FCS 3245: Human Sexuality (fulfills U of U Diversity Requirement)

This course will provide an overview of the biological, psychological, social, lifespan and cultural influences on human sexuality. Topics include gender, anatomy, relationships, sexual response and disorders, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual orientation, sexual coercion, and commercial sex.

Students will learn factual, evidence-based information about sexuality while applying such information to real-life scenarios in both personal relationships and professional/educational realms. Instead of traditional exams, students will be assessed on their ability to connect theory and application through written journals; conducting interviews with peers and professionals; creating materials for education and/or community activism; and in-class discussion with peers, instructor, and guest speakers. The class environment is a safe place to discuss thoughts, ask questions, and learn about the broad spectrum of human sexual behaviors.

The instructor, Dr. Susan Manville, has over ten years of experience in sexuality education. In addition to teaching at the collegiate level, Dr. Manville has worked as a high school sexuality education instructor, in community HIV/AIDS prevention programming, and as director of sexual violence prevention programming for the Medical College of Wisconsin and Arizona State University.