

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.
- 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, 11th Edition. Pearson: New York, NY.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Test 1	Oct 9	10
Test 2	December Exam Period	15
Test 3	Feb 12	10
Test 4	April Exam Period	15
Research Project - Group Contract	See course webpage	1
Research Project - Ethics Application	Jan 8	4
Research Project - Final Paper	Apr 4	25
Participation	See course webpage	10
Reflection 1	Nov 4	5
Reflection 2	Mar 10	5

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