

UTEP SPRING 2023
SEXUALITY & SOCIETY
SOCI 3341-23133 ANTH 4370-25297 WS 3390-24456

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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BEFORE YOU EMAIL ME, PLEASE REFER TO THIS DOCUMENT.

YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.

REQUIRED TEXT

Sex Matters: The Sexuality & Society Reader 5th ed., by Mindy Stombler, et al.

W.W. Norton Publishers 2019 ISBN: 9780393623581

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines sexuality in its social and cultural contexts, focusing on how society influences or shapes the many variations in sexual identity and sexual behavior. Qualitative approaches are applied to sexuality research and to cultural and social influences on sex and sexuality. Our approach is strictly academic, not therapeutic. Topics of interest covered are categorizing sex, investigating sexuality, sexual education, heteronormativity, sexual bodies, practices and diseases, bisexuality, sexual violence, and social control of sexuality.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Communication should be through email to recallaway@utep.edu from your @miners.utep.edu account. Please do not send messages within the course in Blackboard. I will likely not be available to meet with you in person during the course.
- Most important course information is provided to you in this document. All information related to due dates for assignments are in the course organizer found at the end of this document. **I will not email or post announcements as reminders of due dates for course work.**
- You will be expected to interact regularly with your peers through discussion board posts.
- Times for all deadlines are 11:59pm Mountain Time, or local time for El Paso, Texas.
- I will update and/or post grades for all assignments as soon as possible after they close.
- **MOST ASSIGNMENTS ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.** You are allowed to work ahead, especially because make-up work and extensions of deadlines will not be allowed.

ONLINE “NETIQUETTE”:

- Always consider your audience. Remember that your peers and instructor will read any posts.
- Respect and courtesy must be provided to peers and the instructor at all times. No harassment or inappropriate postings will be tolerated.
- When reacting to posts, address the ideas, not the person. Post only what anyone would comfortably state in a face-to-face classroom setting.
- Blackboard is not a public internet venue; all postings to it should be considered private and confidential. Whatever is posted in these online spaces is intended for classmates and professor only. Please do not copy documents and paste them to a publicly accessible website, blog, or other space. If you wish to do so, you have the ethical obligation to first request permission from the author(s).

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GRADING CRITERIA:

Your final course grade will be assigned on a 1000-point scale as follows:

925+ points = A	825 – 924 points = B	725 – 824 points = C
625 – 724 points = D	<625 points = F	

YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL RESULT FROM POINTS YOU EARN ON:

A.) Orientation Quiz	5 pts	Total 5 pts
The quiz is found at the “QUIZ” tab. The quiz consists of 10 questions. The untimed quiz may be taken as often as necessary to earn maximum points.		
B.) Chapter Quiz (9 of 10)	20 pts each	Total 180 pts
Chapter quizzes will consist of twenty (20) multiple-choice and true/false questions each. You will have two (2) attempts and twenty-five (25) minutes to complete each quiz. If taken, the result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded. The lowest one quiz grade is dropped.		
C.) Discussion Board (13)	15 pts each	Total 195 pts
A minimum of three (3) posts are required within each discussion board forum. Initial posts are worth up to 10 points each. You must also reply to at least two others. Each reply post is worth up to 2.5 points.		
D.) Writing Exercise (11)	20 pts each	Total 220 pts
Similar to the discussion board forums, prompts for this assignment will be provided. Your responses, however, will not be shared with or responded to by your peers.		
E.) Film Analysis Paper	100 pts	Total 100 pts
Instructions will be found under the FILM ANALYSIS tab after April 1 st .		
F.) Visual Essay	100 pts	Total 100 pts
Instructions will be found under the VISUAL ESSAY tab after April 1 st .		
G.) Exams	100 pts each	Total 200 pts
Exams 1 & 2 will consist of fifty (50) multiple-choice and true/false questions each. You will have two (2) attempts and sixty (60) minutes to complete the exam. If taken, the result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.		
		Total 1000 pts

****Your final grade is based on points earned, not a percentage****

****Lowest grades are dropped from the beginning, not at the end, of the course****

MAKE-UP and/or LATE WORK & EXTRA CREDIT

Late work will not be graded and make up work is not allowed.

No additional opportunities for extra credit will be offered.

SPRING 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

17 Jan 23	Classes Begin	01 Feb 23	Census Date
13 – 17 Mar	Spring Break	30 Mar 23	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
04 May 23	Last Day of Class	11 May 23	Final Exam and Class End

COURSE ORGANIZER

CHAPTER	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENT & DUE DATE All due by 11:59pm on:	
Orientation Introductions	Navigating Blackboard Introductions	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 22 Jan
Ch 1	Categorizing Sex	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 29 Jan
Ch 2	Investigating Sexuality	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 05 Feb
Ch 3	Representing Sex	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 12 Feb
Ch 4	Learning About Sex	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 19 Feb
Ch 5	Sexual Bodies	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 26 Feb
Exam 1	Chapters 1 – 5	Exam 1	S 05 Mar
Ch 6	Sexual Practices	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 12 Mar
	*****SPRING BREAK*****	*****SPRING BREAK*****	
Ch 7	Sexual Health	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 26 Mar
Ch 8	Social Control	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 02 Apr
Ch 9	Sexual Violence	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 09 Apr
Ch 10	Commercial Sex	DB posts/Quiz Writing Exercise	S 16 Apr
Overview	Course Overview Sex Matters Reading	DB posts	S 23 Apr
	Film Analysis	Paper DB posts	Th 27 Apr F 28 Apr
Visual Essay	Power point must be uploaded before or by the deadline	Visual Essay	Th 04 May
Exam 2	Chapters 6 - 10	Exam 2	Th 11 May

****The “DUE” date is not necessarily the same as the “DO” date.****

****Work may be submitted at any time before it is due.****

****Plan ahead to ensure all work is submitted on time.****