

LEARNING JOURNEY

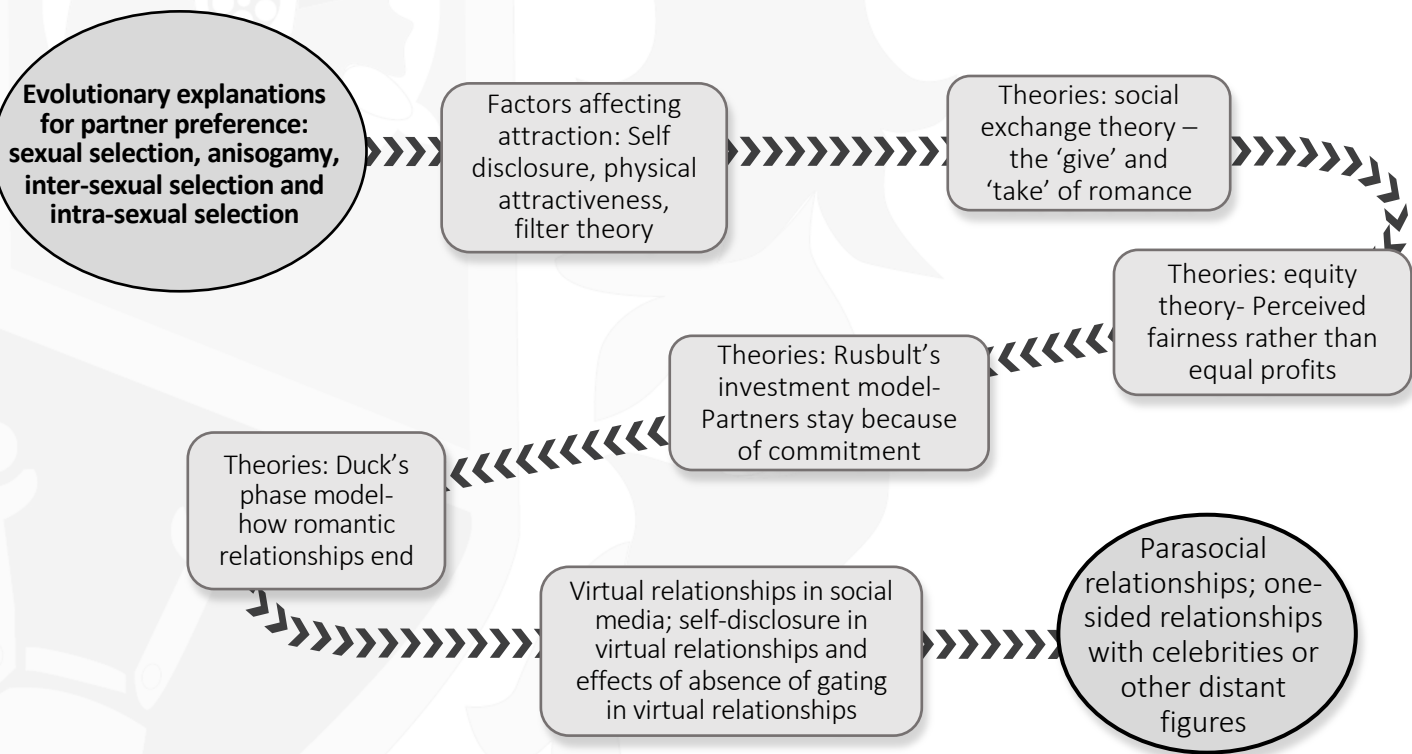
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Relationships

While need for human connection appears to be innate, the ability to form healthy, loving relationships is learned. Some evidence suggests that the ability to form a stable relationship starts to form in infancy, in a child's earliest experiences with a caregiver who reliably meets the infant's needs for food, care, warmth, protection, stimulation, and social contact. Such relationships are not destiny, but they are theorized to establish deeply ingrained patterns of relating to others. The end of a relationship, however, is often a source of great psychological anguish.

Within this unit you will be able to explain the evolutionary explanations for partner preferences and discuss the factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships.



VOCABULARY: Evolution, Anisogamy, inter-sexual selection, intra-sexual selection, reciprocity, self-disclosure, comparison levels, equity, equality, parasocial, absorption, borderline-pathological, intense-personal, entertainment-social, hyper-personal, gate, dyadic, investment, satisfaction



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