

Social Psychology I PSYC 2400-050
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Tues 6-9pm, 3M62

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm, or by appointment

Course website: Nexus <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/>

Textbook: Aronson, E., Wilson, T. D., Fehr, B. & Akert, R. M. (2017). *Social Psychology* (6th Canadian Edition). Toronto: Pearson.

Supplemental readings may be assigned at the Instructor's discretion.

Course Description

This course emphasizes the social behaviour and cognitions of the individual in social context. Central topics dealt with from this perspective include social perception and impression formation; attitudes, beliefs, and values; prejudice and discrimination; and the formation and function of the social self. Other relevant topics include sex and gender roles and differences; moral judgment; social development, and social psychology applied to health, law, and justice. Theories and methodology relevant to this orientation and these topics will be examined. Requisite Courses: PSYC-1000 [prerequisite(s)].

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course you will:

- Be familiar with both classic and new research in social psychology
- Understand the core methods and theories of social psychology
- Be able to assess social issues from the perspective of social psychology
- Be able to identify problems and limitations in psychological research
- Have enhanced your critical thinking skills

Evaluation

Your grade in this course will be based on **three tests** and your **participation** in class. Tests will include both multiple choice and short answer questions. Please bring photo identification to all tests. No outside aids or equipment are permitted during tests.

Participation in this course will be assessed through regular **exit tickets**. Tickets will be handed out at the start of class and students are asked to complete and return the ticket before *exiting* the class based on a prompt from the instructor. All exit tickets are weighted equally in your total participation score and are marked pass/fail. Students may miss up to two exit tickets without penalty. This and other course work does not need to be text processed.

Test 1	30%
Test 2	30%
Test 3	30%
Participation	10%

Students who miss a test or examination for a valid reason (e.g., illness, death in the family, challenging personal circumstances beyond a student’s control) must contact the instructor prior to or within 48 hours of the scheduled test. Appropriate documentation accounting for the missed test must be provided before a make-up test can be written.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the Regulations and Policies section of the *Course Calendar* dealing with academic regulations and policies including Senate appeals and academic misconduct (e.g. plagiarism, cheating):

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

Grades

Marks will be translated to letter grades, following any adjustments, as follows:

A+ 95-100%	B+ 80-84%	C+ 70-74%	D 50-59%
A 90-94%	B 75-79%	C 60-69%	F 0-49%
A- 85-89%			

Note: Fractions will be rounded up to the next letter grade. These grade cutoffs are tentative until approved, and can be adjusted by the Instructor, the departmental DRC, or Senate before approval.

Schedule

Week	Reading/Evaluation
Sept 5	Chapters 1 Introduction to Social Psychology
Sept 12	Chapters 1 Introduction to Social Psychology/Chapters 2 Methodology
Sept 19	Chapters 2 Methodology/Chapters 3 Social Cognition
Sept 26	Chapters 3 Social Cognition
Oct 3	Test 1
Oct. 9-13	Reading Week – No Classes
Oct 17	Chapters 4 Social Perception
Oct 24	Chapters 4 Social Perception/Chapters 5 The Self
Oct 31	Chapters 5 The Self
Nov 7	Test 2
Nov 10	Final Date to Withdrawal from the Course Without Academic Penalty
Nov 14	Chapters 6 Attitudes and Attitude Change
Nov 21	Chapters 6 Attitudes and Attitude Change/Chapters 12 Prejudice
Nov 28	Chapters 12 Prejudice
Dec 12	Final Exam 6pm 3M62

**The course schedule is tentative and subject to change at the instructor’s discretion. All topics listed on the outline may not be covered*

University is closed for holidays: Sept. 4 (Labour Day); Oct. 9 (Thanksgiving Day); Nov. 11 (Remembrance Day)

Additional Information for Students

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect .

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility> .

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at: <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf> .