

San José State University
ANTH 140 Section 87 (50818), Fall 2021
Human Sexuality

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Asynchronous Online; No Class Meetings
Classroom:	Asynchronous Online; No Class Meetings
Prerequisites:	Passed Writing Skills Test (or completed/currently enrolled in 100W), Upper division standing (60 units) and Core General Education Completed.

GE/SJSU Studies Category: S

Technology Intensive Online Course

This course adopts an online classroom delivery format. A computer with internet connectivity and Canvas is required for students to participate in class activities and submit assignments. See [University Policy F13-2](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-2.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-2.pdf> for more details. All course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and is to be used for private, study purposes only, and cannot be shared publicly or uploaded without the instructor's approval (see University policy S12-7). See Online Class Protocol Below.

Canvas and MYSJSU Messaging

Copies of the course materials such as the syllabus, major assignment handouts, and grades can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](#). You are responsible for

regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](#) or [Canvas](#) to learn of any updates.

Course Description

Sexuality is a fundamental aspect of human life, and this course will examine human sexuality as a dense site of cultural shaping, social reproduction, power, and control. The course will discuss biological and sociocultural facets of human sexuality. Evolution and physiology of sex, reproductive biology/ethics and cross-cultural expression of sexual behavior.

Area S Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing the course, students shall be able to:

1. Describe how identities (i.e. religious, gender, ethnic, racial, class, sexual orientation, disability, and/or age) are shaped by cultural and societal influences within contexts of equality and inequality.

This will be accomplished through readings, lectures and in-class activities, and writing assignments that focus on the role of sexuality in identity and social inequality cross culturally. Relevant topics include: history of sexual orientation cross-culturally, HIV and global health, contraception access, gender and sex differentiations cross-culturally.

2. Describe historical, social, political, and economic processes producing diversity, equality, and structured inequalities in the U.S.

This will be accomplished through course readings, lectures and in-class activities, and writing assignments that study American religious attitudes toward sex, the gay rights movement, the role of sexuality in racism, commercialism and sex, and sexual violence on American campuses.

3. Describe social actions which have led to greater equality and social justice in the U.S. (i.e. religious, gender, ethnic, racial, class, sexual orientation, disability, and/or age).

This will be accomplished through course readings, lectures, films and audio, and writing assignments that focus on the history of social movements fighting sexual diversity and gender discrimination, the history of marriage and race in the US, and shifts in treatment of sexual extremes.

4. Recognize and appreciate constructive interactions between people from different cultural, racial, and ethnic groups within the U.S.

This will be accomplished through course readings, in-class activities, and films that focus on social movements, medical institutions, social tolerance across differences, and the ethics of research methods.

Course Learning Outcomes

After the successful completion of the course, students shall be able to:

1. Describe sexual response, sexual differentiation, and reproduction as biological and cultural processes. Understanding the cultural aspect of sexuality includes being able to describe different conceptions of sexual acts, roles, and identities in the United States and elsewhere.
2. Identify assumptions about human sexuality in popular culture and correct inaccurate assumptions or myths about human sexuality.
3. Describe and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of various methodological approaches for studying human sexuality.
4. Recognize and appreciate tolerance in interactions between people with different sexual identities, practices, mores, and preferences.
5. Communicate about sexual matters with precision and ease. Identify ethical and responsible actions in situations related to sexual matters.

Required Texts/Readings

Simon LeVay, Janice Baldwin, and John Baldwin. (2020). *Discovering Human Sexuality*, 2020 5th Edition. Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780197522578

Veronique Mottier, *Sexuality: A Very Short Introduction*. (2008). New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199298020

ALL ADDITIONAL READINGS AVAILABLE ON CANVAS

Assignments and Grading Policy

10% Reading Response Assignment x 2 (5% each)

10% Media Response Assignment x 2 (5% each)

20% Essay Assignment x 2 (10% each)

15% Exam 1

15% Exam 2

15% Exam 3

15% Exam 4

Exams:

Exams are designed to test and encourage basic knowledge acquisition, including fundamental ideas, key terms, basic historical events, and important biological models. Exams consist of a total of 30 multiple choice and true/false questions each. (Meets SLO 1-5)

Reading Response Assignment:

Summary and critical reflection of the readings for the indicated week. Critical reflection should comprise at least 125 words and include critique of themes/issues as relevant to course materials. (Meets SLO 1-5)

Minimum 500 words (not including cover page information, cited materials and references) each.

