



SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 3 (3-0-0) UT
ATU379 (AU) / PY2410 (A3)
Days and Times; Classroom #
Winter 2005

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Textbook: Meyers, D.G., & Spencer, S.J. (2004). Social Psychology: 2nd Canadian Edition. McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Prerequisites: PY1040 and PY1050. Note: PY2410 and SO2410 may not both be taken for credit

Course Objectives

This is an introduction to the study of how individuals view and affect one another in a social context. Topics covered include persuasion, prejudice, behaviour and attitudes, conformity, altruism, group influence, and attraction.

Student Evaluation

4 Quizzes B5% each
Midterm Exam B25%
Final Exam B25%
Class Participation B10%
Paper B20%
Bonus Media Assignment B5%

Quizzes, Midterm, & Final Exams. There will be four quizzes, worth a total of 20%, a midterm exam worth 25%, and a final exam worth 25%. For all quizzes and exams, you will be responsible for both classroom and textbook material.

The quizzes will consist 15-20 multiple choice questions per chapter. They will be held during the first 20-30 minutes of class on the dates outlined on the lecture schedule.

The midterm exam will consist of multiple choice questions (15-20 multiple choice questions for each of the chapters) and short-answer questions. For the short-answer questions, you will be provided with a selection of questions for each chapter and will be asked to choose and answer one of these questions.

Quizzes that are missed due to absence will *not* be rescheduled. If a student misses a quiz due to verifiable illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, the weight of the quiz will be placed on the final exam. Deferred writing of a scheduled Midterm Exam is at the discretion of the instructor. Absences from a registrar-scheduled Final Exam fall under GPRC Examination Policy. Missing any exam without explanation from the student will result in a zero on that exam. It is the responsibility of the student to be informed about these policies prior to the final examination period. A description of the policy is available in the GPRC Calendar and in the Student Handbook

Writing Assignment. Please refer to the handout for detailed information on what is required for this assignment.

Extensions of the paper deadline will be considered *only* in the case of significant extenuating circumstances. If such circumstances arise, students requesting an extension will be required to show evidence that a significant amount of work on the paper has been completed in advance of the day *before* the work is due. For example, if a student requests an extension on the day before an assignment is due, a very nearly complete draft of the paper must be shown to the instructor at the time of the request. Students in circumstances of extreme duress should notify the instructor as soon as possible if they anticipate difficulty in submitting their paper on time. **Please note that having other assignments due on March ____th is not a reason for extending the deadline of the paper because students have 2.5 months to plan for this and other assignments.**

Penalties for papers submitted late without prior permission from the instructor are at the discretion of the instructor and may accrue at as much as **25% for each day late.**

Class Participation. Class participation credit will be given for participation in class discussion, either by raising relevant questions, addressing questions raised in class (i.e., offering one's opinion or experiences related to the topics brought up in class), and/or by doing optional assignments that will be given throughout the term. Students should be aware that they are expected to meet their academic responsibility to attend classes. Attendance will be taken at all classes. According to GPRC policy, the instructor reserves the right to debar a student from writing the final exam when the student has accumulated more than 10% (2-3 classes) unexcused absences. Absences will be excused on the basis of verifiable illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency. In addition, students should not make plans for travel, holidays, employment etc. which will interfere with their writing of exams during any scheduled examination time.

Bonus Media Assignment. The media assignment will involve locating two reports of psychological research reported in the media (TV, news papers, magazines, internet) and providing an evaluation of the research in terms of the methods used and conclusions drawn. Each assignment is worth 2.5%. I will provide sample news reports and evaluations.

