

Psychology 2410-002: Social Psychology II
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Tuesday/Thursday 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM, 3C01

Instructor

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Course Calendar Description

This course emphasizes the social behaviour that emerges in groups of individuals in various interrelationships in social contexts. The theory and method necessary to understanding the principles governing this emergent social behaviour are stressed. Central topics include group dynamics; affiliation, attraction, and close relationships; interpersonal communication and transactions; aggression; prosocial behaviour and altruism; leadership; social change and conflict; and conformity and social control. Other relevant topics include organizational psychology and environmental psychology. Prerequisite Courses: PSYC-1000 and PSYC-2400

Required Text & Readings

Textbook: Aronson, E., Wilson, T., Fehr, B., & Akert, *Social Psychology* (Sixth Canadian Edition; ISBN 9780134499413). If you are purchasing the textbook, it should include a code for access to REVEL, Pearson's textbook website, which is necessary to access the final three textbook chapters. If you have already purchased the text without this code, more details will be provided in class. (This is the same book typically used in PSYC-2400.)

Course Webpage and Email

Lecture slides will be posted prior to class on the course's Nexus page. These slides will contain an outline but not a complete summary of course material (i.e., for that you need to attend class and take notes). You will also need a REVEL account to access the online portions of the textbook: <https://www.pearsonhighered.com/revel/>

When contacting the instructor, please use your assigned University of Winnipeg email address (i.e., Name@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca). If you use a different email address (e.g., GMail), it is possible that your message will be quarantined by the university's aggressive spam filter and will not be received.

Grade Components & Test Schedule

Your grade will consist of three equally-weighted tests. All tests will also include their associated lectures.

| <u>Component</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Assigned Readings</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|--|
| Test 1 | February 7 | Chapters 7, 8, 9 |
| Test 2 | March 9 | Chapters 10, 11 |
| Test 3 | April 7, 1:30pm | Health, Environment, Law Chapters (Online) |

All tests are non-cumulative (i.e., will only cover material since the previous test) and will be a mix of multiple choice (~75%) and short answer (~25%) questions. Although there is overlap between the text and lecture content, some material will be covered in lecture but not the text and vice versa. Everything in lecture and the assigned readings is potentially testable, though I am somewhat biased towards lecture material (e.g., 60/40 split).

Students must be able to provide photo I.D. (e.g., student card) during exams. All bags and electronic devices must be off your desk during exams (although they may be stored beside your desk out of reach). No supplementary materials or equipment are allowed.

Grades

The grade cut-offs provided below are tentative guidelines that I will follow, but unofficial grades are subject to approval by the Department Review Committee and University Senate, and may be decreased or increased in order to maintain consistent academic standards. Grades will not be adjusted based on non-academic circumstances.

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| A+ | 95–100% (discretionary; usually 1-4 people per section) |
| A | 90–94% |
| A- | 85–89% |
| B+ | 80–84% |
| B | 75–79% |
| C+ | 68–74% |
| C | 60–67% |
| D | 50–59% |
| F | 0–49% |

I will round to whole numbers

Missed Tests & Alternative Dates

If you are ill or have an unexpected family emergency, a make-up exam can be scheduled by contacting me **BEFORE** the time of the exam (by appointment, phone, or e-mail). If you contact me after the exam and within 48 hours of missing it, it may be possible to write a make-up exam with a 10% penalty (i.e., if you scored 80% on the make-up exam, it will be listed as 70% on the grade sheet). This penalty is to prevent students from taking an extra two days to study when their peers wrote the exam on time. If I am not contacted within 48 hours of the missed exam, absent extenuating circumstances the student will receive a grade of 0 for that test.

The instructor reserves the right to require third-party documentation before granting any accommodation requests, which may be verified with its source. Note that obtaining documentation does not guarantee accommodation; requests will be based on the totality of the circumstances at the instructor's discretion. Students who miss a test for an approved reason will be given one opportunity to make it up and it is incumbent on them to be available on the specified make-up date.

For all other accommodation (e.g., religious or disability), see the final page of the syllabus.

Tentative Lecture, Reading, and Examination Schedule

Please note that topics outlined for each class are subject to change & will be announced in class. Some topics may be altered or the date a topic is discussed may be changed, and all topics listed may not be covered.

| Approximate Dates | Topic | Reading |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| January 5 | Introduction | |
| January 10, 12 | Conformity | Chapter 7 |
| January 17, 19, 24 | Group Processes & Influence | Chapter 8 |
| January 26, 31, February 2 | Interpersonal Attraction | Chapter 9 |
| February 7 | Test #1 | |
| February 9, 14, 16 | Prosocial Behaviour | Chapter 10 |
| February 28, March 2, 7 | Aggression | Chapter 11 |
| March 9 | Test #2 | |
| March 14, 16 | Social Psychology & Health | On REVEL |
| March 21, 23 | Social Psychology & the Environment | On REVEL |
| March 28, 30 | Social Psychology & the Law | On REVEL |
| April 4 | Review Class / Finishing Up | |
| April 7, 1:30pm | Test #3 | |

Other Important Dates:

- The final withdrawal date without academic penalty is March 1, 2017. Withdrawing before this date does not result in a fee refund.
- Reading week is February 20-24, 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, instructors will make every effort to inform you via uwinnipeg email, as well as inform the departmental assistant and Chair/Dean so that class cancellation forms can be posted outside classrooms.

Students should be familiar with the Regulations and Policies section of the Course Calendar dealing with academic regulations and policies, including Senate appeals and academic misconduct (e.g. plagiarism, cheating). The information is available at:
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found at:
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect>

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at:
<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

UW's General Calendar contains important information and can be found here:
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>