**Course Title:** Psychology of Human Sexuality  
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**Course Description:** This course is designed to increase your knowledge on the topic of human sexuality. Human sexuality is a complex topic that interacts with our lives on a daily basis. It is expected that your level of comfort on the topic will increase as your knowledge does.

**Prerequisites (If any):** PSYC 1102 – General Psychology II

**Goals and Objectives:**
1. To understand how history has shaped our perspectives of human sexuality, and how these perspectives vary from culture to culture.
2. To understand how humans are “wired” for sex. More specifically, to have an understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the female/male human body.
3. To understand the stages of human reproduction. This includes fertilization, fetus development, and the birthing process.
4. To recognize different types of contraceptive approaches and know the differences between the many Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI’s).
5. To acquire a knowledge of the history of sexual research.
6. To understand how sexuality is a part of everyone’s lives and its impact on individuals of all ages. To understand how disability may impacts an individual’s sexuality.
7. To know the difference between sex and gender and to understand how one’s gender is a product of their environment.
8. To increase your level of comfort and knowledge through discussions regarding individuals who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender. To understand what it means to identify with each of these groups.
9. To increase your knowledge on sexual subcultures/minorities (e.g. S&M community). More importantly, to understand that if something is different it may not be wrong.
10. To know the sexual response cycle and to identify the different types of sexual dysfunctions.

**Course Topics:**
- Sexual Anatomy & Biology
- Pregnancy
- STI’s, Contraception, and Abortion
- Sexual Arousal
- Sex Research & Perspectives
- Sexuality in Childhood & Adolescence
- Sexuality Adulthood
- Gender & Sexuality
- Sexual Orientation
- Sexual Variations
- Sexual Disorders
- Ethics & Religion

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