

**Imperial Valley College**  
**PSY 146 Psychology of Human Sexuality**  
**Fall 2017**

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**Class Times:** Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.-5:10 p.m. (CRN# 10990)  
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**Office Hours:** By Appointment Only

**Required Textbook:** Our Sexuality (13<sup>th</sup> Edition) Robert L. Crooks & Karla Baur

**Course Description:** This course is an introductory overview of the field of human sexuality. Human sexuality will be examined from psychological, biological, sociocultural, and historical perspectives. Students will be encouraged to become aware of their own sexual attitudes, values and behaviors and to evaluate the consistency of their behaviors within their own moral frameworks. Current sex norms and various aspects of interpersonal and individual sexual adjustment will be explored. (CSU, UC)

**Student Learning Outcome (IVC):** Upon completion of the course, students will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as being demonstrated by being able to:

- 1. Identify the critical elements that determine sexual intelligence (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)
- 2. Identify and demonstrate understanding of the major sexual structures for both male and female anatomy. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)
- 3. Identify and demonstrate understanding of the most current forms of birth control and sexually transmitted infections. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)

## **Course Requirements:**

### **Attendance and Class Participation**

Attendance is a crucial part of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned readings by actively participating in class discussion. Please schedule all appointments outside of class time. If for some reason you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. Additionally, if you decide not to continue the course, it is **your** responsibility to drop the course on WEBSTAR by or before the drop date.

### **Thought Papers (3 @ 25pts)**

There will be a total of four thought papers throughout the semester. This is a 1-2 page paper based on the readings and class material. Thought papers should address an interesting idea regarding a learned behavior from the text, class discussion, an article from the internet or magazine, movie and/or television show from your point of view. Please do not provide a review of the assigned reading but your own thoughts regarding the topic. The main focus of this assignment is for you to think critically about psychology and to begin exploring your ideas. You do not have to write what you think I would agree with, you just need to justify your ideas and statements with explanations.

Each paper is worth twenty-five points. All thought papers must be typed, in twelve point font, and double spaced. All papers are due at the beginning of class. **No late papers will be accepted nor will they be accepted via e-mail.**

### **Tests (3 @ 50pts)**

There will be a total of three tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be multiple choice and are worth fifty points each. **Please make sure to bring a #2 pencil and scantron with you to class. No make-up exams will be given.**

\*\*A make-up exam will only be allowed with a 48-hour prior notification and/or a documented proof of the emergency. The deadline for all exams to be made up is the week before finals, no exceptions.

**In-Class/Homework Assignments (10 @ 5pts)**-To be discussed further in class.

**Term Paper (1 @ 25pts)** –To be discussed further in class

**Grading:**

Thought Papers	(3 x 25pts)	75pts
Tests	(3 x 50pts)	150pts
In-Class/		
HW Assignments	(10 x 5pts)	50pts
Term Paper	(1 x 25pts)	25pts

**\*\*\*Total of 300pts\*\*\***

\*\*\*There will be one Extra Credit option available. This will be discussed further in class and will be worth 30pts.

300-250 points = **A**

249-200 points = **B**

199-150 points = **C**

149-100points = **D**

99 & below = **F**

**Classroom Etiquette:**

Please turn your cell phones off or to "vibrate". Texting and answering your phone will not be allowed in class. Laptops and tablets will be allowed for note taking purposes only.

**Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S):**

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Contact Info: (760) 355-6312, Room 2117

**Student Counseling and Health Services**

Mental health counseling and health services are available to students provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. Counseling services are provided by licensed clinicians and interns at IVC Student Health Center located inside of the Health Science building. Contact Info: (760) 355-6310

### Class Agenda

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Homework</b>
<b>Week 1</b> 8/14-8/18	Introductions/Syllabus	Buy your Book for class Read Chapter 1 & 2
<b>Week 2</b> 8/21-8/25	Chapter 1 & 2 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 3 & 4
<b>Week 3</b> 8/28-9/1	Chapter 3 & 4 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 5
<b>Week 4</b> 9/4-9/8	Chapter 5 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 6 & 7
<b>Week 5</b> 9/11-9/15	Chapter 6 & 7 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #1 <b>Study for Test</b> (Ch.1-7) <b>Please, be on time!</b>
<b>Week 6</b> 9/18-9/22	<b>TEST</b> (Ch. 1-7) <b>Turn in Thought Paper #1</b>	Read Chapter 8
<b>Week 7</b> 9/25-9/29	Chapter 8 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 9 & 10
<b>Week 8</b> 10/2-10/6	Chapter 9 & 10 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 11
<b>Week 9</b> 10/9-10/13	Chapter 11 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 12 & 15
<b>Week 10</b> 10/16-10/20	Chapter 12 & 15 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #2 <b>Study for Test</b> (Ch. 8-12, 15)
<b>Week 11</b> 10/23-10/27	<b>TEST</b> (Ch. 8-12, 15) <b>Turn in Thought Paper #2</b>	Read Chapter 14
<b>Week 12</b> 10/30-11/3	Chapter 14 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 16
<b>Week 13</b> 11/6-11/10	Chapter 16 In Class Assignment	Read Chapters 17

<b>Week 14</b> 11/13-11/17	Chapters 17 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 18
<b>Week 15</b> 11/20-11/24	<b>No Class</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	
<b>Week 16</b> 11/27-12/1	Chapter 18 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #3 <b>Study for Test/Final</b> (Ch. 14, 16-18)
<b>Week 17</b> 12/4-12/8	<b>FINAL</b> (Ch. 14, 16-18) <b>Turn In</b> <b>Thought Paper #3</b>	<b>Have a wonderful</b> <b>Break!! ☺</b>