

PSYC 345.01
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
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Course Description

This course examines a broad range of key topics in social psychology. It is designed to help students to become familiar with the methods for studying social psychological constructs and the major theories in social psychology. Some of the topics to be covered include: understanding social influence, social cognition, attitudes, conformity, aggression, prejudice, altruism, and attraction.

Course Learning Outcomes

The Department of Psychology is committed to student knowledge and skill development. The table below lists the key learning outcomes for this course, the program-learning outcomes they facilitate (see <https://live-arts.ucalgary.ca/psychology/about#program-learning-outcomes>), and the expected level of achievement.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods	PLO(s)	Level(s)
Evaluate and understand research methods in social psychological research	Midterms; Final exam; Class participation; Written assignment	1,2,4	C
Describe the major theories of social psychology	Midterms; Final exam; Written assignment	1,4	C
Apply theory and research on social psychology to specific problems or situations	Written assignment; Class participation	1,2,4,7	C
Complete a research proposal on a social psychology topic	Written assignment	1,2,4	C

Notes. PLOs = Program-Learning Outcomes: 1 = demonstrate knowledge of psychological sciences, 2 = think critically and solve problems, 3 = conduct research and analyze data, 4 = communicate effectively, 5 = demonstrate information literacy, 6 = understand and implement ethical principles in a diverse world, 7 = apply psychological knowledge and skills, 8 = Demonstrate multicultural competence and awareness of issues related to equity, diversity,* and inclusion. Level of PLO achievement facilitated by this course: I = introductory, C = competency, A = advanced.

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Course Format

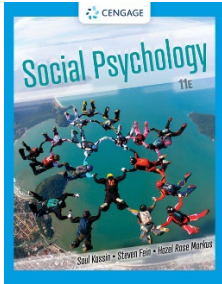
This is an in-person class held on campus.

Prerequisites

PSYC 200 and PSYC 201 (or equivalent) – Principles of Psychology I & II

Required Text

The textbook for this class can be purchased at the University of Calgary Bookstore



Kassin, S., Fein, S., & Markus, H. R. (2020). *Social Psychology* (11th Ed.), published by Wadsworth.

Assessment Methods

Exams in this course are closed book. The use of resources, including class notes, the textbook, online resources, and calculators is prohibited during the exams in this course. Students may not communicate with others about course material or the exam either in person or electronically during exams.

Assessment Methods

(1) Midterm Exam #1 (February 7th)	25%
(2) Midterm Exam #2 (March 14th)	25%
(3) Research Proposal (due March 28 th)	15%
(4) Final Exam (Scheduled by registrar)	35%

(1) Midterm Exam #1

- Could include any material covered in class as well as from the assigned textbook chapters
- Chapters covered include: 1, 2, 3, & 4
- Comprised of a mix of multiple choice questions
- Worth 25% of the final grade

(2) Midterm Exam #2

- Could include any material covered in class as well as from the assigned textbook chapters presented after Midterm #1
- Chapters covered include: 5, 6, & 7
- Comprised of a mix of multiple choice questions
- Worth 25% of the final grade

(3) Research Proposal

Students will be required to complete a research proposal on a social psychology topic of their choosing. The assignment will involve proposing a novel research idea. When writing the proposal, students should adhere to APA guidelines (6th edition).

- Please submit a paper copy in class AND an electronic copy on the D2L system on the due date
- The proposal will require a formal Introduction (i.e., literature review, rationale, hypotheses), Methods, Expected Results, and Reference sections
- More information on the structure and expectations of the proposal will be provided on the Desire2Learn course page

- Without instructor approval, late assignments will be penalized 10% per day, including weekends
- Worth 15% of the final grade

(4) Final Exam

Scheduled by the registrar during the fall exam period

- 3 hours will be allocated for the exam
- The final exam IS NOT CUMULATIVE
- Could include any material covered in class as well as from the assigned textbook chapters
- Chapters covered include: 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12
- Comprised of a mix of multiple choice questions
- You will NOT be allowed to use any of the following during the test: iPods, iPads, smartphones, computers, books or notes
- Worth 35% of the final grade

University of Calgary Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity.

Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional code of conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary's reputation of excellence. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have read and are familiar with the student academic misconduct policy:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-Policy.pdf>

Department of Psychology Criteria for Letter Grades

Psychology course instructors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

A+ grade: *Exceptional Performance.* An A+ grade indicates near perfect performance on multiple choice and short answer exams. For research papers/essays/course projects/presentations, an A+ grade is awarded for exceptional work deserving of special recognition and is therefore not a common grade.

