



SOC 315

Love, Sex and Friendship

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General Information

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Prerequisites

39cp or admission to GDipArts

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit we look at intimacy in its various forms, and its importance as a basis of interaction for personal relationships, family and friendship. When we think about intimacy we tend to imagine it primarily in terms of feelings: understanding and feeling understood; loving and feeling loved; supporting and feeling supported; feeling able to be yourself, to let go, to enjoy someone's company, closeness, comfort. This unit, then, is also an invitation to think outside these psychological categories and to exercise your sociological imagination. We focus on the contested nature of sociology's contemporary interest in the intimate sphere. We turn to history to enable considered reflection upon present-day experiences. For contemporary love relationships, friendships and the ways in which family members interact, are subject to material and ideological changes that have their source in the beginnings of modernity.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Participation	10%	Ongoing
Essay 1	20%	Week 6 (4 September)
Essay 2	30%	Week 9 (9 October)
Essay 3	40%	Week 13 (6 November)

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Attend and actively participate in tutorials.

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Minimum references: 3 (lecture, set reading/s, additional material such as a sociology journal article or book chapter).

To reference lectures write, for example: SOC315, Lecture Week3.

Word count (including references): 600

The questions will be posted on iLearn in Week 3.

Submit assignment through turnitin. Please use Times New Roman at size 12 and make sure it is double spaced. Refer to the Sociology referencing guide for referencing style.

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Essay 2

Due: **Week 9 (9 October)**

Weighting: **30%**

Choose ONE of three essay questions. Answer the question by engaging with (a) the relevant lecture, (b) the set weekly readings and (c) TWO additional scholarly articles or book chapters you have found.

Minimum references: 4 (lecture, set reading/s, additional material such as a sociology journal article or book chapter).

To reference lectures write, for example: SOC315, Lecture Week3.

Word count (including references): 800

The questions will be posted on iLearn in Week 6.

Submit assignment through turnitin. Please use Times New Roman at size 12 and make sure it is double spaced. Refer to the Sociology referencing guide for referencing style.

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Essay 3

Due: **Week 13 (6 November)**

Weighting: **40%**

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Minimum references: 5 (lecture, set reading/s, additional material such as a sociology journal article or book chapter).

To reference lectures write, for example: SOC315, Lecture Week3.

Word count (including references): 1000

The questions will be posted on iLearn in Week 10.

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Delivery and Resources

The unit will be delivered as 1x2 hour weekly lectures and 1 hour weekly tutorials.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)

- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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- **Engaged and Ethical Local and Global Citizens:** As local citizens our graduates will be aware of Indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.
- **Commitment to Continuous Learning:** Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

Assessment tasks

- Participation
- Essay 1
- Essay 2
- Essay 3