

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Psych./ Intimate Relationships

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** PSY 2600

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will learn social psychological research findings about the meanings, characteristics, and development of intimate relationships. Students will understand love and friendship in a global, cross-cultural perspective. Students will develop critical thinking about special issues in relationships, such as intimate communication, male-female differences in communication, conflict, jealousy, trust, loneliness, and shyness.

Prerequisite: ENG 1510.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

**SUNY**

Social Sciences

**JCC**

Cultural Understanding

Scientific Reasoning

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe major concepts and theories of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
  2. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
  3. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding]
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**Topics Covered:**

- American cultural beliefs about love
  - Psychology of mutual attraction
  - Communication and intimate relationships
  - Sex differences with regard to communication
  - Conflict in intimate relationships
  - Identity and intimacy in the stages of psychological development
  - Fear of intimacy as a psychological problem
  - Trust in intimate relationships
  - Jealousy in intimate relationships
  - Sexuality in intimate relationships
  - Loneliness
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2023