Part I

Course Title: Human Intimacy: Friendship, Dating and Marriage
Course Code: GEG1027
Department: SEC
Credit Point: 3
Contact Hours: 39

Part II

Synopsis
This module focuses on investigating the topic of human intimate relationships which include friendship, dating, and marriage within the context of Hong Kong. The module will help participants to explore the historical and social context, meaning, nature and core elements of different types of intimate relationships. A multi-disciplinary approach from sociology, social psychology and history will be used to examine intimate relationships.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)
Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
• CILO1 Acquire critical understanding of theories and research of the context, meaning, and nature of different types of human intimate relationships
• CILO2 Apply the concepts and theories in critical analysis of cases of human intimacy in Hong Kong context and aboard
• CILO3 Synthesize how the theories can be applied in managing human intimate relationships
• CILO4 Reflect and design personal plans to enhance one’s intimate relationship with others

Content, CILOs and Teaching & Learning Activities
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<td>a. The historical and social context of human intimacy in Hong Kong: the East meets West social and cultural context of Hong Kong; intimate relationships in a changing society; different types of intimacy and their relation to mental health</td>
<td>CILO_1,2</td>
<td>Lectures</td>
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<td>b. Theories and research on human intimacy: system theory, symbolic interaction theory, conflict theory, exchange theory, attachment theory, psychodynamic theory of attraction, Sternberg’s triangular theory of love, and power theory</td>
<td>CILO_1,2,3</td>
<td>Lectures, case analysis, group discussion, role plays</td>
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<td>c. Intimacy in friendship and dating: gender differences in intimate relationships; models of love and relationship style; the process and core elements in developing human intimate relationships; intimacy in friendship and dating, falling in love and separation; ethical issues and thoughtful responses</td>
<td>CILO_3,4</td>
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<td>d. Intimacy in marriage: historical trends of divorce in Hong Kong; selecting a life partner, Hong Kong pluralistic society and different nature and types of intimate couples; changing sex roles with tensions and conflict between family and work, building strong marriages and families, the challenge of communication, power and conflict in marriages</td>
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**Assessment**

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<td>a. <strong>Group presentation and role play</strong>&lt;br&gt;Group presentation (with 3-4 participants) on a selected type of intimate relationship with case illustration to synthesize and demonstrate how the theories can be applied in managing human intimate relationship</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>b. <strong>Individual reflection and action plan</strong>&lt;br&gt;Reflect and design a personal plan to enhance one’s intimate relationship with others by using concepts and theories learnt in the course</td>
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<td>c. <strong>Participation in class and self-reflective essay</strong></td>
<td>20%</td>
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**Required Text(s)**

**Recommended Readings**

10. 許烺光 (1988), 《中國人與美國人》，臺北：巨流。
11. 曾昭旭 (1996), 《現代人的感情生活》，台北市：希代書版股份有限公司。
12. 劉達臨 (2001), 《性的歷史》，臺北市：臺灣商務印書館股份有限公司。
13. 霍玉蓮 (2000), 《情難捨：從相依之道到相分之痛》，香港：突破出版社。

**Related Web Resources**


**Related Journals**

3. 龐憶華 (2005), 《婚姻故事初探》, 《亞洲輔導學報》, 十一卷一、二期, 頁101-125。