

Course: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 331 / SOCI 331
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Textbook: (Required) Myers, David G., (1999). Social Psychology. (6th edition). McGraw-Hill, Inc. New York.

Course Requirements: The course will cover a variety of topics in social psychology and social interaction. Myers' text will be used

as a basic guide to studying the social processes and theories, and for specific discussions. In addition to the Myers' text, there will be selected readings used for some specific discussions. Your participation in these class discussions is expected. The student will be expected to demonstrate knowledge in the following areas of Social Psychology.

- 1) The student should have an elementary understanding of research methods for Social Psychology.
- 2) The student should develop a better understanding of the concept of "self", social beliefs and the development and interaction of behavior and attitudes
- 3) The student should develop a basic understanding of the power of persuasion, conformity and group influences upon the individual.
- 4) The student should develop a better understanding of how psychology may impact areas such as legal decisions in the courtroom.
- 5) The student should develop a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms of attraction and friendship.
- 6) The student should have an elementary understanding of the theories of underlying motivations of altruism

Exams: There will be three section exams and a comprehensive final exam.

Section Exams: Four scheduled section exams will be given throughout the semester. Students must complete all make-up work by the last day of class without exception.

Grading: Your grade will be determined by your participation in class and the section exams.

Class participation		12%
Section exams	4 @ 22%ea	<u>88%</u>
		100%

Computer Skills:

All students graduating from UVa-Wise must be able to demonstrate computer proficiency. Please refer to p.79-80 of the 2004-2005 College Catalog. If you do not believe that you can meet this requirement, additional instruction will be provided. See your advisor.

Honor Code:

The Honor Code of The University of Virginia's College at Wise is fully supported and each student in this class will be treated as a responsible and honest adult. Violations of the Honor Code will be prosecuted through the Honor Court.

Class Attendance: Each student is expected to attend class regularly. The instructor will check attendance regularly. If extreme circumstances cause you to miss several classes, you should discuss the situation with me immediately.

Special Accommodations:

If you have any type of learning disability or problem which might require special accommodations, please inform me at the beginning of the term to enable appropriate arrangements to be made.

10. Tentative Schedule and Reading Assignments in Textbook

Date	Chapter	Assignments
1/15		Syllabus & Introduction
1/17	1	Methodology
1/22	1	Methodology
1/24	2	The Self in a Social World
1/29	2	The Self in a Social World
1/31	3	Social Beliefs and Judgments
2/5	3	Social Beliefs and Judgments
2/7	4	Behavior & Attitudes
2/12	4	Behavior & Attitudes
2/14	5	Genes, Culture, and Gender
2/19	EXAM 1	
2/21	6	Conformity
2/26	6	Conformity
2/28	7	Persuasion
3/4	7	Persuasion
3/6	EXAM 2	
3/11-3/13	SPRING SEMESTER BREAK	
3/18	8	Group Influence
3/20	8	Group Influence
3/25	9	Prejudice: Disliking Others
3/27	9	Prejudice: Disliking Others
4/1	10	Aggression: Hurting Others
4/3	10	Aggression: Hurting Others
4/8	Module B	Social Psychology in Court
4/10	Module B	Social Psychology in Court
4/15	EXAM 3	
4/17	11	Attraction and Intimacy: Liking and Loving Others
4/22	11	Attraction and Intimacy: Liking and Loving Others
4/24	12	Altruism: Helping Others
4/29	12	Altruism: Helping Others
5/1	EXAM 4	All make-up work must be completed
5/6	READING DAY	