

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Basic and Selected Problems in Social Psychology**

Course Number and Section

PSYCHOL

2780E 550

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Course Description:

This course focuses on the behaviour of individuals in a social context and is one of our core courses in psychology. A research-oriented course, it treats the problems of social psychology in terms of theory, research and methodology. Topics covered will include interpersonal attraction, social perception, pro-social and antisocial behaviour, the development and changing of social attitudes, and the structure and functioning of small task groups.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- Identify major concepts, topics and theories in Social Psychology.
- Be knowledgeable about methodological and theoretical issues important to the study of Social Psychology.
- Think critically about various research paradigms used in social psychological research.
- Find, read, and evaluate scientific articles in social psychology.
- Formulate research questions and testable hypotheses in social psychological research.
- Select an appropriate methodology to test a research question, execute the study, and produce a written report of the work.
- Write an APA-format research paper (literature review, methodology, results, discussion, and references).
- Reflect on the application of social psychological research and how it might be used to solve real-world problems and understand everyday life experiences.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Aronson, E., Wilson, T. D., Sommers, R. S., Page-Gould, E., Lewis Jr., N., Midgley, C., & Fehr, B. (2027). Social Psychology, 8th Canadian Edition. Pearson: New York, NY.

Link to UWO Bookstore for textbook purchase (Cost: \$91 for 365 day access):

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Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Fall Midterm	Oct 27, 3036	10
December Exam	TBA, during December exam period	20
Winter Midterm	Mar 2, 2027	10
April Exam	TBA, during April exam period	20
Reflection Paper 1	Nov 16-20, 2026	5
Reflection Paper 2	Feb 8-12	7
Research Report	Mar 29-Apr 2	20
Participation	Throughout course	8

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In-course Costs \$091.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

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- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
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- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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