Media Response Assignments:

Summary and critical reflection of the film for the indicated week. Critical reflection should comprise at least 125 words and include critique of themes/issues as relevant to course materials. (Meets SLO 2-4)

Minimum 500 words (not including cover page information, cited materials and references) each.

Essay Assignments:

Essay Assignment 1 will address the methodologies of anthropological, sexological, and scientific approaches to human sexuality, as well as the cultural biases that are often implicit in popular ideas of sexuality. Essay Assignment 2 will address discrimination and the politics of gender and sexuality diversity in the US and abroad. (Meets SLO 2-5)

Minimum 500 words (not including cover page information, cited materials and references) each.

NOTE: For all writing assignments, please follow APA style manual for format (12 pt. Times New Roman font; 1 inch margins), and for citations if needed. Submissions with more than three grammatical and/or formatting errors will be penalized at least one letter grade. All university level paper assignments should be carefully proofread and thoroughly edited before submission.

Grading Policy

Course grades will be assigned as follows:

Grade	Points	Percentage
A plus	960 to 1000	96 to 100%
A	930 to 959	93 to 95%
A minus	900 to 929	90 to 92%
B plus	860 to 899	86 to 89 %
B	830 to 829	83 to 85%
B minus	800 to 829	80 to 82%
C plus	760 to 799	76 to 79%
C	730 to 759	73 to 75%
C minus	700 to 729	70 to 72%
D plus	660 to 699	66 to 69%
D	630 to 659	63 to 65%
D minus	600 to 629	60 to 62%

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	8/19	Course Introduction
2	8/24	Understanding Sexuality Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 1 Film: <i>Kinsey</i> https://fod-infobase-com.libaccess.sjlibrary.org/p_ViewVideo.aspx?xtid=29835
3	8/31	The History of Sexuality Readings: Mottier, Chapters 1-2 Film: <i>The Sexy Lie</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMS4VJKekW8 Due 8/31: Reading Response Assignment 1 (Mottier 1-2)
4	9/7	Sexual Anatomy Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 2-3 Film: <i>The Story of Dr. William Masters and Virginia Johnson</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8BIIJVagJ0 Due 9/7: Media Response Assignment 1
5	9/14	Sexual Development and Diversity; Attraction, Arousal and Response Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 4-5 Film: <i>Growing Up Trans</i> (84m) https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/growing-up-trans/ Due 9/14: Exam 1 (Weeks 1-4)
6	9/21	Sexual Orientations Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 12 Film: <i>Paris is Burning</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNE6nv3-1lw Due 9/21: Essay Assignment 1
7	9/28	Fertility, Pregnancy and Childbirth Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 8 Film: <i>The Contraceptive Pill</i> (BBC documentary) https://video-alexanderstreet-com.libaccess.sjlibrary.org/watch/the-pill
8	10/5	Sexuality During Childhood Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 10 Film: <i>Its Time for "The Talk"</i> https://www.ted.com/talks/julia_sweeney_has_the_talk?language=en Due 10/5: Exam 2 (Weeks 5-7)
9	10/12	Sexuality During Adulthood Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 11 Film: <i>Why We Love, Why We Cheat</i> https://www.ted.com/talks/helen_fisher_why_we_love_why_we_cheat
10	10/19	Contraception, Abortions, and Sexually Transmitted Infections Readings: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 9, 15 Mottier, Chapter 4 Film: <i>Nothing Without Us</i> https://sjsu.kanopy.com/video/nothing-without-us Due 10/19: Media Response Assignment 2

