

# Course Schedule

Important: **ALL TIMES EASTERN** - Please see the [University Policies](#) section of your Course Outline for details

Week	Module	Readings (Readings are listed for the second and third edition of the textbook.)	Activities and Assignments	Important Dates	Weight (%)
Week 1	<a href="#">Module 1: Introduction and Research Methods</a>	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 1 pages 1-10, 12-17, and 21-26; and Chapter 2 pages 33-68, and 71-78</p> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 1 pages 1-17, 21-25; and Chapter 3 pages 81-107, 111-113</p>	<p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p>	<p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p>	<p>Each week, there are various learning activities to complete; these activities are worth a combined total of <b>10%</b> of your final grade.</p>
Week 2	<a href="#">Module 2: Theoretical Frameworks</a>	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 3 pages 82-130</p> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 2</p>	<p>Review Group membership for <a href="#">Weekly Discussions</a></p> <p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p>	<p>Check after Friday, May 13, 2022 at 4:30 PM</p> <p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p> <p>Sunday,</p>	

	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 4 pages 131-170</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptions: Please skip the section discussing Relationship Dissolution and its Aftermath (pages 160-162)</li> </ul> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 4 pages 119-125, 132-141, 145-151; Chapter 5 pages 155-164, 168-172, 181-191; Chapter 9 pages 302-303 (Spotlight on CNM); and Chapter 11 pages 355-358</p>	<p>Deadline for opting out of using Turnitin®</p>	<p>May 15, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p> <p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p>	<p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p>
<p><b>Week 3</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Module 3: Sex and Gender</a></p>			
	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 5 pages 171-210</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptions: Please skip pages 188-190 (Romantic Attraction in Long-Term vs. Short-Term Relationships) and 208-209 (Courtship: Developing Commitment)</li> </ul> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 7 pages 225-256</p>		<p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p> <p><a href="#">Assignment 1: Article Summary</a></p>	<p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p> <p><b>Due:</b> Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p> <p><b>20%</b></p>
<p><b>Week 4</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Module 4: Attraction and Mate Selection</a></p>			

<b>Week 5</b>	<a href="#">Module 5: Individuals in Relationships</a>	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 6 pages 211-236</p> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 6 pages 193-222</p>	<p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p>	<p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p>
<b>Week 6</b>	<a href="#">Module 6: Communication and Intimacy</a>	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 7 pages 237-261</p> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 8 pages 259-282; and Chapter 9 pages 287-292, 302-307</p>	<p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p>	<p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p>
<b>Week 7</b>	<a href="#">Module 7: Conflict and Aggression</a>	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 8 pages 262-297</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceptions: Please skip the section discussing Quantifying Couple Communication (page 269)</li> </ul> <p><b>Third Edition:</b> Chapter 10 pages 323-350; and Chapter 11 pages 369-386</p>	<p><a href="#">Online Midterm</a></p> <p>You must achieve 100% on the <b>Confidentiality Agreement and Statement of Honesty - Midterm</b> quiz before you will be able to access the Online Midterm.</p>	<p><b>Opens:</b> Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p> <p><b>20%</b></p> <p><b>Closes:</b> Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p>
<b>Week 8</b>	<a href="#">Module 8: Beliefs and Values</a>	<p><b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 9 pages 298-335</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceptions: Please skip the section Similarity in Partner's Beliefs and Values (pages 323-325)</li> </ul>	<p>Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a>)</p>	<p><b>Due:</b> Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 11:55 PM</p>

**Third Edition:** Chapter 12  
pages 389-406

**Second Edition:** Chapter  
10 pages 336-372

- Exceptions:  
Please skip the sections discussing Selective Attention (page 353), Cognitive Complexity (pages 366-368), and Commitment Calibration Hypothesis (pages 369-370)

**Week 9**  
[Module 9: Meaning, Memory, and Motivated Reasoning](#)

Learning Activities  
(See [Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning](#))

**Due:**  
Sunday,  
July 3, 2022  
at 11:55 PM

**Third Edition:** Chapter 12  
pages 406-425

**Second Edition:** Chapter  
11 pages 373-415

- Exceptions:  
Please skip the sections discussing Physiological Effects (pages 385-386) and Attributes of Social Networks (pages 409-411)

**Week 10**  
[Module 10: Stress and Context](#)

Learning Activities  
(See [Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning](#))

[Assignment 2: Scenario Analysis](#)

**Due:**  
Sunday,  
July 10,  
2022 at  
11:55 PM

**Due:**  
Tuesday,  
July 12, 2022 at  
11:55 PM **20%**

**Third Edition:** Chapter 13  
pages 429-462

**Second Edition:** Chapter

12 pages 416-452

<b>Week 11</b>	<a href="#">Module 11: Relationship Interventions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptions: Please skip the section discussing Self- PREP Evaluation (page 445)</li> </ul>	Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a> )	<b>Due:</b> Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 11:55 PM
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**Third Edition:** Chapter 15

pages 505-538

<b>Week 12</b>	<a href="#">Module 12: Relationships Across the Lifespan</a>	<b>Second Edition:</b> Chapter 13 pages 453-505	Learning Activities (See <a href="#">Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities</a> )	<b>Due:</b> Sunday, July 24, 2022 at 11:55 PM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptions: Please skip the section discussing Sibling Relationships and Children's Friendships (pages 462-474)</li> </ul>	Deadline for <a href="#">Research Participation</a> Activities	Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 11:55 PM

