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Objectives: The aim of the course is to introduce students to basic theory, research findings and methods of investigation in social psychology. By the end of the module students should be able to: describe the important theories and research findings in social psychology; discuss the theories and key findings covered in the course, and their relevance to everyday life; understand and think critically about issues and research in social psychology. During the course we will examine, firstly, the extent to which behaviour is influenced by social factors, and secondly, the ways in which empirical research can help us understand how social processes influence what we do.  

Evaluation: The only examples of your work that will be gathered in this class will be two midterms (February 2nd and March 10th) and the final exam (date to be announced). Exams are weighted equally, so each exam is 1/3 of the work in this course. Exams are multiple-choice format; please bring a No. 2 pencil to each exam. There are no make-up midterms in this course.  

NOTE: If any exam does not take place on the scheduled date due to weather, facilities, or any other unforeseen circumstance THE EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR NEXT MEETING.  

McMaster’s Grading Scale:  

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The instructor reserves the right to adjust the final marks up or down, on an individual basis, in the light of special circumstances and/or the individual’s overall performance in the course.  

The instructor cannot be responsible for returning long distance calls from students. Any student wishing to reach an instructor is invited to e-mail or drop by during office hours.  

Policy Reminder: Please note the Statement on Academic Ethics and the Senate Resolutions on Academic Dishonesty as found in the Senate Policy Statements distributed at registration and available in the Senate Office. Any student who infringes one of these resolutions will be treated according to the published policy.
Tentative Schedule

Jan 5: Organizational Meeting; Course Overview

Jan 7: Introduction to Social Psychology READ PP. 1 - 29

Jan 8: The Self in a Social World part. I: READ PP. 31 - 47

Jan 12: The Self in a Social World part. II: READ PP. 47 - 66

Jan 14: Social Beliefs and Judgments: READ PP. 67 - 91

Jan 15: workshop

Jan 19: Social Beliefs and Judgments: READ PP. 91 – 112

Jan 21: Behaviour and Attitudes: READ PP. 113 - 130

Jan 22: Behaviour and Attitudes: READ PP. 130 - 145

Jan 26: Culture, Language and Gender: READ PP. 147 - 161

Jan 28: Culture, Language and Gender: READ PP. 161 - 178

Jan 29: workshop

Feb 2: FIRST MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS

Feb 4: Conformity part I: READ PP. 179 - 198

Feb 5: Conformity part II: READ PP. 198 – 213

Feb 9: Persuasion: READ PP. 214 - 231

Feb 11: Resisting Persuasion: READ PP. 231 - 249

Feb 12: Group Influence: READ PP. 250 - 267

Feb 23: workshop

Feb 25: Group Think: READ PP. 267 - 288

Feb 26: Altruism: Helping Others: READ PP. 289 - 307

Mar 1: Altruism: Helping Others: READ PP. 307 - 326

Mar 3: Aggression: Hurting Others READ PP. 327-346
Mar 4: Aggression: Hurting Others: READ PP. 346-364

Mar 8: workshop

**Mar 10: SECOND MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS**

Mar 11: Attraction and Intimacy READ PP. 365 - 386

Mar 15: Attraction and Intimacy READ PP. 386 - 409

Mar 17: Altruism READ PP.410 - 431

Mar 18: Increasing Helping: READ PP. 431- 450

Mar 22: Intergroup Relations: READ PP. 451 - 470

Mar 24: Peacemaking: READ PP. 471 - 488

Mar 25: Clinical Judgements: READ PP. 489 - 504

Mar 29: Clinical Judgements: READ PP. 504 - 516

Mar 31: Social Psychology in the Courts: READ module B

Apr 1: Social Psychology and the Sustainable Future: READ module C

Apr 5: workshop

**Final Exam: TBA**