Grading

<i>Alpha Grade</i>	<i>4-Pt Equivalent</i>	<i>% Guidelines</i>	<i>Designation</i>
A+	4.0	94 - 100	Excellent
A	4.0	88 - 93	
A-	3.7	82 - 87	First Class Standing
B+	3.3	76 - 81	
B	3.0	73 - 75	Good
B-	2.7	70 - 72	
C+	2.3	67 - 69	Satisfactory
C	2.0	64 - 66	
C-	1.7	60 - 63	
D+	1.3	55 - 59	Minimal Pass
D	1.0	50 - 54	
F	0.0	0 - 49	Fail

Tentative Lecture Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Material</u>
	Introducing Social Psychology	Chapter 1
	Social Beliefs and Judgments	Chapter 3
	Behavior and Attitudes	Chapter 4
Jan ____	Quiz (Chapters 1, 3, 4)	
	Conformity	Chapter 6
	Persuasion	Chapter 7
Feb ____	Quiz (Chapters 6, 7)	
Feb ____	Midterm (Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6, 7)	
	Group Influence	Chapter 8
	Prejudice	Chapter 9
	Aggression	Chapter 10
March ____	Quiz (Chapters 8, 9, 10)	
	Attraction and Intimacy	Chapter 11
	Altruism	Chapter 12
April ____	Quiz (Chapters 11, 12)	

Writing Assignment Deadlines

January ____	Research Question Sheet
February ____	Reference Page
March ____	Research Summary Sheet
March ____	Paper

Other Important Dates

Jan ____	Last day to add winter courses
Jan ____	Last day to drop courses without paying tuition for the dropped courses
Jan ____	Last day to write deferred final exams or repeat final exams for fall courses
Jan ____	Last day to pay winter semester fees to avoid late payment penalty
Feb ____	Family DayBno classes
Feb ____-Feb ____	Winter BreakBno classes
Mar ____	Last day to withdraw or change from credit to audit
April ____	Last day of classes
April ____	Final exams begin

Student Responsibilities

Independent learning is a valuable skill that instructors at Grande Prairie Regional College wish to foster in their students. For this reason, you are held accountable for all lecture materials and readings. It is your responsibility to keep up with class work. For example, you are expected to attend all lectures. **When absent from class, missed material is to be obtained by approaching a fellow student (not the instructor).** Also, you are expected to prepare for each lecture by reading the assigned chapters and handouts. Students who prepare for lectures learn and perform much better than students who do not prepare.

Although the instructor feels that all the material in the text book is important and interesting, limited class time prevents discussion of all the material. You are responsible for learning the material not discussed in class. Please feel free to approach me outside of class if you wish to get clarification on this material.

If you wish to withdraw from this course, you must do so by **March ____, 2005** Withdraw from the

course after March ____ may result in an failing grade because a mark of 0% will be assigned to the incomplete portion of the course work.

For Your Information...

Friendship Centre: Remember that the Friendship Centre at Grande Prairie Regional College provides a space for Aboriginal students to meet, do homework, retrieve or leave messages, obtain community resources material, or just relax. The on-campus Friendship Centre is available for sharing circles, gatherings, study groups, and tutoring sessions. Everyone is welcome.

Writing Centre: The Grande Prairie Regional College offers students the services of a Writing Centre staffed by volunteers. The volunteers are generally Instructors here at the College. They come from all areas of the College.

What are the services of a Writing Centre?

- Assistance with citing references in academic papers.
- One-on-one advice on writing in a non-threatening atmosphere. The volunteer is usually someone who is NOT one of your instructors.
- One-on-one assistance with writing weaknesses.
- Independent constructive criticism of your paper in the areas of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, sentence structure, logic and style.
- Independent second reading of paper after corrections.
- Advice to students re the dangers of plagiarism.
- Handouts on citing conventions used.

Services NOT provided by a Writing Centre

- Writing papers for students.
- Re-marking of papers.

The Writing Centre is now located in the office of the Department of Business Administration on the third floor of the B-Wing. Bernie Benson will help you book an appointment with a Volunteer. Appointments may be booked from Monday, September 16th.

Campus Security: You should be aware that GPRC is no safer than the rest of Grande Prairie.

Attacks on campus, as well as theft and vandalism have been occurring with increasing frequency.

For your safety, Campus Security will provide a 24-hour Safe Walk service anywhere on campus. Call 539-2700 or use the red phones on campus.