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The purpose of this research was to study the values on premarital sex among police cadets, during the 1999 academic year according to the nine proposed variables. A questionnaire was developed by the researcher for data collection and administered to three hundred and two randomly drawn subjects. Data analysis techniques employed included frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation and multiple regression technique.

The results of the research showed that the police cadets' values on premarital sex had direct relationship with the variables of parental upbringing, awareness of negative consequences of premarital sex, approval of premarital sex among peers, myths about sex, and sexual experiences. These variables could significantly predict up to 53.8 percent of the values concerning premarital sex among the police cadets at 0.05 level.

From the research, it is recommended that the Police Cadet Academy should provide education on premarital sex problems and sexual myths to police cadets in order to create positive sexual values. This information should also be provided to police cadets' parents to promote discussion on sex when the police cadets go for home visits during the weekend. This should lessen premarital sex problems before they graduate from the Police Cadet Academy.