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**General Description:**
The primary goal of this course is to provide students with an introduction to research and theorizing in social psychology. Topics covered in this course will include research methods, attitudes and social information processing, social influence, the self, group processes, prejudice, aggression, altruism, and interpersonal attraction.

**Class Format:**
One three hour class will be held each week consisting of lectures, video clips, and class discussions.

**Text:**
The textbook for this course is:
Aronson, Wilson, Akert, & Fehr  
Pearson Education Canada

This textbook is available from the York Bookstore. *ISBN: 978–0–13–216539–6*

Price $147.20

**Prerequisites:**
Psyc 1010 6.0 with a minimum grade of C.

**Last Drop Date:** March 6, 2015

**Evaluation:**
(1) Exam 1 – **Thursday, January 29, 2015**  
30%
(2) Exam 2 – **Thursday, March 12, 2015**  
30%

(3) Final Exam – **Exam Period – April 8 - 24, 2015**  
40%

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 75 to 79, B = 70 to 74, C+ = 65 to 69, etc.). For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar at [http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/pdfs/ug2004cal/calug04_5_acadinfo.pdf](http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/pdfs/ug2004cal/calug04_5_acadinfo.pdf)

Please note that it is important to show up for all exams on time. To be fair to other students and to prevent cheating, students who are late will not be allowed to write the exam.

Also to be fair to the other students, there will be no makeup exams except under extraordinary circumstances. Students will only be allowed to write a missed exam if they notify the instructor within 48 hours of the scheduled exam date. Legitimate reasons include death in the family and illness. Missing an exam for vacation or work related reasons are not valid excuses.

_Documentation is necessary. Your doctor must fill the form provided on the website below and provide the necessary details and dates surrounding your illness._


_If you miss an exam for non-medical reasons, you still must produce supporting documentation (e.g., death certificate, accident report, airline ticket for emergency travel)._  

Requests for re-evaluation of exams must be received before the last class of the term.

**Class Conduct and Academic Integrity and Honesty:**  
Please note that all cell phones should be turned off during classes and exams so that incoming calls do not disrupt the class.

Please check out York University's academic integrity website.  
[http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm)
LECTURE SCHEDULE

1) Thursday, Jan 8th
   Introduction and Methodology
   Reading material:
   Chapter 1: Introduction to Social Psychology, pp. 2-25.
   Check out the course website:
   https://kawakami.squarespace.com/psyc-2120-social-psychology/

2) Thursday, Jan 15th
   Social Cognition
   Reading material:
   Check out the textbook website:
   https://pearsonmylab.com

3) Thursday, Jan 22nd
   Social Perception and Self-Perceptions
   Reading material:
   Chapter 4: Social Perception: How We Come to Understand Other People, pp. 88-121.
   Chapter 5: Self-Knowledge and the Need to Maintain Self-Esteem, pp. 122-151.

4) Thursday, Jan 29th
   First In-Class Exam (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)

5) Thursday, Feb 5th
   Attitudes
   Reading material:
   Do Web demonstrations of the IAT:
   https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/

6) Thursday, Feb 12th
   Persuasion

7) Thursday, Feb 19th - Reading Week – No class

8) Thursday, Feb 26th – No class
   Reading material:
9) Thursday, March 5th  
Conformity and Group Dynamics

Reading material:  

10) Thursday, March 12th  
Second In-Class Exam (Chapters 6, persuasion, 7, and 8)

11) Thursday, March 19th  
Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination

Reading material:  

12) Thursday, March 26th  
Altruism and Aggression

Reading material:  
Chapter 11: Aggression: Why We Hurt Other People, pp. 338-371.

13) Thursday, April 2nd  
Interpersonal Attraction and Close Relationships and Course Wrap-up

Reading material:  
Chapter 9: Interpersonal Attraction: From First Impressions to Close Relationships, pp. 270-309.

14) Final Exam – April 8th to April 24th (Cumulative)  
Date and Location TBA