

**Interpersonal Relations**  
Psychology 354, Winter 2008  
Mon & Wed 10:30 – 11:50am  
Arts Lecture Hall 208

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**Text:**

Miller & Perlman's *Intimate Relationships*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition (2008).

**Course Overview:**

The purpose of this course is to introduce you to research on adult romantic relationships. Our analysis will be social psychological, and will thus emphasize the empirical study of relationships (meaning we will talk about experiments a lot). The textbook is broad, while the lectures will tend to cover more specific issues, especially recent approaches.

**Requirements:**

- 1) **Tests:** There will be three in-class tests, and NO final exam. Each test will cover all material from the text, videos, and lectures from the period leading up to the test (note: the lecture before Test 1 and Test 2 will be included in the following test). Tests are **not** cumulative. They will primarily be multiple-choice, but will also have a short answer component. The first test is on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, and is worth 25%. The second test is on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> and is worth 35%. The third test is on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and is worth 25%.
- 2) **Written Assignment:** You will be given a set of short written descriptions of scenes from relationships, and your task will be to analyze these relationships using material learned in class. This assignment must be prepared independently, with no collaboration. This paper is to be 500 words max – two pages (double-spaced, standard Times New Roman 12pt font). The assignment is due Oct 26<sup>th</sup> and is worth 15%. Please give me your papers in class or drop them off in my mailbox in PAS (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) before 5pm. Papers will NOT be accepted by email.

**Notes/Policies:**

- 1) **ACE:** Please regularly visit the class website on ACE. We will post announcements, grades, slides, etc.
- 2) **Attendance:** To succeed, attend 100% of the lectures. Tests will be approximately 60% lecture material, and I will present a great deal of material not covered in your textbook.
- 3) **Missing Exams:** Students may take a make-up exam if they obtain *written, verifiable evidence* of medical problems. The make-up exam may be different from the one taken by the rest of the class. (See department policy on website.)
- 4) **Late Assignments:** No late assignments will be accepted. There will be no exceptions to this policy.
- 5) **Grade Appeals:** If you feel that your grade was mistaken, you may submit a written appeal in class (not over email) within one week of the date the assignment was first handed back. I will review the appeal and if necessary, issue a new grade (lower or higher than the original, depending on my opinion).

**Please see the "Departmental Policies" form on ACE for general information about departmental policies regarding illness, bereavement, academic integrity, grievance, etc.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Textbook</b>
Sep 14	L1: Introduction	Ch 1
Sep 16	L2: Attraction & First Impressions 1	Ch 3
Sep 21	L3: Attraction & First Impressions 2	<i>Ch 3</i>
Sep 23	L4: Relational Cognition 1	Ch 4
Sep 28	L5: Relational Cognition 2	<i>Ch 4</i>
Sept 30	L6: Attachment Theory	p. 14 - 19, 264 -266
<b>Oct 5</b>	<b>Test 1</b>	
Oct 7	L7: Love & Intimacy	Ch 8
Oct 12	<i>No Class: Thanksgiving</i>	---
Oct 14	<i>No Class: Prof Away</i>	---
Oct 19	L8: Social Exchange Theories	Ch 6
Oct 21	L9: Interdependence & Commitment 1	<i>Ch 6</i>
<b>Oct 26</b>	L10: Interdependence & Commitment 2 <b>Assignment Due by 5pm</b>	<i>Ch 6</i>
Oct 28	L11: Communication	Ch 5
Nov 2	L12: Sexuality	Ch 9
Nov 4	Video (will be on test, no alternate viewings)	---
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Test 2</b>	---
Nov 11	L14: Jealousy & Betrayal	Ch 10
Nov 16	<i>No Class: Prof Away</i>	---
Nov 18	L15: Power & Deception	Ch 12
Nov 23	L16: Conflict & Divorce	Ch 13
Nov 25	L17: Relationship Maintenance	Ch 14
Nov 30	Video (will be on test, no alternate viewings)	---
Dec 2	<b>Test 3</b>	---