

PHI 3012 Philosophy of Love and Sex
Eastern Illinois University
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Format: Online

Since this is a fully “technology delivered” (online) course all instructor contact is distance-friendly: video - such as skype, phone calls, d2l mail.

Required Texts from EIU Textbook Rental:

Raja Halwani *Philosophy of Love and Sex*

Alan Sobel, et. Al. *The Philosophy of Sex: Contemporary Readings*

Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Course Description

This course examines the nature of sex and love including the topics of love itself, marriage, sexual preference, the nature of romantic and sexual relationships, pornography, and many other topics.

Course Objectives

Develop one’s own view on the meaning and nature of human sexuality

Develop understanding of and perspective on other’s sexuality

Develop more sophisticated moral reasoning related to sexuality
Develop critical thinking and writing skills

Course Grade:

Discussion 30%

Midterm Exam 25%

Final Exam 25%

Term Paper 20%

(First Week Quiz: part of week one discussion grade extra credit)

Separate Documents Explain Discussion, Exam and Term Paper Requirements in Detail

Topics and Readings:

Check D21 Newsfeed for Minor Changes to this schedule as we go.

Week 1: Introductions, Syllabus and Philosophy of Sex and Love?
Reading Assignment: Analytic Categories of the Philosophy of Sex
(Essay 1)

Week 2: Philosophy of Sex and Love

Analytic Categories of the Philosophy of Sex (Essay 1)

Week 3: The Nature of Love

Halwani, Chapters One and Two

Week 4: The Nature of Love II

Halwani, Chapters Two and Three

Week 5: The Nature of Sex I

Are We Having Sex Now or What (Essay 2)
Plain Sex (Essay 5)
Halwani, Chapter 5 (skim)

Week 6: The Nature of Sex II

Sexual Perversion (Essay 3)
Sex in the Head (Essay 7)

Week 7: Midterm Exam

Weeks 8 & 9: Marriage & Gender Roles

Halwani Chapters 9 and 10
Dante (Online)
Yellow Wallpaper (book)

Week 10: Gay Marriage – Christian Marriage

In Defense of Same Sex Marriage (essay 10)
Gary Divorce: Thoughts on the Legal Regulation of Marriage
(essay 11)
Reading TBA

Week 11: Sex and Love Addiction

Readings TBA

Week 12: Transgender Issues

Transwoman and the Meaning of 'Woman' (Essay 14)
Trans Persons, Cisgender Persons, and Gender Identities (Essay
15)

Week 13: Sexual Objectification/Sexual Violence

Sexual Exploitation and the Value of Persons (Essay 17)

Sexual Use (Essay 18)

Surviving Sexual Violence (Essay 27)

Week 14: Perversion, Sexual Orientation and Fantasy

Halwani Chapter 8

“What is Sexual Orientation?” (Essay 12)

More Reading TBA

Week 15: Prep for Final Exam and Paper

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