

## 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.

Antirequisites: Psychology 2712F/G, 3780F/G or the former Psychology 170, 271.

Prerequisites: Psychology 1100E and Psychology 2830A/B. A minimum of 60% is required in Psychology 1100E. May be taken concurrently with Psychology 2830A/B.

Extra Information: 3 lecture hours, 1 hour to be assigned by the instructor, 1.0 course.

### Learning Outcomes:

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, S. R., Page-Gould, E., & Lewis, N. A., Jr. (2022). Social Psychology, 7th Canadian Edition. Pearson: New York, NY.

**Methods Of Evaluation:**

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Test 1	Oct 17, 2025	10
Test 2	TBA	15
Test 3	Feb 13, 2026	10
Test 4	TBA	15
Reflection #1	Nov 17-21	7.5
Reflection #2	Mar 16-20	7.5
Research Report	Apr 1, 2026	25
Fall Participation	See course page	5
Winter Participation	See course page	5

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Monday, August 18, 2025