

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

YORK UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HEALTH

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY: AS/SC/PSYC 2120 3.0 B

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MOODLE:

Course outline,
Office hours, Lecture notes, and updates are available
through Moodle.

LECTURE:

Wednesday 11:30-2:30
SLH - F

TEXTS:

Olson, J.M., Breckler, S.J., & Wiggins, E.C. (2008)
Social Psychology Alive (1st Cdn. Edition). Toronto:
Nelson Education.

Class Format and Requirements:

The class consists of one three-hour lecture session each week. Classes will consist of lectures, research demonstrations, and videos. The lectures are designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge base in introductory Social Psychology.

Research demonstrations play an integral part in the course. Students will be asked periodically to take part in a data collection demonstration exercise carried out in class time. The primary purpose of these demonstrations is to illustrate key concepts in Social

Psychology and the results will be discussed in class at appropriate points during the course schedule. Participants will be anonymous.

Evaluation of performance in this course is based on three tests. Each test consists of multiple choice and short answer essay questions and each exam is equally weighted in determining the final course grade. The essay questions on each test are “think questions” designed to assess your level of thinking about the material covered in the course. The exams are *primarily* noncumulative with testing concentrating on the material covered since the last test.

Please note that I do not simply repeat the text material in my lectures. Not all text material is covered in the lectures and not all lecture material is available in the text but **all assigned readings, lecture material, videos and demonstrations may provide material for test questions.** If you miss a lecture make sure to get a copy of the notes from another student. I assume in lectures that you have already read the assigned text chapter(s). If you miss a lecture because of illness and can provide a Physician’s note, feel free to discuss the lecture material you missed with the instructor in his office hours.

NOTE: GRADE CONVERSION TABLE USED IN THIS COURSE
(other courses may use a different conversion schedule)

A+	90 –
A	80-89
B+	76-79
B	70-75
C+	66-69
C	60-65
D+	56-59
D	50-55
E	48-49
F	-47

LECTURE SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>
Sept. 7	Introduction and Orientation	Chpts 1 & 2
Sept. 14	Social Self	Chpt. 5
Sept. 21	Social Cognition	Chpts. 3 & 4
Sept. 28	Attraction and Impressions	Chpt. 13
Oct. 5	TEST ONE (1/3 OF FINAL GRADE)	
Oct. 12	Co-curricular Week – <i>No classes</i>	
Oct. 19	Attitudes & Change	Chpts. 6 & 7
Oct. 26	Stereotypes and Prejudice	Chpt. 9
Nov. 2	Aggression	Chpt. 11
Nov. 9	<u>TEST TWO (counts 1/3 of final grade)</u>	
Nov. 16	Pro-social Behavior	Chpt. 12
Nov 23	Social Influence	Chpt. 8
Nov 30	Groups	Chpts. 10 & 14

FINAL EXAM HELD IN FINAL EXAM PERIOD – DATE TBA. Note that no adjustments to the timetable for the final exam for individual students will be made because of travel plans.



Counts 1/3 of final grade.

MISSED TESTS:

Make-up exams will be scheduled for students who can supply a physician's note. In order to apply for a make up exam you must use the "Attending Physician's Statement" Form available at

http://www.yorku.ca/grads/forms/NEW/attending_physician_statement.pdf

The note must specify the date(s) of the illness and include a phone number where the physician can be contacted. Travel plans do not constitute a legitimate reason for missing a test. A medical illness is the only legitimate reason for missing a test. If anything else happens, get documentation, a copy of the obituary, court documents, etc..

If you do miss a test notify the TA by email indicating the reason for the absence. As soon as you return to school you must bring the Attending Physician's Statement form to the TA for authorization. The TA will set a makeup time. According to Departmental Policy, you **must** write the make up exam when scheduled by the instructor/TA (unless you have a previously scheduled exam at the same time).

EVALUATION FEEDBACK:

The exams will **not be returned to students**. They will be available for inspection in the TA's office during office hours. Feel free to discuss your grade with the TA and the course instructor.

You can get feedback on the course demonstrations you complete. When completing the course demonstrations participants will be anonymous – you will use a self-generated numerical code instead of your name on the materials. Note that to get personalized feedback, you must disclose your code to the instructor so he can identify your materials.

CHEATING & PLAGISM:

Your work must be your own. See the University Calendar/Website for the University Guidelines on cheating/plagiarism and the penalties for engaging in them.

DROP DEADLINE: SEE REGISTRAR'S WEBSITE

<http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw11.htm>