

BIOL330 Human Sexuality Prerequisite for MA in Sexuality Studies

WHY IS THERE A BIOLOGY PREREQUISITE?

All students are required to have taken an undergraduate level course on the biological foundations of human sexuality. This foundational knowledge is expected for all entering graduate students, and is necessary for the many advanced discussions about human sexuality in the required graduate theory and methods seminars.

This course is offered at SFSU as BIOL330 - Human Sexuality.

This course is considered a prerequisite to the MA degree, and does not count towards the number of credits required to complete the MA degree.

Although this is a prerequisite, you are *not* required to have taken this course to apply to and be admitted to the MA program in Sexuality Studies. However, you must complete this prerequisite during your first year in the program.

You must earn a minimum grade of B (83%) or better to satisfy the prerequisite.

WHAT IF I HAVE TAKEN A COURSE IN BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN SEXUALITY AT ANOTHER COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY?

Students who have completed similar courses at their previous universities must submit to the SXS department a copy of the syllabus from the course they believe satisfies the BIOL330 prerequisite. The syllabus *must* contain a detailed course outline, including the topics discussed in the course.

The SXS Graduate Coordinator will make decisions about whether or not previous coursework satisfies the BIOL330 prerequisite.

Advanced high school biology coursework does not satisfy the prerequisite.

CAN I "TEST OUT" OF THE BIOL330 PREREQUISITE?

Students who have not satisfied the BIOL330 prerequisite through coursework may "test out" of the requirement by contacting Dr. Moffatt (email: moffatt@sfsu.edu or call (415) 338-1631) and completing a written exam. The date of the exam varies, but the exam will only be given once a semester at Dr. Moffatt's discretion.

You must complete the exam with a score of B (minimum 83%) or better to satisfy the prerequisite. You may only take the exam once.

WHEN SHOULD I TAKE BIOL330 AND WHEN IS BIOL330 OFFERED?

BIO 330 is typically offered every semester. It may also be offered during the summer session.

If feasible, students are encouraged to take BIOL330 during the summer before beginning the MA program. Otherwise, students should take BIOL330 during the Fall or Spring semesters of their 1st year in the program.

Students who have not completed the BIOL330 prerequisite will have conditional student status, and will only move to classified status after satisfying the prerequisite. Classified status is necessary to file for an on-time graduation. In order to attain classified status and graduate on time, the BIOL330 prerequisite must be completed by the end of your first year in the program.