

PSY 334
Human Sexuality
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Required Text: *Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity 7th Edition* by Spencer A. Rathus, Jeffrey S. Nevid, Lois Fichner-Rathus

Topics	Chapter
What Is Human Sexuality	1
Research Methods in Human Sexuality	2
<u>Biological Basis</u>	
Female Sexual Anatomy and Physiology	3
Male Sexual Anatomy and Physiology	4
Sexual Arousal and Response	5
Exam 1	Sept 24
Gender Identity and Gender Roles	6
Attraction and Love-Binding Forces	7
Relationships and Communication	8
Sexual Behavior and Fantasies	9
Sexual Orientation	10
Exam 2	Oct 22
Conception, Pregnancy, and Childbirth	11
Contraception and Abortion	12
Sexuality in Childhood and Adolescence	13
Sexuality in Adulthood	14
Exam 3	Nov 12
<u>Sexual Problems</u>	
Sexual Dysfunctions	15
Sexually Transmitted Infections	16
<u>Social Issues</u>	
Atypical Sexual Variations	17
Sexual Coercion	18
The World of Commercial Sex	19
Exam 4	Dec 10

Course Objectives:

As a student of human behavior, as a practitioner of human behavior, and as a consumer of human behavior, we must all recognize that there is a wide range of behaviors that permeate many aspects of our life. To better and more comprehensively understand human psychology, it is critical to include an area of behavior that is a pervasive part of the human species — sexuality. Although many sexual behaviors and responses may occur intuitively and instinctively, an understanding of the basis for those behaviors is not always so clear. This course is designed to provide

- a basic understanding of the psychological issues in human sexual behavior with an emphasis on attitudes and diversity of sexual behavior in different cultures and societies.
- an awareness of one's sexual health and sexual responsibility.
- an awareness of one's sexuality
- an awareness of common sexual problems and the options available in handling or resolving those issues
- an awareness of the changes in sexual practices and attitudes that have been precipitated by changes in technology and medicine.