

## Interpersonal Relations: Psychology 354, Fall 2010

Mon & Wed 10:00 – 11:20am  
Arts Lecture Hall 211

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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 immediately 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 4th, and is worth 25%. The second test is on Nov 8th and is worth 35%. The third test is on Dec 6th 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 25<sup>th</sup> and is worth 15%: Please hand in your papers in class or drop them off in one of our mailboxes 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 we 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:** Late assignments will receive mark deductions unless arrangements are made due to illness or bereavement.
- 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. One of us will review the appeal and if necessary, issue a new grade (lower or higher than the original, depending on our opinion).

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

**Research Experience:** Since experiential learning is highly valued in the Department of Psychology, students may earn a "bonus" of up to 4% in this course through research experience. Course work will make up 100% of the final mark and a "bonus" of up to 4% may be earned and will be added to the final grade if/as needed to bring your final grade up to 100%. **Please see the “Research Experience” form on ACE for more information on how to earn these bonus marks.**

Graded final examination papers as well as unclaimed graded assignments, and tests for this course will be kept in storage in the Psychology Department for a maximum of 16 months after the final grades have been submitted to the Registrar's Office. After that time, these documents will be destroyed in compliance with UW's confidential shredding procedures.

*Psych 354 is cross-listed with Psych 221R. Only 1 of these 2 courses can count for credit towards the degree.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Textbook</b>
Sep 13	L1: Introduction	Ch 1
Sep 15	L2: Attraction & First Impressions 1	Ch 3
Sep 20	L3: Attraction & First Impressions 2	<i>Ch 3</i>
Sep 22	L4: Relational Cognition 1	Ch 4
Sep 27	L5: Relational Cognition 2	<i>Ch 4</i>
Sept 29	L6: Attachment Theory	p. 14 - 19, 264 -266
<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>Test 1</b>	---
Oct 6	L7: Love & Intimacy	Ch 8
Oct 11	<i>No Class: Thanksgiving</i>	---
Oct 13	L8: Social Exchange Theories	Ch 6
Oct 18	L9: Interdependence & Commitment 1	<i>Ch 6</i>
Oct 20	L10: Interdependence & Commitment 2	<i>Ch 6</i>
<b>Oct 25</b>	L11: Communication <b>Assignment Due by 5pm</b>	Ch 5
Oct 27	<i>No Class: Prof Away</i>	---
Nov 1	Video (will be on test, no alternate viewings)	---
Nov 3	L12: Sexuality	Ch 9
<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Test 2</b>	---
Nov 10	L13: Jealousy & Betrayal	Ch 10
Nov 15	L14: Power & Deception	p. 360-374
Nov 17	L15: Conflict & Divorce	Ch 13, p. 335-350
Nov 22	L16: Relationship Maintenance	Ch 14
Nov 24	L17: Relationships and goal pursuit	Fitzsimons & Finkel (2010; see Ace)
Nov 29	UW Relationship Research Day (will be on test)	---
Dec 1	Video (will be on test, no alternate viewings)	---
<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>Test 3</b>	---

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