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
11	10/26	Rights, Discrimination, and Sexual Minorities Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 13 Film: <i>The Times of Harvey Milk</i> https://sjsu.kanopy.com/video/times-harvey-milk Due 10/26: Exam 3 (Weeks 8-10)
12	11/2	Human Sexuality and Feminism Reading: Mottier, Chapter 3 Film: <i>The Truth About Female Desire (Part 2)</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag4GenAVVws
13	11/9	The Sexual Revolution and Feminism Reading: Laura Kipnis, <i>The Female Thing</i> , Chapter 1 "Envy" (Online Access to entire book available through SJSU Library) Film: <i>Why I'm done trying to be "man enough"</i> https://www.ted.com/talks/justin_baldoni_why_i_m_done_trying_to_be_man_enough/transcript?rss Due 11/9: Reading Response Assignment 2 (Mottier 3-4)
14	11/16	Sexual Assault, Harassment and Partner Violence Readings: Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 16 Davis, Angela. "Rape, Racism, and the Myth of the Black Rapist," in <i>Women, Race, Class</i> . (Online Access to entire book available through SJSU Library) Film: <i>Me Too is a movement, not a moment</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zP3LaAYzA3Q
15	11/30	Sex Work Reading: <i>Discovering Human Sexuality</i> (DHS), Chapter 17 Film: <i>Live Nude Girls Unite</i> https://sjsu.kanopy.com/video/live-nude-girls-unite Due 11/30: Essay Assignment 2
16	12/6	Due 12/6: Exam 4 (Weeks 11-15)

Class Protocol and Policies

1. Check Canvas and SJSU email regularly for updates or changes to schedule.
2. *Plagiarism* will result in an automatic 0 points for the assignment and referral to the SJSU Committee on Academic Integrity
3. Late assignments and exams will *not* be accepted unless accompanied by documented proof of personal or family medical emergency. There will be no exceptions so please download and/or work on your assignments well in advance of due date and time.
4. All submissions must be in the form of an attachment in PDF format; no google docs or other file types. All submissions must include all essential information (course number and section; full formal name registered with SJSU; assignment name). Submissions that do not fulfill these basic requirements will not be assessed.
5. All correspondence will be conducted via canvas and canvas message. Include proper subject headings (course number and section, full name, topic) and standard business letter format to receive a response.

Email and Email Etiquette Policies

I will do my best to respond to emails promptly on weekdays during business hours. However, I will only respond to polite emails that conform to a professional format (see below). I will not respond to emails that request information that can be 1) found in the syllabus; 2) about missed lectures; 3) information presented in lecture; 4) questions concerning grades because this is not legal information for me to reveal over email; 5) extensive questions that should be addressed during office hours; 6) electronic papers; 7) paper drafts (drafts must be addressed during office hours).

In the “Subject” line of the email, please write course name and section followed by a brief description of the email’s subject. In the “Message” portion of the email, please open with “Dear Dr./Professor_” and adopt professional word choice, capitalization, and punctuation. Close with your name and email address.

Online Class Protocol and Policies

This course will not be recorded. Students are not allowed to record without instructor permission. Students are prohibited from recording class activities (including class lectures, office hours, advising sessions, etc.), distributing class recordings, or posting class recordings. Materials created by the instructor for the course (syllabi, lectures and lecture notes, presentations, etc.) are copyrighted by the instructor. This university policy ([S12-7](#)) is in place to protect the privacy of students in the course, as well as to maintain academic integrity through reducing the instances of cheating. Students who record, distribute, or post these materials will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office. Unauthorized recording may violate university and state law. It is the responsibility of students that require special accommodations or assistive technology due to a disability to notify the instructor.

Students are required to have an electronic device (laptop, desktop or tablet) with a camera and built-in microphone. SJSU has a free [equipment loan](#) program available for students. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have access to reliable Wi-Fi during tests. If students are unable to have reliable Wi-Fi, they must inform the instructor, as soon as possible or at the latest one week before the test date to determine an alternative.

Zoom Classroom Etiquette:

Mute Your Microphone: To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.

Be Mindful of Background Noise and Distractions: Find a quiet place to “attend” class, to the greatest extent possible.

