

PSYC 2607 - Psychology of Intimate Relationships

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 43928,

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- Ph.D., Social Psychology, Syracuse University, NY (2015)
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Course Description

2607. Psychology of Intimate Relationships. Psychological principles pertaining to intimate relationships, both marital and non-marital, and family dynamics. Includes topics such as communication, problem solving, domestic violence, and sexuality. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Intimate Relationships	Miller, Rowland	9781265169909

This textbook is included in the First Day Ready program, as part of your registration with this course. You will be able to access the textbook by following Dr. Tang's instructions to enroll in McGraw-Hill's Connect platform on Bb. You do NOT need to purchase a separate textbook outside of this course.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Chapter 1 Chapter 2	Building Blocks of Relationships Research Methods	Discussion 1 Before (due by 11:59pm on 10/19) Assignment 1 / Oral Presentation Signup (due by 11:59pm on 10/24) Discussion 1 After (due by 11:59pm on 10/25)
10/26	Chapter 3 Chapter 4	Attraction Social Cognition	Discussion 2 Before (due by 11:59pm on 10/26) Assignment 2 / Oral Presentation (due by 11:59pm on 10/31) Exam 1 / Discussion 2 After / Presentation Comments (due by 11:59pm on 11/1)



11/2	Chapter 5 Chapter 6	Communication Interdependency	Discussion 3 Before (due by 11:59pm on 11/2) Assignment 3 / Oral Presentation (due by 11:59pm on 11/7) Discussion 3 After / Presentation Comments (due by 11:59pm on 11/8)
11/9	Chapter 7 Chapter 8	Friendship Love	Discussion 4 Before (due by 11:59pm on 11/9) Assignment 4 / Oral Presentation (due by 11:59pm on 11/14) Exam 2 / Discussion 4 After / Presentation Comments (due by 11:59pm on 11/15)
11/16	Chapter 9 Chapter 10	Sexuality Stresses & Strains	Discussion 5 Before (due by 11:59pm on 11/16) Assignment 5 / Oral Presentation (due by 11:59pm on 11/21) Discussion 5 After / Presentation Comments (due by 11:59pm on 11/22)
11/23	Chapter 11 Chapter 12	Conflict Power & Violence	Discussion 6 Before (due by 11:59pm on 11/23) Assignment 6 / Oral Presentation (due by 11:59pm on 11/28) Discussion 6 After / Presentation Comments (due by 11:59pm on 11/29)
11/30	Chapter 13 Chapter 14	Dissolution & Loss Maintenance & Repair	Discussion 7 Before (due by 11:59pm on 11/30) Assignment 7 / Oral Presentation (due by 11:59pm on 12/3) Exam 3 / Discussion 7 After / Presentation Comments (due by 11:59pm on 12/4)

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