



UNSW Course Outline

PSYC1029 Psychobiology of Sex, Love and Attraction 2023

Course Code PSYC1029
Year 2023

Location Kensington

Prerequisites

Course Code PSYC1029
Year 2023
Semester Term 3
Enrolling Periods T3

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Study Level Undergraduate
Units of Credit 6

Useful links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

body and brain? Many people believe

that love is an ethereal force that engulfs the mind. Psychologists and biologists have a different view – that attraction and love are encoded by hormones and other chemicals activating brain systems of reward and connections with others. Yet, we all agree that sex, love, and attraction exert powerful effects on our lives by shaping our romantic partnerships, our desire to reproduce, and how we parent our offspring.

In this course you will be introduced to the study of sex, love, and attraction in humans and other animals from a broad-based perspective including comparative, psychobiological, cross-cultural, and evolutionary approaches. Along the way, you will learn about physiological, behavioural, cognitive, and social factors involved in sex, love, and attraction. An emphasis of the course is placed on evolutionary concepts and how these could be used to interpret sex, love, and attraction. This course will enable you to gain a better understanding of evolutionary psychology and apply principles from this discipline to examine various issues related to sex, love, and attraction such as relationships, sexual behaviour, social monogamy, paternity, parenting,

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Final exam
Assessment Format

One submission per student. Submissions final.

Assignment submission unit type

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Group discussion questions

Assessment criteria

The group discussion questions will involve a question/topic that you will need to comment on in the group discussion forum. Each student will be allocated to a group of ~10 students for this activity. The question/topic will be released by 9 AM on Monday of Weeks 2, 4, 5, and 8. The comment must be submitted in the forum by 11:59 PM on Friday in Weeks 2, 4, 5 and 8 to avoid late penalties. Each comment will be marked out of 20 possible points and will be worth 2.5% of the total course mark. Full credit will be awarded providing the comment demonstrates that the student has engaged with the material in a thoughtful, meaningful, and original way

Assessment length

recommended 180-400 words per post

Assignment submission unit type

This is not a Turnitin assignment

Special consideration

Special Consideration Students who experience circumstances outside of their control that prevent them from completing an assessment task by the assigned due date can apply for Special Consideration. Special Consideration applications should include a medical certificate or other documentation and be submitted via myUNSW within 3 days of the sitting/due date.

Important note: UNSW has a

consideration application and implemented in accordance with UNSW Assessment Policy and Psychology Student Guide.

All course assessments have been designed and implemented in accordance with [UNSW Assessment Policy](#).

The APA (7th edition) referencing style is to be adopted in this course. Students should consult the publication manual itself (rather than third party interpretations of it) in order to properly adhere to APA style conventions. Students do not need to purchase a copy of the manual, it is available in the library or online. This resource is used by assessment markers and should be the only resource used by students to ensure they adopt this style appropriately.

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	Online Activity	<i>First Discussion Forum (MARKED)</i> <i>Reading</i> <i>Video on fatworm mating</i>
	Other	<i>Zoom discussion of Week 2 content</i>
Week 3 : 25 September - 29 September	Lecture	ts Wo ns Worl Lecture 1: Anatomy Lecture 2: The Female Orgasm Lecture 3: Are You Experienced?
	Online Activity	<i>Online Quiz for Weeks 1-3 material (MARKED)</i> <i>Readings</i> <i>Podcast</i>
	Other	<i>Zoom discussion of Week 3 content</i>
Week 4 : 2 October - 6 October	Lecture	tt r ction Lecture 1: Simply Irresistible Lecture 2: Chemical Romance
	Online Activity	<i>Second Discussion Forum (MARKED)</i> <i>Readings</i> <i>View Essay instructions, resources, and marking rubric</i>
	Other	<i>Zoom discussion of Week 4 content</i> <i>Essay topic released</i>

Online Activity	<i>Final Discussion Forum (MARKED)</i> <i>Readings</i>
Other	<i>Zoom discussion of Week 8 content</i>

Week 9: 6 November - 10 November

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The Student Conduct and Integrity Unit provides further resources to assist you to understand your conduct obligations as a student: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/conduct>

Submission Assessments

Penalty for Late Submissions

UNSW has a standard late submission penalty of:

- 5% per day,
- for all assessments where a penalty applies,
- capped at five days (120 hours) from the assessment deadline, after which a student cannot submit an assessment, and
- no permitted variation.