

PSYCO241
Social Psychology

3 Credits

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Calendar Description

A survey of theories and research on the individual in a social context.

Rationale

The student develops an understanding of how his/her thoughts, feelings and behaviours are influenced by others as well as the various ways people form attitudes and interact with others.

Prerequisites

PSYCO104 and PSYCO105

Co-Requisites

None

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. identify and describe the social psychological approach to studying human behavior.
2. describe basic theories, concepts, and scientific methodologies used by social psychologists.
3. discuss research findings regarding conformity, compliance, obedience, cognitive dissonance, prejudice, discrimination, prosocial behavior, gender differences, aggression, and interpersonal relationships in terms of personal health and the environment.
4. apply appropriate writing skills in terms of spelling, grammar, terminology, and building an academically sound argument:
 - use language correctly and convincingly;
 - construct a thesis and conclusions from a broad range of sometimes contradictory data;
 - use recognized academic format and style.

Resource Materials

Olson, J., S. Breckler & E. Wiggins. (2008). *Social Psychology Alive* (1st Canadian ed.).

Toronto, ON: Thomson Nelson.

Note: Other sources may be recommended or required as supplemental reading.

Conduct of Course

This is a 3 credit course with 3 hours of lecture per week. (3-0-0).

Lectures may be interspersed with videos and guest lecturers.

In order to be able to keep up with lectures and discussions it is recommended that you read the assigned readings before class. Class participation is essential if you want to get the most out of this course and you'll find that becoming personally involved also tends to make the course more enjoyable.

All assignments are to be completed and turned in at the assigned dates.

Plagiarism and cheating (presenting someone else's words, ideas or work as your own) is a serious academic crime. Punishments range from a zero for the assignment to expulsion from the College.

Evaluation Procedures

Midterm Exam(s)	30%
Research Assignment	30%
Final Examination	<u>40%</u>
Total	100%

The Research Assignment will be discussed in class.

No supplemental assignments or examination re-writes are permitted in this course.

Grade Equivalents and Course Pass Requirements

A minimum grade of D (50%) (1.00) is required to pass this course.

Letter	F	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Percent Range	0-49	50-52	53-56	57-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-100
Points	0.00	1.00	1.30	1.70	2.00	2.30	2.70	3.00	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.00

Students must maintain a cumulative grade of C (GPA - Grade Point Average of 2.00) in order to qualify to graduate.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is essential for success in this course. Absence for any reason does not relieve a student of the responsibility for the information in lectures and films, of completing course work and assignments on time and to the satisfaction of the instructor.

I reserve the right to ask you to withdraw from the course if you choose not to attend on an acceptably regular basis.

Course Units/Topics

Note: Classroom interaction and the availability of unscheduled guest speakers can affect the rate at which we progress through the course and therefore the course calendar. Consequently, though classroom discussions follow the schedule in terms of general format there may be variations in terms of specific dates.

Unit 1: Introduction to Social Psychology

Unit 2: Influences on Social Behaviour

Unit 3: Understanding Social Behaviour



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