

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 13 (PSYC): **Reinstate PSYC 368, Psychology of Close Relationships**

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1. Add: On page 262, **PSYC 368, Psychology of Close Relationships:**

368 Psychology of Close Relationships (3)

An exploration of the psychology influencing close relationships. Critical emphases include love, friendship, attraction, intimacy, communication, conflict, loss and grief through discussion of phenomenology, psychological theory and psychological research. No credit given to students who have credit for PSYC 366. Prerequisites: PSYC 100, 201. See department chair.

Impact Statement: This course was taught by Dr. Ann Weber for several decades before she retired in 2012. With the hiring of Dr. Libby Pascoe (also a social psychologist), the department is now able to offer the course again, which was highly popular among our majors and represents important content. The course is part of a menu of ten non-lab courses at the 300-level from which students are required to complete two. The addition of this course will have no impact on major or minor requirements other than to provide an additional option for completing the 300-level, non-lab requirement. Dr. Pascoe should be able to offer the course on a semi-regular basis, consistent with our pattern of other 300-level, non-lab courses, and no staffing or resource changes will be needed.

Rationale: This course represents an area of expertise for Dr. Libby Pascoe, a junior faculty member, and she taught this course as a Special Topics course this past year. The department has traditionally encouraged and permitted newer faculty to develop courses which reflect their expertise but are also in keeping with our basic curriculum. Given the popularity and meaningfulness of this content, the department would like to add this course back into our curriculum.