

Psychology 160: Social Psychology

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M - F 11:30 am - 12:59 pm

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TEXTBOOK

Social Psychology (9th Edition) Authors: Aronson, Wilson, Akert, & Sommers Publisher: Prentice Hall, 2016

COURSE DESCRIPTION. Social psychology is the scientific study of the way in which our thoughts, feelings, motives, and behavior are influenced by the social situations we encounter, including how we influence, and are influenced by others around us. There are three important goals in this course:

1. *Build a foundation:* Guide you through an introduction to the major perspectives, theories, methods, and empirical findings of social psychology, and some exciting new developments in the field.
2. *Develop scientific thinking:* Help you to think critically about information presented to you (e.g., theories, empirical findings) and to integrate different perspectives.
3. *Application:* Stimulate your interest in social psychology, and give you the tools to recognize and appreciate the social aspects of everyday life.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES

Email and bCourses: You are responsible for knowing information sent out in emails to the class and posted on bCourses. I will answer email within 3 work days. I do not typically answer emails on evenings or weekends.

Special Needs: If you have any special needs that require accommodation, please notify me as soon as possible. Similarly, if you are having a hard time in the course for personal reasons (e.g. working full-time & going to school, illness in the family), please notify me as soon as possible and I will work with you on how to deal best with the situation.

Exams: There will be three exams given during lecture time. Exams are *non-cumulative* and multiple choice. There are no make-up exams (i.e., you will receive a grade of a zero) for reasons other than emergencies. The form of the make-up exam will be at my discretion.

Assignments: The two assignments will ask you to apply concepts from the class. They are each 3 to 5 pages long and will be assigned in class so that you may ask any questions that you have. Assignments will also be posted on bCourses and you will submit your completed assignments to bCourses.

Optional Paper: The paper will be 5 pages, double-spaced and will ask you to apply concepts from this class to a film that I choose. You may use the paper in place of the third exam or complete all 3 exams and the paper. The paper assignment will be posted on bCourses and you will submit your paper to bCourses.

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to be honest in their academic work. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism and cheating. You are responsible for knowing what these are, and are encouraged to consult the Berkeley Code of Student Conduct that can be found at <http://students.berkeley.edu/uga/conduct.asp>. Incidents of academic dishonesty may result in a failing grade on the assignment or in the course and your actions will be reported to Student Judicial Affairs for administrative review. *Cheating* means getting unauthorized help on an assignment or examination.

- (1) You must not receive from any other student or give to any other student any information, answers, or help during an exam.
- (2) You must not use unauthorized sources for answers during an exam. You must not refer to any book or notes while you are taking the exam.
- (3) You must not obtain exam questions illegally before an exam or tamper with an exam after it has been corrected.

Plagiarism means submitting work as your own that is someone else's. If you use someone else's ideas, even if you paraphrase the wording, you need to cite them appropriately.

Research Participation Program (RPP): You are required to complete 3 hours of RPP credit for this course. In order to know how to participate in studies through the Research Participation Program (RPP), please read completely the document, "RPP Information for students" (posted on bCourses). Then, set up a Sona account as instructed. We recommend doing this as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can contact RPP at rpp@berkeley.edu.

Please also see the deadlines listed on the RPP webpage:

<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-program/research-participation-program>

Your final grade in this course will be based on the following:

- 3 exams OR 2 exams + 1 paper OR 3 exams + 1 paper (best 3 scores count) – each paper and exam worth 25% of grade
- 2 assignments – 10% each
- RPP (5%)

COURSE SCHEDULE

The lectures will be coordinated to complement your weekly reading, which you should do *before* the class to which they are assigned.

Date	Topic	Readings/Assignments
1. Mon, July 3 rd	Introduction to the class	
2. Tues, July 4 th	Holiday – no class	
3. Weds July 5 th	Introduction to Social Psychology	Chapter 1
4. Thurs July 6 th	Research Methods	Chapter 2
5. Fri, July 7 th	Research Methods	
6. Mon, July 10 th	Groups	Chapter 9
7. Tues, July 11 th	Groups	
8. Weds, July 12 th	Attitudes and Persuasion	Chapter 7
9. Thurs, July 13 th	Attitudes and Persuasion	
10. Fri, July 14 th	EXAM #1	Exam covers July 3 rd – 13 th material, chapters 1, 2, 7, and 9
11. Mon, July 17 th	Social Norms	Assignment #1 (Social Norm paper) assigned during class
12. Tues, July 18 th	The Power of the Situation	Chapter 8
13. Weds, July 19 th	The Power of the Situation	
14. Thurs, July 20 th	Understanding Our Own and Others' Behavior	Chapter 4
15. Fri, July 21 st	Social Cognition	Chapter 3
16. Mon, July 24 th	The Self	Chapter 5 Assignment #1 (Social Norm paper) due to bCourses by 11pm
17. Tues, July 25 th	The Self	

18. Weds, July 26 th	Motivation/Cognitive Dissonance	Chapter 6
19. Thurs, July 27 th	Motivation/Cognitive Dissonance	
20. Fri, July 28 th	EXAM # 2	Exam covers July 17 th – July 27 th material, chapters 3, 4 ,5, 6, and 8
21. Mon, July 31 st	Close Relationships	Chapter 10 Assignment #2 (Attachment Paper) assigned in class
22. Tues, Aug 1 st	Interpersonal Attraction	
23. Weds, Aug 2 nd	Stereotyping and Prejudice	Chapter 13 Optional Paper Due to bCourses by 11pm - no late papers accepted
24. Thurs, Aug 3 rd	Stereotyping and Prejudice	
25. Fri, Aug 4 th	Aggression	Chapter 12
26. Mon, Aug 7 th	Aggression	Assignment #2 (Attachment Paper) due to bCourses by 11pm
27. Tues, Aug 8 th	Prosocial Behavior	Chapter 11
28. Weds, Aug 9 th	Prosocial Behavior	
29. Thurs, Aug 10 th	EXAM #3	Exam covers July 31 st – Aug 9 th material, chapters 10, 11, 12, and 13
30. Fri, Aug 11 th	Final Class Discussion	