Course Title: Human Sexuality  
Course Code: Psychology 230  
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Format: 100% Online

Introduction
Psychology 230: Human Sexuality explores the psychological and physiological aspects of human sexuality, including social and biological foundations of sexuality, human anatomy, reproduction, birth process, sexual behavior and attitudes in contemporary society, historical views of sexuality, cross cultural views of sexuality, sexual dysfunction, sexually transmitted diseases, and sexual problems and issues in our society. This course is 3 units; it is UC and CSU transferable and it applies to the Associate Degree. One must have completed Psych 101, Psych 101H (or the equivalent) with a grade of “C” or better.

Please note: Subject matter discussed in this course may be considered mature, sensitive and/or controversial in nature. Some topics in human sexuality including sexual anatomy, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, sexual behaviors, sexual orientation, sexual coercion/rape, child sexual abuse, paraphilias, domestic violence, prostitution and pornography may be objectionable to some students. This should be considered prior to enrolling in this course. Continued enrollment in the course verifies your readiness to analyze and discuss these mature topics.

Course Description
Explores the psychological and physiological perspectives of human sexuality.

Student Learning Outcome:
• Compare and contrast the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and empirical findings in human sexuality.

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• Throughout this semester I ask that we maintain an open curiosity about human sexuality, an appreciation for the diversity of humanity, and an attitude of respect for ourselves and others.

• In order to foster an emotionally and psychologically safe classroom environment, students are expected to maintain a respectful online classroom environment and refrain from making disrespectful and/or disparaging comments (operationally defined by the instructor) within the online classroom. Violations of the student conduct code will be pursued according to Section 5529 Student Conduct Code, upon the discretion of the instructor.
Course Information

Exam Requirements
This course is a 100% online, which means that all work will be done online and there are no classroom meetings. However, the 4 unit exams will be proctored at the Tutorial Lab at the Valencia campus (LTLC 126) or another suitable facility closer to you. Exams are proctored in the TLC to ensure they are completed without the aid of the textbook or outside notes to maintain the academic rigor of this transferable course. It also ensures that compatible browsers are used for exams, which decreases the number of technological issues experienced while taking each test. **Although exams are completed online in the online classroom, they are “closed-book”. NO outside resources of any kind (no textbook, notes, email, websites, or other human beings) can be used while completing the exam, at any time during the exam or located within the testing area.**

Each of four proctored exams will be available in the TLC on specific dates listed in the course syllabus. Please do not wait until the last minute to take each test. You will need to reserve an appointment to take each exam. More information will be given inside the online course.

You must make a reservation to take the exam in the TLC lab. Arriving to the TLC at the last minute without an appointment would be taking a great risk of missing an exam, as the TLC serves many students and computer terminals can be occupied for extended periods of time, especially in the afternoons and evenings. Exams must be completed by the submission deadline to be eligible for credit.

If you are not local to the Valencia campus (local being defined as living in the Santa Clarita, Antelope, or San Fernando Valleys) you need to find an authorized, alternate educational facility, such as a local community college or university, to take each exam. If this applies to you, you will contact the proctoring facility prior to the exam, obtain their contact information and contact the TLC test Proctor (661-362-3351) or TLCTestProctor@canyons.edu in the Valencia TLC lab to make arrangements. Online proctoring is not available at the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus due to the limited facilities. Since there are a large number of students taking 100% online classes at COC, the proctor will need some time to verify the status of the facility and send out exam details to the proctor.

If you cannot or do not wish to take these proctored exams, it is best that you enroll in a different course.

A special note regarding 100% online classes: Online learning can be an incredibly rewarding and exciting adventure. It provides flexibility and an educational opportunity for students who might not otherwise be able to take advantage of a college curriculum; however, you should be aware that self-discipline, self-motivation and attention to detail are required to complete the course successfully in this format. Students must be committed to meeting deadlines for reading and assignments in addition to participating in the virtual classroom.

