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PURPOSE:  
This syllabus is considered a contract between you and the professor. It is an agreement that includes the "rules" to be observed during the course, both by students and the instructor. Although this syllabus can change, no changes will be made without notice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:  
This course will provide the student with information about sexuality's role in the individual, family, and society, as well as current beliefs and attitudes, and different behaviors. Students interested or considering being involved on public health education, promotion, and community service should enroll in this course. There are no restrictions to register for this course. The teaching method is based on Problem based learning (PBL), which can include, but not be limited to:

1. Introductory lectures
2. Problem solving group work
3. Student discussions, presentations and exercises
4. Movies and other visual media materials
5. Possible guest lecturers (to be announced)

Using this technique will enable the student to apply the gained knowledge to solve common and practical problems related to the research process. In this regard, the course will emphasize a critical thinking approach to learning. A critical thinking approach takes the view that a student's knowledge is not passively absorbed from an instructor's lectures. In contrast, critical thinking assumes students will create knowledge in their own mind by actively thinking about the material. It is going to be crucial that you prepare for each lesson, reading and reviewing the material before coming to class. Your instructor will use class time to overview the assignment, clarify difficult concepts, expand your knowledge of selected topics, and to challenge you intellectually. This means that very possibly more material will be covered in class. Not necessarily your instructor will teach straight out of the book. Instead, the readings will be used as a springboard for classroom activities and discussions. In addition to your readings, in-class lectures will provide