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Department of Psychology
Psychology 345 (L01) – Social Psychology
Spring 2011 – Weekend University Course Outline

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Course Description and Goals

This course will familiarize you with social psychological approaches to understanding a variety of human experiences. To that end, we will review theoretical and empirical strategies social psychologists have developed to help us understand such things as attitude change, conformity, prejudice, aggression, altruism, and attraction.

Prerequisites

Psyc 205 – Principles of Psychology

Required Text

Aronson, Wilson, Akert, & Fehr (2010). Social Psychology (4th. Canadian ed), available in the University Bookstore.

Evaluation

Performance in the course (grades) will be evaluated on the basis of two mid-term examinations, a final examination, and 2 written thought pieces.

Important Note: Students must complete all assignments and examinations to receive a passing grade in the course.]

Examinations: All three examinations are non-cumulative and multiple choice. They will cover assigned material in the textbook as well as the content of lectures (including all films and videos shown in class). The exam schedule that follows provides specific information regarding the textbook material to be covered by each exam. As well, lecture outlines and video guiding questions will be posted on the course Blackboard page. Nonetheless, you are encouraged to obtain class notes from another student should you miss class.

If you must miss a mid-term exam due to illness or other circumstances beyond your control, a make-up test will be arranged. Documentation will be required and you should contact the instructor before the test (preferably), or as soon as possible after the test.

	Textbook Content	Weight	Date
Midterm Exam 1:	Chaps. 1- 4, part of 5 covered in class before exam.	20%	May 21
Midterm Exam 2:	Chaps: Remainder of 5, plus 6, 7, 8, 9, and part of 10 covered in class before exam	32%	June 11
Final Exam:	Chaps: Remainder of 10, plus 11 -12 & SPA 3, plus any specified topics In SPA 1 and 2	32%	June 25

Thought Piece Assignments: Two reports--minimum 3 pages—maximum 4 pages, with an **additional** cover page including your ID (but not your name) typed, font size 12, double spaced, with page numbers beginning on cover page -- **each report worth 8% of the final grade, for a total weight of 16%**. Each assignment will consist of your application of social psychological theories or concepts from specified text chapters to gain increased understanding of a relevant experience or event in your own life. These reports are to be prepared using readings from the textbook and must not include references. The goal is for you to develop your ability at achieving insight into everyday experiences using ideas learned in the course. Format details will be explained in class and posted on the course Blackboard site.

All assignments: You are expected to hand in printed assignments in class on the due date. Printed assignments will be returned, graded, in class to you generally the following lecture date. If you cannot attend class that day, you must 1) drop off the assignment into the Green Box outside A275 before 4:30 pm on the Friday (building closed on Saturday) before the due date or 2) e-mail in your assignment by **5:30 pm on the due date as a Word .doc file attachment**. If you wish your assignment returned with graded comments, you must also drop off a printed version of that e-mailed assignment to the Psychology Office Admin A275 by the next class date.

If illness or other circumstances beyond your control make it difficult to complete an assignment on time as described above, you are expected to advise the instructor of

this before the due date has passed. Faxed assignments will not be accepted.

Late papers will lose 10% of the assignment grade per day late, including weekend days.

Thought Piece #.	Due Dates:	Applicable Chapter Content
1	May 28	1-6
2	June 18	7-12 plus SPA 3

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage (e.g., 89.5% will be rounded up to 90% = A but 89.4% will be rounded down to 89% = A-).

Important dates

Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date
S May 7	Lectures begins. Ch. 1 Introduction to Social Psychology Ch. 2 Methodology: How Social Psychologists Do Research BEGIN: Ch. 3 Social cognition: How We Think About the Social World
S May 14	FINISH: Ch. 3 Social Cognition Ch. 4 Social Perception: How We Come to Understand Other People BEGIN Ch. 5 Self-Knowledge and the Need to Maintain Self-Esteem
M May 16	Last day for registration/change of registration and last day to drop a course with tuition refund.
S May 21	<i>Midterm Exam 1 on Ch. 1-4, plus the portion of Chapter 5 covered in class May 14</i> FINISH: Ch. 5 Self-Knowledge and and the Need to Maintain Self-Esteem BEGIN: Ch. 6 Attitudes and Attitude Change: Influencing Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviour
S May 28	<i>Thought Piece 1 Due (on Ch 1-6)</i> FINISH: Ch. 6 Attitudes and Attitude Change Ch. 7 Conformity BEGIN Ch. 8 Group Processes
S June 4	FINISH: Ch. 8 Group Processes

	Ch. 9 Interpersonal Attraction BEGIN: Ch. 10 Prosocial Behaviour
S June 11	<i>Midterm Exam 2, on remainder of Ch.5, all of Chapters 6 – 9, plus the portion of Chapter 10 covered on June 4</i> FINISH: Ch. 10 Prosocial Behaviour <i>Ch. 11 Aggression</i>
S June 18	<i>Thought Piece 2 due (on Ch. 7- 12, plus SPA 3)</i> Ch. 12 Prejudice SPA 3 Social Psychology and the Law
F June 24	Last day to withdraw.
S June 25	<i>Final Exam: Remaining part of Ch.10, 11 – 12, SPA 3, and any specified sections of SPA 1 and 2</i>

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.

Absence From A Test/Exam

Students who miss a term test due to a valid and documented official University reason (illness, domestic affliction, or religious conviction) have 48 hours to contact AND schedule a makeup test with the instructor. The onus is on the student to have a makeup test approved and scheduled within 48 hours, or the makeup test option is forfeited. The same process applies to missed makeup tests. At the instructor's discretion, the makeup test may differ significantly in form and/or content from the missed test. However, the makeup test cannot differ in weight (% of final grade) from the missed test. Except in extenuating circumstances (a documented official University medical excuse), a makeup test must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test. Absence from a final exam, and deferral of a final exam, are handled by Enrolment Services (see http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/deferred_final). Students absent from a final exam must notify the instructor within 48 hours and must then apply for an official deferred final exam no later than the deadline indicated in the Examinations Schedule.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act

The FOIP legislation disallows the practice of having student's retrieve tests and assignments from a public place. Therefore, tests and assignments may be returned to students during class/lab, or during office hours, or via the Department Office (Admin 275), or will be made available only for viewing during exam review sessions scheduled by the Department. Tests and assignments will be shredded after one year. Instructors should take care to not link students' names with their grades, UCIDs, or other FOIP-sensitive information.

Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. **A maximum of two (2) credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to the student's final grade. Students earn 0.5% (0.5 credits) for each full 30 minutes of participation.** The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>

The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **Jun 24th, 2011**.

Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>
Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Student Ombudsman's Office

The Office of the Student Ombuds provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. The office can be reached at 403-220-6420 or ombuds@ucalgary.ca (<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>).

Safewalk

The safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 170 and may be contacted at 403-220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic:	Phone: 403-220-3911	suypaca@ucalgary.ca
Student Union Faculty Rep.:	Phone: 403-220-3913	socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a tuition fee refund** and the last day for registration/change of registration is **May 16, 2011**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **June 24, 2011**.