you have turned in. If you have any questions about that, I will be happy to answer them. Exam grades are calculated as follows: If you make an 85/B on an exam it will be multiplied by .09 to get the points calculation – which for an 85 would be 7.65 points out of 9.0 points. All the points for exams and assignments will be totaled up at the end of the semester for your final grade. You can access your grades from the course menu by clicking on my grades – (the course menu is on the left when you log onto WebCT). Remember that everything is on a point system and the points are added up after everything is turned in. The final grade column currently does not total the grades up like that, so do not refer to that column.

Incompletes are only given for very extreme circumstances – family emergency, illness, accident, etc. The withdraw deadline is November 10, 2006.

****It would be a good idea for you to email me as soon as you receive this package, so I know you have successfully logged onto WebCT. ****

I can only answer class related questions regarding the material. Any technical questions regarding WebCT should be directed to the Distance Education Department 281-756-3728.

CLASS ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

There are 3 assignments for each chapter. You will find 2 assignments for each chapter listed under the assignments tab in WebCT. Each assignment will be listed by chapter number so they will be easy to find. They will also have a due date that corresponds with the date below.

There are discussion questions for each chapter. You will find them under the discussions tab in WebCT.

There is a column under the grading tab for every assignments and exam, so you can keep track of what you have turned in.

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES:
Due dates for chapters 1-5: September 18th
Due dates for chapters 6-10: October 16th
Due dates for chapters 11-14: November 13th
Due dates for chapters 15-18: December 4th

Please note: WebCT will not let you submit an assignment after the due date. I will not change due dates in WebCT for any student. If your assignment is late, you will not receive the point for that assignment!!!

EXAM INFORMATION:

VERY IMPORTANT- YOU WILL FIND THE EXAMS UNDER THE ASSESSMENT TAB IN WEBCT.

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Exams are online and are available from August 24th thru December 6th until midnight. Since the exams are online, there can be no review for them. The computer automatically generates a new and random question exam for each student, so no 2 exams will ever be the same. The exams will be made up of 50 multiple choice questions that will count 2 points each.

PAPER

I would like for your paper to be about sexuality all around us. Basically, just notice how others act, how sexuality is portrayed in the media (tv, magazines, internet, etc.), talk to your friends, and family. It is really just a paper on how you think sexuality is perceived around you - from friends to family to society to the media - even from your children. Especially teenagers, who have so many questions about it! How important do you think it is in your relationships? How should you talk to your children about it? How open are you about it? Should it be taught in the education system? Add anything else you think about it. Just give me your ideas and opinions on it. The paper has to be 4-5 pages typed and double spaced. Turn it in by October
30th through email - either typed write into the email or at an attachment!!

Here is one example: just before this course started my 4 year old son asked me this:
Blake: "Mom, how did you and Dad make me?" (he has asked before)
Me: "We will talk about the specifics of that when you are older."
Blake: "Did you use your imagination?"
Me: "I guess you could say that."
Blake: "Did you just build me - did you put my head on and my arms and legs? And how did the blood get in me?"
**he totally stumped me with this one so I said "God did that"

I think 4 is just a little young to explain exactly how he was made!! Thank goodness that is the extent of his sexuality knowledge at this point.

I hope the paper makes you more aware of your own sexuality, and gets you thinking a little more about it!