



PSYCH2AA3 FALL TERM 2018
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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Location: MDCL 1102

Classes: Tuesdays 7:00-10:00 pm

Course objectives and content: This course will survey research and theory on human sexuality from evolutionary, social, cultural, and clinical perspectives.

Required Text:

Rathus, S.A., Nevid, J.S., Fichner-Rathus, L., & McKay, A. (2015). Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity, (5th Canadian Edition). Pearson Education Canada.

Emailing:

Please use only your McMaster email address when emailing. Other addresses often get spam filtered, and will never be read. Please do not send email directly from Avenue unless you set the "reply to" your McMaster email address. **Please include 3AC3 in your subject line.**

Avenue: The course website is available to registered students by logging into Avenue <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca>. You will need to learn how to use Avenue to access the course content, announcements, and discussions. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with class announcements made on Avenue.

Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss this with the course instructor.

Prerequisite(s): One of PSYCH 2AA3, 2C03, 3GG3

Evaluation:

The assessment for this course will be based on two midterms, worth 30% each, plus a cumulative final worth 40%. All exams will be in multiple-choice and short answer format.

The in-class exams will be held in the regular classroom, at the start of the regular class time. You will have the entire class period to complete each exam. Students will be responsible for all materials covered in lectures (including articles and class discussions) and in the textbook.

2 x midterms: 30% + 30% = 60% (In class midterms: February 5th and March 12th)

1 x Cumulative Final: 40% (TBD by the Registrar's office- between April 11th to April 29th)

If any in-class exam does not take place on the scheduled date due to weather, facilities, or any other unforeseen circumstance, THE EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR NEXT CLASS MEETING.

Grading Scale:

Midterm #1 = 30%

Midterm #2 = 30%

Final Exam = 40%

100-90 = A+ 79-77 = B+ 69-67 = C+ 59-57 = D+ 49-0 = F

89-85 = A 76-73 = B 66-63 = C 56-53 = D

84-80 = A- 72-70 = B- 62-60 = C- 52-50 = D-

Missed Midterm or Exam:

If you miss one of the in-class tests for documented medical or compassionate reasons, you should complete a Missed Work form in the office of the Associate Dean (Studies) of your Faculty. Once your Associate Dean has accepted your reason for absence, the remaining in-class midterm exam and the final exam will be reweighted (40%, 60% respectively) to cover the missed in-class midterm exam. When using the approved Missed Work form, you need to report your absence to me via email chowcht@mcmaster.ca immediately.

Note: A self-reporting MSAF will not excuse you from either of the midterm tests in this course as they are worth more than 25% each.

Changes in course requirements: Details of the course requirements may be subject to change. If requirements are altered, revised course materials will be posted on the webpage and announced in class.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations, please contact the instructor so accommodations can be made.

Academic Integrity Policy: It is your responsibility to be aware of the University Academic Integrity Policy. Cases of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to: copying or the use of unauthorized aids in tests, examinations and laboratory reports; plagiarism, i.e., the submission of work that is not one's own; aiding and abetting another student's dishonesty giving false information for the purposes of gaining admission or credit; giving false information for the purposes of obtaining deferred examinations or extension of deadlines; and/or forging or falsifying McMaster University documents. Students who infringe on the resolutions of the University Academic Integrity policy will be treated according to the published policy.

Outline of Topics

Date	Topic	Chapter
January 8	Course Introduction Introduction: Human Sexuality	1
January 15	Using Theory and Research to Understand Human Sexuality	2
January 22	Conception, Pregnancy, and Child birth	10
January 29	Contraception and Abortion Review session	11
February 5	1ST IN-CLASS EXAM (Chapters 1,2, 10, 11 + paper articles + lecture materials) Gender Identity and Gender Roles	5
February 12	Sexual Arousal and Response	4
February 19	NO CLASS- Mid-term Recess	
February 26	Attraction and Love	6
March 5	Relationships, Intimacy, and Communication Review session	7
March 12	2nd IN-CLASS EXAM (Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7 + paper articles + lecture materials) Sexual Orientation	9
March 19	Sexuality Across the Life Span	12
March 26	Sexually Transmitted Infections	14
April 2	Sexual Variations	16
April 9	Review session	
April 11-29	CUMULATIVE FINAL EXAM (Date/Time TBD)	