

# PSYC 235 : Human Sexuality

This course is designed to present learners with an interdisciplinary study of the sexual functioning of humans. The course examines human sexual behavior within the cultural, social, and political context. Topics discussed include historical/cross-cultural sexual attitudes, reproductive health and rights, the range of sexual experience, gender differences and roles, sexual orientation, sex and disease, sex and the law, and sex and social responsibility/personal ethics. Course information is drawn liberally from sociology, psychology, and biology, providing students with an integrated introduction to the study of human sexual behavior.

**Credits 3**

## **Course Outcomes**

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Ability to apply course content learned to case studies and their own sexual development.
- Ability to differentiate variations in normal human sexuality from sexual disorders, including cultural influences.
- Apply subject matter learned in the course to case studies and their sexual development.
- Define sexual orientation and discuss the various biological factors often suggested as possible determinants.
- Demonstrate familiarity with ethical considerations and appropriate research methods for the study of human sexuality.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the psychological theories and research for the major topics in human sexuality.
- Demonstrate mastery of psychological theories and research for the major topics in human sexuality.
- Differentiate the variations in normal human sexuality from sexual disorders, including cultural influences.
- Discuss research methods and ethical considerations appropriate for the study of human sexuality.
- Identify and describe the process involved in the development of intimacy.

## **Competency**

Behavioral and Social Understanding