

**ANT 2301: HUMAN SEXUALITY AND CULTURE**  
**All sections**

**Course Syllabus and Requirements**

Fall 2006

Period 3, 9:35 -10:25, MWF  
Carlton Auditorium

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This course has the aim of introducing you to the various aspects of sensuality and sexuality, including the biological, physiological and social components. An evolutionary and cross-cultural perspective will be used to address a variety of issues found in the modern world. The goal is to stimulate critical thinking and decision making that incorporates scientific data, cultural norms and individual needs.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1. CLASSROOM DISRUPTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** If you are talking, reading newspapers, or disruptive in any other way, you will be asked to leave.
- 2. TURN CELL PHONE OFF.** If a phone rings or a phone is use, it will be confiscated until the end of class.
- 3. THERE WILL BE NO EARLY OR LATE EXAMS and NO LATE PAPERS.** Leave message at 392-2253, Ext. 213 prior to event in case of extreme emergency. TAs cannot give permission for exceptions.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

J. Carroll, *Sexuality Now, Embracing Diversity* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Thompson-Wadsworth, Belmont CA. 2007. Available at Orange and Blue Textbooks, 301 NW 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Guillette, E. A. *ANT 2301, Summer 2007: Human Sexuality and Culture.*, Available at Orange and Blue Textbooks, 301 NW 13<sup>th</sup> St.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Room 1350C Turlington

Monday: 8-9 AM

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Other Hours Available By Appointment

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## **TEACHING ASSISTANTS:**

Teaching Assistants (TA's) are responsible for group sessions. They are available to answer questions and assist with the required papers during their office hours. They grade all course requirements. You **MUST** know your correct Teaching Assistant's (TA's) first name for all exams. Exam scores are posted at your TA's office. If you have a question about grading or if no grade is posted for you after an exam, talk with your TA. TA's names, office hours and their group sessions will be made available in class.

## **CLASS REQUIREMENTS:**

**GROUP SESSIONS:** Attendance at group sessions is mandatory, with attendance part of your total grade. **BE SURE TO KNOW YOUR SESSION**, either the session number or day and time, to identify the TA in charge of your group.

**EXAMS:** All exams are in the classroom during class time.

First Exam: Monday, Sept. 25	50 points
Second Exam - Monday, October 23,	50 points
Third Exam - Monday, December 4,	50 points

Exams are not cumulative, but cover material only since the last exam. There is no formal final exam. The exams will be multiple choice. Questions will be from lectures, all readings and classroom discussions, guest speakers and videos. Reviews for exams will occur in group sessions.

**FAILURE TO PLACE THE CORRECT TA'S NAME ON THE ANSWER SHEET WILL RESULT IN 5 (five) POINTS SUBTRACTED FROM YOUR SCORE. GRADES WILL BE POSTED NEXT TO YOUR TA'S OFFICE WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE EXAM. BE SURE YOU HAVE A GRADE POSTED! A SCORE OF 0 (ZERO) WILL BE GIVEN IF ERRORS ARE NOT CORRECTED WITH YOUR TEACHING ASSISTANT WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE POSTING OF EXAM SCORES.**

**NO MAKE-UP EXAMS.** All exams must be taken at the scheduled time. Only possible exceptions are valid reasons associated with an illness/emergency, or valid sport's team absence, and presented to Dr. Guillette **PRIOR** to the exam. E-Mail [eguillet@anthro.ufl.edu](mailto:eguillet@anthro.ufl.edu) or call 392-2253 (Anthropology Office) and give the reason and a contact telephone number. Dr. Guillette will assign an alternative date. Official Documentation of the illness/emergency or team absence will be required. Teaching Assistants may not give permission for make-up exams or late papers.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS:** You are required to write two reaction papers and one library research paper.

**Reaction Paper:** Select a reading from you packet, recognizing dates of acceptable content. Talk with others to obtain their thoughts on the topic. Paper should include 1.) Your initial reaction. 2.) Reactions of others including two valid printed references 3.] Your conclusion, including cultural aspects.

Reaction papers must be 3 pages in length. References must come from a recognized professional source, not a blog or other e-mail site. You may use a chat room to get reactions (identify as source in paper only) but this is not a

reference. Classroom lecture may be mentioned. **Due Dates for Reaction Papers:** Papers are given to TA prior to Class.

**First Reaction Paper:** Due Oct. 6. Paper covers one selected reading from Aug. 23. To Oct. 6

**Second Reaction Paper:** Due November 10. Covers one selected reading from Oct. 9 to Nov. 31.

**Reaction Paper Grading Scale:**

Introduction and initial thoughts	6 Points
Thoughts and reactions of others:	10 Points
Conclusion:	4 Points
English, references, format	5 points
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>25 Points</b>

**GORDON RULE PAPER:** See comments at end of syllabus. You must follow directions regarding topic, format and references. **DUE Nov. 17** at beginning of class.