A, A- Range: *Excellent Performance.* Superior understanding of course material. Written work is very strong in terms of critical and original thinking, content, organization, and the expression of ideas, and demonstrates student's thorough knowledge of subject matter.

B Range: *Good Performance.* Above average understanding of course material. Written work shows evidence of critical thinking and attention to organization and editing but could be improved in form and/or content.

C Range: *Satisfactory Performance.* Adequate understanding of course material. Knowledge of basic concepts and terminology is demonstrated. Written work is satisfactory and meets essential requirements but could be improved significantly in form and content. Note: All prerequisites for courses offered by the Faculty of Arts must be met with a minimum grade of C-.

D range: *Marginally meets standards.* Minimal understanding of subject matter. Written work is marginally acceptable and meets basic requirements but requires substantial improvements in form and content. Student has not mastered course material at a level sufficient for advancement into more senior courses in the same or related subjects.

F grade: *Course standards not met.* Inadequate understanding of subject matter. Written work does not meet basic requirements. Student has not demonstrated knowledge of course material at a level sufficient for course credit.

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%

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/Activity/Readings/Due Date (revise and add columns & rows as necessary)
T Jan 10	Overview of the course
R Jan 12	Chapter 1. Introduction to Social Psychology
T Jan 17	Chapter 2. Research Methods in Social Psychology
R Jan 19	Last day to drop a class without financial penalty
R Jan 20	Chapter 2. Research Methods in Social Psychology Last day to add or swap a course
T Jan 24	Chapter 3. The Social Self
R Jan 26	Chapter 3. The Social Self
Jan 27	Fee payment deadline for Fall Term full and half courses.
T Jan 31	Chapter 3. The Social Self
R Feb 2	Chapter 4. Perceiving Persons
T Feb 7	Midterm #1: Chapters 1, 2, & 3
R Feb 9	Chapter 4. Perceiving Persons
T Feb 14	Chapter 5. Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination
R Feb 16	Chapter 5. Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination
Feb 20	UNIVERSITY CLOSED Alberta Family Day
Feb 19-25	Term Break
T Feb 28	Chapter 6. Attitudes
R Mar 2	Chapter 6. Attitudes
T Mar 7	Chapter 7. Conformity, Compliance, & Obedience
R Mar 9	Chapter 7. Conformity, Compliance, & Obedience
T Mar 14	Midterm #2: Chapters 4, 5, & 6
R Mar 16	Chapter 8. Group Processes
T Mar 21	Chapter 8. Group Processes
R Mar 23	Chapter 9. Attraction and Close Relationships
T Mar 28	Research Proposal Due Chapter 9. Attraction and Close Relationships
R Mar 30	Chapter 10. Helping
T Apr 4	Chapter 10. Helping
R Apr 6	Chapter 11. Aggression
Apr 7	UNIVERSITY CLOSED Good Friday
Apr 10	UNIVERSITY CLOSED Easter Monday
T Apr 11	Chapter 12. Law
Apr 12	Fall Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw with permission from Fall Term half courses.

Extra Research Participation Course Credit is Not Offered for this Course.

Absence From Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are **NOT** an option without the approval of the instructor

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-1-1.html> At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Once approved by the instructor a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam on a day/time scheduled by the instructor. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>

Travel During Exams

Consistent with University regulations, students are expected to be available to write scheduled exams at any time during the official December and April examination periods. Requests to write a make-up exam because of conflicting travel plans (e.g., flight bookings) will NOT be considered by the department. Students are advised to wait until the final examination schedule is posted before making any travel arrangements. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam [Deferred Final Exams | University of Calgary \(ucalgary.ca\)](#) Students with an exceptional extenuating circumstance (e.g., a family emergency) should contact the Department of Psychology psyugrd@ucalgary.ca

Reappraisal of Graded Term Work <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

Reappraisal of Final Grade <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

Academic Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at [University of Calgary : B.6.1 Accommodation of Students with Disabilities or Medical Conditions \(ucalgary.ca\)](#)

Academic Misconduct

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary

Student Support and Resources

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund is Thursday, January 19, 2023**. Last day add/swap a course is **Friday, January 20, 2023**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Wednesday, April 12, 2023** [University of Calgary : Academic Schedule \(ucalgary.ca\)](https://www.ucalgary.ca/academic-schedule)