**Third Edition:** Chapter 14

pages 465-471, 480-503

The **Final Exam** quiz will be available from Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM to Monday, August 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You must achieve 100% on the **Confidentiality Agreement and Statement of Honesty - Final** quiz before you will be able to access the Final Exam. **30%**

# Contact Information

## Announcements

Your instructor uses the **Announcements** widget on the **Course Home** page during the term to communicate new or changing information regarding due dates, instructor absence, etc., as needed.

You are expected to read the announcements on a regular basis.

To ensure you are viewing the complete list of announcements, you may need to click **Show All Announcements**.

## Discussions

A [General Discussion](#) topic\* has also been made available to allow students to communicate with peers in the course. Your instructor may drop in at this discussion topic.

## Contact Us

Who and Why	Contact Details
<p><b>Instructor and TAs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course-related questions (e.g., course content, deadlines, assignments, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Post your course-related questions</b> to the <a href="#">Ask the Instructor</a> discussion topic*. This allows other students to benefit from your question as well.</p> <p><b>Questions of a personal nature</b> can be directed to your instructor or your TA.</p>

- Questions of a personal nature

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**TAs:**

Your instructor checks email and the [Ask the Instructor](#) discussion topic\* frequently and will make every effort to reply to your questions within 24–48 hours, Monday to Friday.

**Technical Support,**  
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- Technical problems with Waterloo LEARN

[learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca)

Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.

Technical support is available during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Eastern Time).

[IST Knowledge Base: For Students](#) 

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 Centre for Extended  
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- General inquiries
- Examination information

[Student Resources](#) 

[extendedlearning@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:extendedlearning@uwaterloo.ca)

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\*Discussions can be accessed by clicking **Connect** and then **Discussions** on the course navigation bar above.



# Course Description and Learning Outcomes

## Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of research and theory on interpersonal relations. The course will present the principles and processes that affect the nature and progress of close relationships. We will focus mainly on intimate or romantic relationships, from the initial stages of attraction and relationship formation, to the development of commitment and intimacy as well as conflict. We will examine the processes that help us maintain, or lead to the dissolution of, these relationships.

## Learning Outcomes

In this course you will learn to:

- Appreciate the importance of studying intimate relationships.
- Compare and contrast different approaches, frameworks, and models for studying intimate relationships.
- Consider how different people interpret relationship events based on contextual and personal/social influences, including early family experiences, personality characteristics, and beliefs and values.
- Critically evaluate psychological research on intimate relationships, and apply this to studies reported in the media.
- Explore influences of gender and sexuality on intimate relationship experiences.
- Examine the stages of intimate relationships, and how relationships develop and change across the life span.
- Gain a deeper understanding of your own relationships.

*This online course was developed by Denise Marigold, with instructional design and*

*multimedia development support provided by the Centre for Extended Learning. Further media production was provided by Instructional Technologies and Multimedia Services.*

# About the Course Author

## Course Author — Denise Marigold

### Educational Background

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I am an Associate Professor in the Social Development Studies department at Renison University College, at the University of Waterloo. I did a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at York University before coming to the University of Waterloo to complete my PhD in Social Psychology.



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### Current Research

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One line of my research examines how people develop and maintain a sense of security in their romantic relationships. Another area of my research investigates what makes for an effective, rewarding social support interaction among friends or family members.

### Teaching Interests

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I am truly passionate about psychology research and I want to get students excited about learning. I aim to illuminate the substantial contributions that psychology can make to intellectual debates, social problems, and personal well-being. Other courses I teach include Social Psychology, Positive Psychology, and Close Relationships (a 4<sup>th</sup>-year seminar).

### Outside of work

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I enjoy spending time with my husband (also a Psychology professor) and three children, being active outdoors, cooking and baking, listening to podcasts, and snuggling our very fluffy cats.

# Materials and Resources

## Textbook

### Required

1. Bradbury, T.N., & Karney, B.R. (2019). *Intimate Relationships (3rd edition)*. W.W. Norton & Co.

Page numbers are also listed for the second edition of the textbook.

The on-campus version of this course taught on the main campus or at St. Jerome's uses a different textbook. The title is the same as this one but the authors are different. Please be sure you have the correct textbook for this course.

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For textbook ordering information, please contact the [W Store | Course Materials + Supplies](#) .

For your convenience, you can compile a list of required and optional course materials through [BookLook](#)  using your Quest userID and password. If you are having difficulties ordering online and wish to call the Waterloo Bookstore, their phone number is +1 519-888-4673 or toll-free at +1 866-330-7933. Please be aware that textbook orders **CANNOT** be taken over the phone.

