



Department of Psychology
Psychology 345 (L01) – Social Psychology
Winter 2011 – Course Outline

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Course Description and Goals

Social psychological approaches to understanding social influence, social perception and cognition, attitudes and group dynamics.

This course surveys a wide range of areas of study within the field of social psychology. By the end of the course you should be:

1. able to identify and understand the social psychological perspective on psychological phenomenon and how it differs from perspectives in other areas of psychology and the social sciences
2. able to identify and understand the major theoretical frameworks within social psychology (e.g., social learning theory, cognitive dissonance theory, etc.) and their real-life applications (e.g., aggression, attitude formation, etc.)
3. familiar with the types of research questions and research designs common in studies in this area, and able to critique research findings on relevant topics that you encounter in the media and elsewhere.

Prerequisites

Psyc 205 – Principles of Psychology

Required Text

Aronson, E., Wilson, T. D., Akert, R. M., & Fehr, B. (2010). Social Psychology, 4th Ed. Toronto: Pearson. **BE SURE TO GET THE 4th EDITION.**

Evaluation

Course Component	% of Grade	Date
Midterm exam #1	30%	February 7, 2011
Midterm exam #2	30%	March 25, 2011
12 Angry Men Analysis	10%	due March 14, 2011
Final exam	30%	To be scheduled by registrar

Exams

Exams will consist of approximately 40-50 multiple-choice items. Questions will cover material from lectures and the text as well as material presented in films/film clips/videos and guest lectures. Exams will be non-cumulative in nature.

No study aids will be permitted during exams for this course.

12 Angry Men Analysis

You will write a brief paper (maximum 3 pages double-spaced with 1 inch margins using a font no smaller than Times 12) applying social psychological theories or concepts to analysis of the feature film, "12 Angry Men" (Laurel, 1957). You are responsible for viewing the film on your own time, which will require obtaining access to a copy of the film on DVD (or other medium) for viewing well in advance of the due date. Further details will be provided in class and posted on Blackboard by February 18, 2011.

Papers will be due **in hardcopy** at the beginning of class on March 14, 2011. Alternatively, you may deposit your paper in the green box at the main Psychology office (A275) no later than 11:00 a.m. on the 14th (if you elect to use the green box for submission, be sure to clearly type PSYC 345 (01) BOON clearly on the front page to ensure I receive it on time). Electronic submissions and papers submitted after 11 a.m. on the due date will not be accepted.

As this is a written assignment, the quality of your writing will be a factor in the evaluation of your analysis. In other words, typos, grammatical errors, and weak writing style will negatively affect your grade.

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%

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades. 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-).

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Date	Topic/Assignment	Assigned Readings from text
Jan 10-14	Lectures begin. Introduction Methodology	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
Jan 17-21	Social Cognition	Ch. 3
Jan 21	Last day to drop a course with no W grade and tuition refund.	
Jan 24	Last day for registration/change of registration.	

Jan 24-28	Social Perception	Ch. 4
Jan 31–Feb 4	Self-Knowledge and Self-Esteem	Ch. 5
Feb 7	Midterm exam #1 (chapters 1 through 5)	
Feb 9-11	Attitude and Attitude Change	Ch. 6
Feb 14-18	Attitude and Attitude Change cont'd Conformity	Ch. 7
Feb 18	12 Angry Men assignment posted	
Feb 21-25	Reading days. No lectures.	
Feb 28–Mar 4	Conformity cont'd	
Mar 7-11	Group Processes	Ch. 8
Mar 14	12 Angry Men assignment due	
Mar 14-18	Interpersonal Attraction	Ch. 9
Mar 21-23	Interpersonal Attraction cont'd	
Mar 25	Midterm exam #2 (chapters 6 through 9)	
Mar 28-Apr 1	Prosocial Behaviour	Ch. 10
Apr 4 - 8	Aggression	Ch. 11
Apr 11 – 15	Prejudice	Ch. 12
R Apr 14	Last day to participate in research and allocate research credits.	
F Apr 15	Lecture ends. Last day to withdraw.	
final exam period	Final Exam (chapters 9 through 12)	

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

Makeup tests/exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test/exam for health reasons; the student will be required to pay any cost associated with this Statement. Students who miss a test/exam have 48 hours to contact the instructor and to schedule a makeup test/exam. Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam.

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 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 **Apr 14th, 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 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

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.

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **Jan 21st, 2011**. Last day for registration/change of registration is **Jan 24th, 2011**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Apr 15th, 2011**.