Some students are under the impression that online classes are “easier” than on ground classes. This is not the case. Students who take the online version of this course believing that it will be easier than the face-to-face version tend to be surprised by the volume of written work required and the amount of reading for which they are held responsible. Consequently, some students that might be successful in a traditional face-to-face section are not successful in an online section and may ultimately have to repeat the class in an on-ground format in a later term. If you understand that this section is more challenging...
than the face-to-face version, are very disciplined and prepared to do the reading and writing required, then this online class may be for you. If you are not very disciplined, tend not to complete reading assignments in your courses, tend to miss deadlines, or simply have very little time to devote to school because of other obligations, then your chances for success in this online section are greatly reduced and you are urged to consider a face-to-face section with more in person interaction with your instructor or taking the course in a later term when you have greater time resources.

Textbook information


Other relevant course information

Course Availability

The course will be available on COC's Canvas system the first day of the term. On that date, you must login to Canvas to enter our classroom.

Confirm your presence in the online classroom:

Log in to the website and post to the "Roll Call" Discussion Board inside the online classroom within 48 hours of the start date of the class to confirm your presence in the online classroom. In a face to face class on the first day, the instructor calls the roster and each student who is present raises his/her hand and/or says "Here!" so the instructor knows that the student is present in the classroom. The "Roll Call" Discussion Board is our class Roll Call. Log into Canvas, enter the "Roll Call" Discussion Board, add a new thread and just type "here," "raises hand" or something to indicate that you have successfully logged into the online classroom and are present. Doing so will confirm your enrollment in the course and avoid being dropped as a "no show." **You can and will be dropped from the class if you do not log in and post to the "Roll Call" Discussion Board inside the online classroom by that date and time.** No exceptions will be made. A student from the waiting list will then be added in your place. Please note: it is the student’s responsibility to drop and withdraw from the course after this point. If you no longer wish to continue in the course, please consult Admissions and Records for drop and withdrawal deadline dates and use the online registration system to withdraw. It is your responsibility to be accountable for your academic records. If you stop participating in the course after the withdrawal date, will result in a final grade of “FW” or “Failure to Withdraw” on your transcript.

If the class is closed and you would like to add...

If you are on the official waiting list, the COC web registration system automatically adds students from the waiting list to the course. All wait-listed students will receive priority over those not wait-listed. If there is room in the course, I will add students based on their number on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, send me an email indicating your interest in adding the course. If there is room in the course, I will email you a 4 digit add code that will allow you to add the class through the COC online registration system, “My Canyons.” If you are on the waitlist and I do not receive an email from you within 48 hours of the course start date, I will conclude that you are no longer interested in the course and I will delete your name from the waiting list. Important note: You must PAY for the class, not just register, before you can access Canvas. Keep in mind; if you add the class, it may take one to two business days before your account is created in Canvas and you will not be given additional time to complete assignments.
If you are not on the official wait list, I will consider adding you after any officially waitlisted students. Send me an email indicating your interest; if there is room in the course after all of the waitlist students have been accommodated, I will send you an add code. Important note: You must PAY for the class, not just register, before you can access the online classroom. Keep in mind; if you add the class, it may take one to two business days before your account is created in the online classroom and you will not be given additional time to complete assignments.

Additional Resources

**Canvas**
The course can be accessed via Canvas at [cv.canyons.edu](http://cv.canyons.edu) on the first day of the course. Follow the login instructions at the bottom of the screen to log in. Here, you can also access Canvas user guides with helpful tips for navigating and using Canvas. For any Canvas related issues please call the Canvas Support line at (661)362-3344 during college business hours, or (877)889-9052 for 24/7 support.

**Distance Learning**
Check out the Distance Learning website for more information on a variety of topics that can help you be a successful online student such as: exam proctoring, learning styles, computer skills, and tips for student success. If this is your first online course, feel free to take our [online learning readiness assessment](#) to assess your skills.

**The Learning Center (TLC)**
The TLC provides FREE tutoring resource to COC students including:
- Face-to-face & ONLINE tutoring
- Testing Center: offers test proctoring services for courses that have required proctored exams
- Study Jam Review Sessions
- Computers with over 300 software programs
For more information visit the [TLC Website](#).

**Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS)**
College of the Canyons DSPS provides educational services and access for eligible students with documented disabilities who intend to pursue coursework at COC. A variety of programs and services are available which afford eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the college programs and activities through appropriate and reasonable accommodations. For more information on their services visit the [Disabled Students Program & Services website](#).

**Online Counseling**
The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the [Online Counseling website](#). Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.