

FYSM 1310 F : SELECTED TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY- CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS

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Course Delivery	In-person
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course is intended as an introduction to psychology as the scientific study of people's thoughts, feelings and behavior. The special topic of the course is relationship science, that is, the study of close relationships (e.g., romantic relationships, friendships). In this course, students will learn how relationships are formed, maintained, and end. A special focus will be placed on social psychological theory and empirical approaches to the study of close relationships.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Evaluation will be based on several components including participation in the class (e.g., verbal participation, completion of small exercises, attendance), written assignments throughout the course (e.g., critiques), group work, and oral presentations. Classes will be held in-person (i.e., on campus). Regular class attendance is expected in this course.

TEXT

Fall term

Goldfarb, A. (2024). *Modern Friendship: How to Nurture Our Most Valued Connections*. Boulder, Co: Sounds True. ISBN: 9781649632081

Winter Term

Ansari, A. & Klinenberg. E. (2016). *Modern Romance*. New York, New York: Penguin Books. ISBN 9780143109259