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## Course Reserves

Course Reserves can be accessed using the **Library Resources** widget on the **Course Home** page.

## Resources

- Library services for [Co-op students on work term and students taking online courses](#) 

# Grade Breakdown

The following table represents the grade breakdown of this course.

<b>Activities and Assignments</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
Participation in Weekly Discussions and Learning Activities	10%
Assignment 1: Article Summary	20%
Online Midterm	20%
Assignment 2: Scenario Analysis	20%
Research Participation: You can also earn an additional 3% in bonus marks by participating in online studies.	Up to 3% bonus
Final Examination	30%

## Official Grades

Official Grades and Academic Standings are available through [Quest](#) .

# Course and Department Policies

## Assignment Deadlines

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The instructor follows the practices of the University of Waterloo in accommodating students who have documented reasons for missing quizzes or exams. See the [Accommodation due to illness](#)  page for more information.

You are responsible for informing the instructor in advance if you are unable to complete an assignment by the scheduled date. Missed due dates are only acceptable in the case of medical problems (with a medical note) and for serious compassionate reasons. Late submissions, without advance permission, will be given a 10% reduction in the total possible grade for each 24 hours after the due date. No assignments will be accepted if submitted more than one week after the deadline.

Difficulty with assignments is not a sufficient reason for an extension. Any student who finds himself/herself struggling with an assignment during the term is encouraged to talk with the instructor as soon as possible to discuss strategies for success. It is important to begin assignments well in advance of the due date in case of problems.

## Attendance

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To succeed, listen to all of the lectures. The lectures generally follow the structure of the textbook, but I'll also talk about some additional research that is not covered in there. On the flip side, there are some topics in the text that I won't talk about in the lectures—mainly things I don't feel need much further explanation or discussion. You should definitely still read about those topics, and be prepared to answer questions about them on the midterm and final exam, unless I've specifically indicated in your syllabus not to read those pages in the text.

## Website

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Please check the LEARN website regularly. I will post announcements, upcoming due

dates, grades, etc. Although all the lecture slides and accompanying audio will be posted, I recommend that you take your own notes as much as possible. Research shows that people have greater memory for the materials when they take their own notes.

## Cross-listed Course

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Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric. **PSYCH 354** is cross-listed with **PSYCH 354R** (formerly PSYCH 221R). Only one of these two courses can be taken for credit towards the degree.

# University Policies

## Submission Times

Please be aware that the University of Waterloo is located in the **Eastern Time Zone** (GMT or UTC-5 during standard time and UTC-4 during daylight saving time) and, as such, the time that your activities and/or assignments are due is based on this zone. If you are outside the Eastern Time Zone and require assistance with converting your time, please try the [Ontario, Canada Time Converter](#) .

## Accommodation Due to Illness

**If your instructor has provided specific procedures for you to follow if you miss assignment due dates, term tests, or a final examination, adhere to those instructions.** Otherwise:

### Missed Assignments/Tests/Quizzes

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Contact the instructor as soon as you realize there will be a problem, and preferably within 48 hours, but no more than 72 hours, have a medical practitioner complete a [Verification of Illness Form](#) .

**Email** a scanned copy of the Verification of Illness Form to your instructor. In your email to the instructor, provide your name, student ID number, and exactly what course activity you missed.

Further information regarding Management of Requests for Accommodation Due to Illness can be found on the [Accommodation due to illness](#)  page.

### Missed Final Examinations

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Contact your instructor as soon as possible if you are unable to fulfill academic requirements due to illness or other extenuating circumstances.

Further information about Examination [Accommodations](#)  is available in the Undergraduate Calendar.

## Academic Integrity

In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. **If you have not already completed the online tutorial regarding academic integrity you should do so as soon as possible.** Undergraduate students should see the [Academic Integrity Tutorial](#)  and graduate students should see the [Graduate Students and Academic Integrity](#)  website.

Proper citations are part of academic integrity. Citations in CEL course materials usually follow CEL style, which is based on APA style. Your course may follow a different style. If you are uncertain which style to use for an assignment, please confirm with your instructor or TA.

For further information on academic integrity, please visit the [Office of Academic Integrity](#) .

## Turnitin

**Turnitin.com:** Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students' submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin® in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit the alternate assignment.

[Turnitin® at Waterloo](#) 

## Discipline

A student is expected to know what constitutes [academic integrity](#) to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration, should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

## Appeals

A decision made or penalty imposed under [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances](#), (other than a petition) or [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#), may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72 - Student Appeals](#).

## Grievance

A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances](#), Section 4. When in doubt please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

## Final Grades

In accordance with [Policy 46 - Information Management](#), Appendix A - Access to and Release of Student Information, the Centre for Extended Learning does not release final examination grades or final course grades to students. Students must go to [Quest](#) to see all final grades. Any grades posted in Waterloo LEARN are unofficial.

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## Accessibility Statement

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## Use of Computing and Network Resources

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