

**TABLE 3. Mean scores reflecting students' reported comfort level discussing selected topics in a hypothetical college-level sex education course, by gender**

Topic	Total	Female	Male
Male-female communication	4.0	3.9	4.2**
Culture/history/social norms and sexuality	3.9	3.9	3.9
Gender/gender roles	3.9	3.6	4.1***
Birth control	3.8	3.7	3.9*
Sexuality over the life span	3.8	3.8	3.8
Sexual response	3.7	3.5	3.8**
HIV/AIDS	3.6	3.6	3.6
Female anatomy/physiology	3.6	3.5	3.6
Pregnancy/childbirth	3.6	3.4	3.8**
Sexually transmitted infections	3.5	3.5	3.6
Infertility	3.5	3.5	3.6
Love and sexuality	3.5	3.3	3.7***
Male anatomy/physiology	3.4	3.2	3.6***
Sexuality in health and illness	3.3	3.3	3.4
Sexual enhancement/sex therapy	3.2	3.0	3.4***
Sexual expression (touching/kissing/intercourse)	3.2	2.8	3.5***
Masturbation	2.8	2.7	3.0**
Sexual coercion (harassment/aggression/abuse)	2.8	2.7	2.9*
Homosexuality/bisexuality/transgenderism	2.8	2.8	2.7
Deviant sexual behaviors	2.6	2.5	2.7

\* $p < .05$ . \*\* $p < .01$ . \*\*\* $p < .001$ . Notes: Scores range from one (very uncomfortable) to five (very comfortable). Levels of significance determined by using  $t$ -tests to compare scores between genders.