

SOP 4004:002

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Fall, 2003

Course location: BSN 2208

Course time: MW 9:30-10:45

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REQUIRED TEXT: Aronson, E., Wilson, T. D., & Akert, R. M. (2002). *Social Psychology* (4th ed.). Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

COURSE WEBPAGE: On Blackboard (<https://my.usf.edu>). This page will provide you with the overheads I use in class, additional information on lectures, grades, and other important class information. Please note that although overheads are available through this site, they will not serve as an adequate substitute for class attendance.

COURSE DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES:

This course is intended as a broad survey of the field of social psychology -- the study of the way people think about, influence, and relate to each other. Beyond learning the major research findings and fundamental principles of the field, a major objective will be for you to become a critical analyzer of scientific information. This course should help you learn about the scientific methods of social psychology and how social psychologists go about gaining new knowledge.

COURSE FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS:

This course will employ a "loose" lecture format. That is, class will primarily be lectures, but I will encourage discussion and interaction as much as possible. Attendance is important, as exam material will be drawn from both the text and lectures.

GRADING:

Your final grade will be derived from your performance as follows:

25%	Exam I	50 points
25%	Exam II	50 points
35%	Final Exam	70 points
15%	Quizzes	30 points
100%	Total	200 points

Your final grade will be determined solely by the total number of points you obtain on the required examinations and quizzes. **It is NOT possible to earn extra credit for**

additional projects, papers, etc. Your final grade will be determined using the grading system described below:

Total Points	Percentage	Grade
194-200	96.7-100	A+
187-193	93.3-96.6	A
180-186	90-93.3	A-
174-179	86.7-89.9	B+
167-173	83.3-86.6	B
160-166	80-83.3	B-
154-159	76.7-79.9	C+
147-153	73.3-76.6	C
140-146	70-73.3	C-
134-139	66.7-69.9	D+
127-133	63.3-66.6	D
120-126	60-63.3	D-
0-119	0-59.9	F

EXAMS AND QUIZZES:

The regularly scheduled exams will be in multiple-choice form. The dates of the exams are listed on the schedule. If you are unable to attend the exam due to an emergency, you *must* notify the instructor *before* the exam. The time and location of makeup examinations will be arranged by the instructor. Makeup exams will be essay format.

Any material covered in the text or the lectures (which will often, but not always, overlap with the text) is fair game for the exams. The final exam will be cumulative but weighted more heavily toward the final third of the class.

During exams, you will only be permitted to have pens, pencils, and erasers at your desk. Please leave refreshments, book bags, firearms, and other materials in front of the classroom or do not bring them at all. Turn off cellular phones and beepers and please do not wear hats. Once you leave the room during an exam, you may not return. After exams, you will have a chance to review your exam; if you have any questions, please put your question or comment in writing (documenting information from the text or your notes if appropriate).

Four in-class quizzes will be scheduled periodically throughout the semester. Each quiz will be worth 10 points. There will be no make-up quizzes; however, you may drop your lowest score, so only your top 3 scores will count toward your final grade. Format of the quizzes may vary from multiple-choice, to short answer, to essay.

POLICY ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

If you anticipate being absent from class due to a major religious observance, please provide notice of the date(s) to me, in writing, by the second class meeting.

NOTE TAKING AND RECORDING

You are encouraged to take notes on the lecture and are permitted to tape-record class sessions for your own purposes. However, you are not permitted to take notes or tape-record for purposes of sale and distribution, no matter how financially lucrative my lectures might be.

CHEATING

Academic dishonesty (cheating on an exam or quiz) will result in an "FF" for the course and a recommendation for disciplinary action by USF. In short, please don't do it.

SCHEDULE:

DATE	LECTURE TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
Aug. 25	Introduction	Ch. 1
Aug. 27	Methods of Research	Ch. 2
Sept. 1	<i>No Class - Labor Day</i>	
Sept. 3	Social Cognition	Ch. 3
Sept. 8	Social Cognition (2)	
Sept. 10	Social Perception	Ch. 4
Sept. 15	Social Perception (2)	
Sept. 17	Self-Knowledge	Ch. 5
Sept. 22	Self-Knowledge (2)	
Sept. 24	Self-Justification	Ch. 6
Sept. 29	EXAM 1	
Oct. 1	Attitudes & Persuasion	Ch. 7
Oct. 6	Attitudes & Persuasion (2)	
Oct. 8	Conformity	Ch. 8
Oct. 13	Obedience	Ch. 8
Oct. 15	Group Processes	Ch. 9
Oct. 20	Group Conflict	Ch. 9
Oct. 22	Social Dilemmas	Ch. 9
Oct. 27	Interpersonal Attraction	Ch. 10
Oct. 29	Close Relationships	Ch. 10
Nov. 3	Prosocial Behavior	Ch. 11
Nov. 5	EXAM 2	
Nov. 10	Aggression	Ch. 12
Nov. 12	Aggression (2)	
Nov. 17	Prejudice	Ch. 13
Nov. 19	Prejudice (2)	
Nov. 24	Health	In Action Ch. 1
Nov. 26	<i>No Class</i>	
Dec. 1	Environmental Psychology	In Action Ch. 2
Dec. 3	Psychology and Law	In Action Ch. 3
Dec. 6-12 Finals week	FINAL EXAM	Wed. 12/10 10:30-12:30

Joe's three rules for a happy, productive class: 1) Turn off cell phones. 2) Show up to class and exams on time. 3) Be courteous of other people.