Avoid video setups where people may be walking behind you, people talking/making noise, etc. Avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as shuffling papers, listening to music in the background, etc.

Position Your Camera Properly: Be sure your webcam is in a stable position and focused at eye level.

Limit Your Distractions/Avoid Multitasking: You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and putting your smartphone away (unless you are using it to access Zoom).

Use Appropriate Virtual Backgrounds: If using a virtual background, it should be appropriate and professional and should NOT suggest or include content that is objectively offensive or demeaning.

Online Exams:

Exams will be proctored in this course through Respondus Monitor and LockDown Browser. Please note it is the instructor's discretion to determine the method of proctoring. If cheating is suspected the proctored videos may be used for further inspection and may become part of the student's disciplinary record. Note that the proctoring software does not determine whether academic misconduct occurred, but does determine whether something irregular occurred that may require further investigation. Students are encouraged to contact the instructor if unexpected interruptions (from a parent or roommate, for example) occur during an exam.

No earbuds, headphones, or headsets visible.

The environment is free of other people besides the student taking the test.

If students need scratch paper for the test, they should present the front and back of a blank scratch paper to the camera before the test.

No other browser or windows besides Canvas opened.

A workplace that is clear of clutter (i.e., reference materials, notes, textbooks, cellphone, tablets, smart watches, monitors, keyboards, gaming consoles, etc.)

Well-lit environment. Can see the students' eyes and their whole face. Avoid having backlight from a window or other light source opposite the camera.

Testing Environment:

Before students can access the test questions, they are expected to conduct a scan around their testing environment to verify that there are no materials that would give the student an unfair advantage during the test. The scan will include: the desk/work-space; a complete view of the computer including USB ports and power cord connections; a 360-degree view of the complete room. Students must: Remain in the testing environment throughout the duration of the test; Keep full face, hands, workspace including desk, keyboard, monitor, and scratch paper, in full view of the webcam

Technical difficulties:

Internet connection issues:

Canvas autosaves responses a few times per minute as long as there is an internet connection. If your internet connection is lost, Canvas will warn you but allow you to continue working on your exam. A brief loss of internet connection is unlikely to cause you to lose your work. However, a longer loss of connectivity or weak/unstable connection may jeopardize your exam.

Other technical difficulties:

Immediately email the instructor a current copy of the state of your exam and explain the prob-

lem you are facing. Your instructor may not be able to respond immediately or provide technical support. However, the copy of your exam and email will provide a record of the situation.

Contact the SJSU technical support for Canvas:

<https://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/support/>

If possible, complete your exam in the remaining allotted time, offline if necessary. Email your exam to your instructor within the allotted time or soon after.

Academic Dishonesty:

Students who are suspected of cheating during an exam will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office and depending on the severity of the conduct, will receive a zero on the assignment or a grade of F in the course.

Grade Forgiveness does not apply to courses for which the original grade was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty.

University Policies

General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student

As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with SJSU's policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. See University Policy S90–5 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf>. More detailed information on a variety of related topics is available in the SJSU catalog, at <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-12234.12506.html>. In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If such conversation is not possible, or if it does not serve to address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the Department Chair as a next step.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's [Catalog Policies](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html) section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the [Academic Calendars webpage](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/) at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/. The [Late Drop Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/late-drops/policy/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/late-drops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the [Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

[University Policy S12-7](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf), <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to obtain instructor's permission to record the course and the following items to be included in the syllabus:

- “Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material.”
 - It is suggested that the greensheet include the instructor's process for granting permission, whether in writing or orally and whether for the whole semester or on a class by class basis.
 - In classes where active participation of students or guests may be on the recording, permission of those students or guests should be obtained as well.
- “Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent.”

Academic integrity

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The [University Academic Integrity Policy S07-2](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf> requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](http://www.sjsu.edu/student-conduct/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/student-conduct/>.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. [Presidential Directive 97-03](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf) at http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the [Accessible Education Center](http://www.sjsu.edu/aec) (AEC) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec> to establish a record of their disability.