

SYLLABUS

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Course Code	Course Title		Credits	ECTS Value
PSY 336	Close Relationships		(3-0-3)	4
Prerequisite Courses:	-			
Course Language:	English	Course Delivery Mode:	Face-to-face	
Course Type and Level:	Compulsory/3rd year/Spring Term			
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname		Course Hours	Office Hours	Contact
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Course Coordinator:	Asst. Prof. Dr. Sena Doğruyol			
Course Objectives				
Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to;		Relations	
			Program Outcomes	Net Contribution
	1	Explains the basic concepts and theoretical approaches related to close relationships.	1, 4,13	5, 4, 5
	2	Defines the fundamental psychological processes involved in the formation, maintenance, and termination of close relationships.	1, 2, 4	5,4
	3	Evaluates relationship dynamics such as attachment, love, and friendship through theoretical frameworks.	1,4,9,	4, 4, 4
	4	Analyzes communication processes and common communication barriers in relationships at a general level.	2, 4, 12	5, 4, 4
	5	Identifies problem areas that may arise in romantic relationships (conflict, manipulation, dating violence, etc.).	2, 8, 12	5, 4, 5
6	Interprets the individual and interpersonal effects of relationship processes from a holistic perspective.	2, 4, 11	5, 4, 5	
Course Content:	This course examines the psychological foundations of close relationships, their fundamental concepts, and the processes spanning from the formation to the dissolution of relationships from a theoretical perspective. Fundamental relational dynamics such as attachment, love, friendship, communication, conflict, and forgiveness are examined in light of scientific research. In addition, problem areas such as dating violence, manipulation, and communication barriers are discussed, and risky or challenging processes that may arise in relationships are evaluated. The course aims to enable students to analyze close relationships within a multifaceted and holistic psychological framework.			
Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)				
Week	Topic	Preparation		Teaching Methods and Techniques
1	Getting to know the students, informing them about the course content, and introducing resources	Information about the course plan, procedure, and textbook		Lecture, Question-Answer, Group Interaction
2	Introduction: The psychological importance of close relationships and basic concepts	Concept notes, review and discussion of research articles.		Discussion, Question-Answer, Lecture

3	The nature and functions of close relationships	Case examples, flow charts	Presentation, Group Work, Lecture
4	Attachment theory and attachment styles	Theoretical summary, case studies	Problem Solving, Lecture, Discussion
5	The effects of attachment styles on adult relationships	Review and discussion of research articles. Comparison tables	Practical Observation, Discussion, Video Viewing
6	The psychology of love: Types of love and the development of love	Pre-reading materials, case examples	Lecture, Question-Answer, Group Interaction
7	Friendship and social support systems	Role-playing scenarios, communication examples	Lecture, Question-Answer, Group Interaction
8	Midterm Exam		
9	Midterm Exam		
10	Communication and Maintaining Relationships	Review and discussion of research articles. Case studies	Lecture, group discussion, article review
11	Interpersonal Communication and Communication Barriers	Current articles, case examples	Role-playing, case analysis
12	Dating Violence - Manipulation in Romantic Relationships	Case analyses, discussion activities related to research questions	Lecture, group discussion, article review
13	Conflict Dynamics and Resolution Strategies	Pre-reading materials, case studies	Group work, case analysis
14	Forgiveness Processes and Reconciliation in Relationships	Review and discussion of research articles. Case studies	Role-playing, discussion, problem-solving activities
15	Separation, Divorce, and Relationship Termination Processes	Pre-reading materials, case studies	Lecture, group discussion, article review
16	Term review.	Term review	
17	Final Exam		
18	Final Exam		

Course Resources

Textbook:	Bailey, Stephen, <i>Academic writing: a handbook for international students</i> . 4th Fourth edition
Recommended References:	American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association 2020: the official guide to APA style (7th ed.). American Psychological Association. Perrin, R. Pocket Guide to APA Style, 2012. Wallwork, A. (2010). English for Presentations at International Conferences. Springer Books. Alley, M. (2003). The Craft of Scientific Presentations. Springer Books. Rowe, N. (2017). Academic & Scientific Poster Presentation: A Modern Comprehensive Guide. Springer Books.

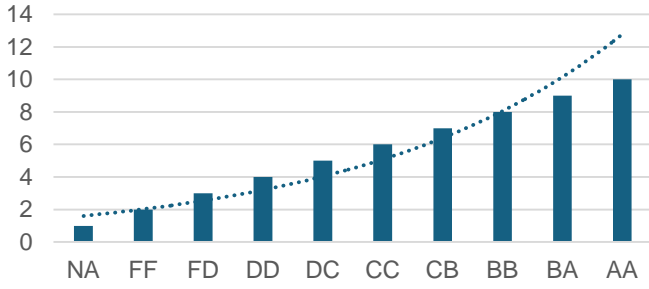
Course Assessment and Evaluation

Activities	Number	Percentile	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	%35	
Assignment	1	%15	
Final	1	%50	

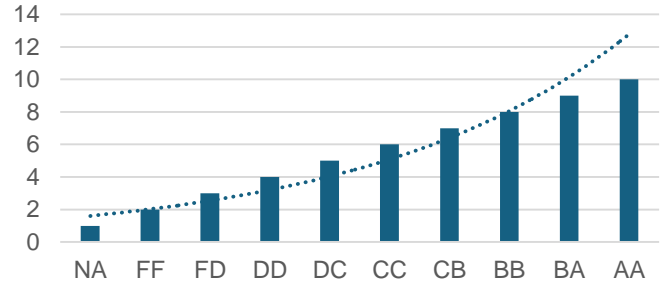
ECTS Table			
Content	Number	Hours	Total
Course Duration	14	3	42
Out-of-Class Study	12	3	36
Assignment	1	6	6
Presentation	1	8	8
Project	1	6	6
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	10	10
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	12	12
Total:			120
Total / 30:			120/30≈4,0≈4
ECTS Credit:			4

Past Term Achievements

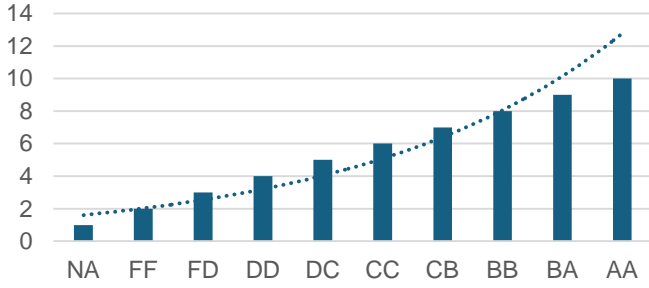
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