

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY: PSYC 231-006

FALL 2012

Blueridge Hall 129

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Class Meeting Time: Thursday, 7:20—10:00pm

Office Hours: Aquia 337, 6:00-7:00pm Thursdays

OBJECTIVES: This course provides an overview of issues, theory, and research in social psychology.

TEXTBOOK: Aronson, Wilson, & Akert (2013). *Social Psychology* (8th ed.). New York: Prentice Hall.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Three Regular Exams and one Final Exam 70%

Lowest exam grade of the four exams will be dropped

The Final Exam is not cumulative

2. In-class review quizzes / participation exercises 30%

In-class review quizzes may be multiple choice, true-false, or short essay. Participation exercises will vary by topic.

MAKEUP EXAMS:

A missed exam will automatically *be counted as the single exam grade that you can drop*. There are no makeup exams.

By university policy, you must provide me, within the first two weeks of the semester, with the dates of major religious holidays on which you will be absent, and the dates for which you are requesting an excused absence for participation in any university-sponsored activity scheduled prior to the start of the semester, and as soon as possible otherwise.

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A+	97 – 100	B+	87 – 89	C+	77 – 79	D+	67 – 69
A	93 – 96	B	83 – 86	C	73 – 76	D	63 – 66
A-	90 – 92	B-	80 – 82	C-	70 – 72	D-	60 – 62
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Academic Integrity and the Honor Code: GMU is an Honor Code university; please see the University Catalog for a full description of the code and the honor committee process. The principle of academic integrity is taken very seriously and violations are treated gravely. The GMU Honor Code states that student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work. The instructor for this course reserves the right to enter a failing grade to any student found guilty of an honor code violation.

Communication

Mason uses electronic mail to provide official information to students. Examples include communications from course instructors, notices from the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback. Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their mason e-mail account, and are required to activate that account and check it regularly.

Accommodation of Disabilities

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

Student Support Services

GMU offers services to support students' academic and emotional development. The Learning Center, located in SUB I (room 364, see <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/csdc/lc.htm>), offers workshops in academic skills and a tutor referral program. The Counseling Center, located in SUB I (room 364, see <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/csdc/>) offers stress management training, as well as individual and group counseling for students who would like some help with social, emotional, or educational concerns.

Course Schedule

Important Note: Please keep in mind that the following is a tentative syllabus and topics and assignments can be changed, added, or deleted at any time at the discretion of the instructor to improve the quality of the course. I will do my best to announce such changes ahead of time in class.

Date	Topic	Readings
August 30	Intro to Class, Social Psych Basics & Methodology	Ch 1 & 2
Sept 6	Social Cognition	Ch 3
Sept 13	Social Perception & Exam Review	Ch 4
Sept 20	Exam 1	
Sept 27	The Self	Ch 5
Oct 4	Self Justification	Ch 6
Oct 11	Attitudes and Attitude Change & Exam Review	Ch 7
Oct 18	Exam 2	
Oct 25	Conformity	Ch 8
Nov 1	Group Process	Ch 9
Nov 8	Interpersonal Attraction & Exam Review	Ch 10
Nov 15	Exam 3	
Nov 22	NO CLASS-Thanksgiving	
Nov 29	Prosocial Behavior	Ch 11
Dec 6	Aggression & Prejudice, Final Exam Review	Ch 12 & 13
Dec 13	Final Exam, 7:30-10:15pm	

Important Dates

Last day to add/drop (no tuition penalty): September 4th

Final drop deadline: September 28th