**COURSE GRADING:**

Each exam is worth 50 points for a total of 150 points. Gordon rule paper is worth 100 points. Each reaction paper is worth 25 points, for a total of 50 points. Attendance at group sessions will total 10 points, one for each time attended with one absence approved. Grades are based on the percentage of points you have earned.

**FINAL GRADE:**

The final grade will be based on your total cumulative points, including bonus points that will be added to your cumulative points. A score of 150 points (60%) is required for passing the course. A minimum of 175 points (70%) is required to obtain Gordon Rule credit.

**BONUS POINTS:** This is an equal opportunity course, with every student having the same chance to earn bonus points. Opportunities to obtain assorted bonus points will be presented during class and during group sessions. An additional 10 (ten) bonus points may be earned by turning in the Gordon Rule paper a week in advance. Bonus points are added to your final cumulative point score at the end of the term. A Reaction Paper turned in a week early will earn 3 bonus points. No other "extra credit" work will be allowed. A student may earn enough bonus points to bring the grade up one full letter, i.e. a C+ to B+ or a failing grade to a passing grade.

**Grading Scale: Is based on 250 points**

<b>A = 90%</b>
<b>B+ = 85%</b>
<b>B = 80%</b>
<b>C+ = 75%</b>
<b>C = 70%</b>
<b>D + = 65%</b>
<b>D = 60%</b>
<b>F = 59% and below.</b>

## **UNHAPPY WITH YOUR GRADE?**

Do not hesitate to discuss any grade with your TA or Dr. Guillette. We can help you pinpoint possible reasons for not living up to your own expectations. **Bonus points do improve your grade, but must be earned when made available.**

## **ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY:**

In case of academic difficulty with this course, it is advised that you discuss the situation with a Teaching Assistant and/or Dr. Guillette as soon as the problem is recognized. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK BEFORE THE FINAL. No grade changes will be made after Thursday, Dec. 14, 2007.**

## **GORDON RULE PAPER:**

**Due: November 17, in class.**

**Ten (10) Bonus Points for turning in your paper a week early.**

**Five (5) Bonus Points for a "quick read" of paper and references for obvious errors, at least one week prior to due date.**

The term paper is a requirement for all students. You must earn a classroom grade of C or better in order to obtain Gordon Rule Credit. Additional information covering content, style of writing, and acceptable reference style will be presented in your group sessions. No person is excused from the paper.

**The paper must answer one of the questions listed below, with consideration given on a global and cultural level.**

**Adjust content of the paper according to the grading scale below.**

**Failure to follow the format will result in a zero.** The paper must contain a minimum of ten (10) references of which at least six (6) come from published professional sources. Textbook and packet readings are NOT acceptable sources. The paper must begin with an introduction on the importance of the questions, followed by content and ending with a conclusion regarding possible solutions or interventions. Do include global cultural, political and economic aspects in your paper.

Length is 12 pages, in size 10 or 12 print, plus a title page and the reference page(s). Papers are to be stapled together with the title page indicating your chosen topic, your TA's name, and your name and Identification Number. A computer disk containing your paper must be handed in for use on our computerized plagiarism program. This program includes purchased term papers. All papers are checked for plagiarism, including the lifting of sentences and paragraphs from any source. If any plagiarism is present, a grade of zero is assigned and the student is referred to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for disciplinary action.

**Topics for Gordon Rule Paper (select one, continued on next page.)**

Is infertility influencing teenage pregnancy rates?

Should politics direct the legalities of sexual behavior?

Is it possible to completely overcome rape and/or abuse?

Why do people by-pass safer sex?  
Should the United Nations prohibit genital mutilation?  
Will the past attitudes towards tattoos influence the present and future acceptance of tattoos?  
What are the gray areas found between sexual choice and sexual slavery?  
Is there an increase in female reproductive diseases or not, and why?  
Has "Women's Liberation" harmed men?  
Who wins and who loses when religion dictates sexuality in a heterogeneous society?

**GRADING OF PAPERS:**

Introduction: (Why the topic is important)	10 points
Reasons for your answer:	25 points
Reasons opposing your answer	25 points
Conclusion	10 points
English, Grammar, reference and format	<u>30 points</u>
Total:	100 points

NO late papers unless valid reasons, with documentation, are presented to Dr. Guillette **AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TIME THE PAPER ARE DUE**. Do not assume approval until Dr. Guillette gives it orally or by E-mail. **TA's cannot give approval for any type of late papers.**