PSY 208
Human Sexuality

Course Description
This course is a study of biological, psychological, and sociological perspectives of human sexuality. Historical, cross-cultural, and ethical issues are considered in the course.

Prerequisite: PSY 201.

3.0 Cr (3 lect/pres, 0 lab, 0 other)

Text and References

Course Focus
This course focuses on various aspects of human sexuality. The course explores the diversity of sexual practices and how they are affected by cultural and social values. It examines human sexuality throughout the lifespan. The course will also evaluate atypical sexual practices and sexual dysfunctions.

PSY 208 Core Curriculum Competencies

All courses approved for the general education core curriculum help students develop communication skills and/or critical thinking.

This course develops students’ communication skills by requiring the use of the formal register when participating in classroom discussions. Students will also be required to write a 4-5 page paper on a research topic.

This course develops critical thinking skills for both speakers and listeners since students are expected to employ evidence that they understand the thesis of the discussions. Students will also be required to write a 4-5 page paper on a research topic. They will identify the hypothesis,
describe the research method(s) used, give a description of subjects used, describe the statistics used, and if the results were statistically significant. They will also be required to discuss whether or nor the research methods were valid and if replicating the study, what they would do differently.

Course Goals
The following list of course goals will be addressed in the course. These goals are directly related to the performance objectives. (*designates a CRUCIAL goal)

1. Differentiate theoretical perspectives on sexuality.
2. Examine theories of sexual diversity. *
3. Understand research methods.
4. Consider sampling methods in sexuality research.
5. Critique ethics of sexuality research. *
6. Label female sexual anatomy and physiology. *
7. Review menstruation and menstrual problems.
8. Label male sexual anatomy and physiology.
10. Explore male sexual function. *
11. Describe the role of sensation in sexual arousal.
12. Assess sex hormones role in sexual arousal.
13. List phases of sexual arousal. *
15. Identify gender roles and stereotypes.
16. Contemplate sex differences in cognition, personality, and behavior.
17. Explain theories of attraction.
18. Contrast models of love.
19. Analyze romantic relationships.
20. Practice effective communication skills.
22. Discuss sexual behaviors with others.
23. Comprehend sexual fantasies.
24. Evaluate sexual intercourse techniques. *
25. Appreciate sexual orientation. *
26. Determine causes of sexual orientation.
27. Define conception, pregnancy, and childbirth. *
28. Know postpartum sexual functions.
29. Learn contraception methods. *
30. Discuss abortion.
32. Explore adolescent sexuality and teen pregnancy. *
33. Compare singlehood, cohabitation, marriage, and divorce.
34. Consider older adult sexuality. *
35. Name sexual dysfunctions. *
36. Research sexual dysfunction treatments.
37. Name sexually transmitted infections (STI’s). *
38. Remember preventive methods for STI’s. *
39. Categorize paraphilia’s.
40. Debate developmental theories and treatment of paraphilia’s. *
41. List types of rape.
42. Examine child sexual abuse. *
43. Describe sexual harassment. *
44. Examine prostitution.
45. Define and debate pornography.

Student Contributions
Students are expected to be fully prepared for class by completing all reading assignments in full before the class session. Attendance is a critical factor to success in this class as lecture will enhance students understanding of reading assignments.

Course Evaluation
Your final grade for the course will be determined by the average of all exam/test/quiz scores and completion of all required assignments. See CLASS INFORMATION Section for specific details about scoring procedures and due dates.

TCL’s grading scale is:
90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
Below 60 = F

Course Schedule
The class meets for 3 lecture/presentation hours per week. The content will be introduced in the same order as they are listed in the course goal section. The content goals will be finished in a varied manner.

ADA STATEMENT
The Technical College of the Lowcountry provides access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation, contact the counselor for students with disabilities at (843) 525-8228 during the first ten business days of the academic term.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT
There is no tolerance at TCL for academic dishonesty and misconduct. The College expects all students to conduct themselves with dignity and to maintain high standards of responsible citizenship.

It is the student’s responsibility to address any questions regarding what might constitute academic misconduct to the course instructor for further clarification.

The College adheres to the Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System. Copies of the Student Code and Grievance Procedure are provided in the TCL Student Handbook, the Division Office, and the Learning Resources Center.

ATTENDANCE
The College’s statement of policy indicates that students must attend ninety percent of total class hours or they will be in violation of the attendance policy.
Students not physically attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.

Students taking an online/internet class must sign in and communicate with the instructor within the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester to indicate attendance in the class. Students not attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.

Reinstatement requires the signature of the division dean.

In the event it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from the course OR if a student stops attending class, it is the student’s responsibility to initiate and complete the necessary paperwork. Withdrawing from class may have consequences associated with financial aid and time to completion.

When a student exceeds the allowed absences; the student is in violation of the attendance policy. The instructor MUST withdrawal the student with a grade of “W”, “WP”, or “WF” depending on the date the student exceeded the allowed absences and the student’s progress up to the last date of attendance or

Under extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the faculty member teaching the class, allow the student to continue in the class and make-up the work. This exception must be documented at the time the allowed absences are exceeded.

Absences are counted from the first day of class. There are no "excused" absences. All absences are counted, regardless of the reason for the absence.

A student must take the final exam or be excused from the final exam in order to earn a non-withdrawal grade.

A copy of TCL’s STATEMENT OF POLICY NUMBER: 3-1-307 CLASS ATTENDANCE (WITHDRAWAL) is on file in the Division Office and in the Learning Resources Center.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER
In case weather conditions are so severe that operation of the College may clearly pose a hardship on students and staff traveling to the College, notification of closing will be made through the following radio and television stations: WYKZ 98.7, WGCO 98.3, WGZO 103.1, WFXH 106.1, WWVV 106.9, WLOW 107.9, WGZR 104.9, WFXH 1130 AM, WLH 101.1, WSOK 1230 AM, WAET 97.3, WOC TV, WTGS TV, WJWJ TV, and WSAV TV. Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE ALERT
Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. Participants receive immediate notification of emergency events and weather cancelations via text messaging on their cell phones. Participants can also opt in to receive non-emergency news and announcements. Go to www.tcl.edu. On the homepage, click on “emergency TextAlert at TCL” and fill out the form or go to www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

GRADING METHODOLOGY
The final grade must be 70 or more in order to pass the course and progress in the program. Students absent from an examination or presentation will receive a “0” grade for the examination unless other arrangements are made with the individual instructor prior to the examination or presentation day or on the examination or presentation day before the test/presentation is scheduled to be given.

The student is responsible for notifying the instructor for the reason of the absence. It is also the responsibility of the student to contact the appropriate instructor to arrange to make up the examination. Arrangements may be completed by telephone.
If the instructor is not available, a message should be left on the instructor’s voice mail AND with another member of the faculty or administrative assistant. The make-up exam will be scheduled and the instructor will decide the method of examination. Messages sent by other students are unacceptable.

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