

**Psychology 220: Introduction to Social  
Psychology**

**Syllabus and  
Schedule**

Summer  
2014

Lecture Days/Time: Mon/Wed 6pm – 9pm

Location:  
SS2102

Prerequisite:  
PSY100H1/COG250Y1

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**Office Hours:**

You are encouraged to make use of your TAs' and/or Professor Fritzley's office hours. The TAs are primarily in charge of answering questions concerning material in the textbook. We will be more than happy to talk with you about any ideas, challenges, and concerns you might have about the course material, and about psychology more generally.

**Course Description:**

Social psychology is the study of how people think about, influence, and relate to one another. Specific topics covered include social cognition, social perception, attitudes, group processes, prejudice, interpersonal attraction, altruism, aggression and social influence. At the end of this course, students will not only be able to demonstrate knowledge of major theories and research in social psychology, but they will also be able to apply social psychological theories and research findings to everyday social situations, and to the interpretation of significant social events. In addition, successful students will be able to critically evaluate social psychological theories and research.

**Course Format and Requirements:**

The class will consist of lectures, video clips, and demonstrations. The reading load will not be overly intensive; **it is vitally important to avoid falling behind.** The overlap between the lectures and the text will vary according to topic. The lectures will supplement the readings, often covering ideas not necessarily covered in the readings. **You are expected to master both the readings and the lectures.** You will be responsible for learning the material presented in the text and in the supplemental readings on your own, and you are urged to do so *before* class; the class meetings will make a lot more sense if you do. Your success in this class depends on attending class regularly, taking thorough notes, and studying regularly. If you cannot avoid missing a class, borrow notes from a classmate.

By each Sunday night, the coming week's lecture overheads will be posted on the **class Blackboard website**. It is recommended that you print out the overheads and bring them with you to class to take notes on them. *In particular, certain key sections of the overheads are intentionally left blank. You will write notes into those blank spaces based on the lecture.* **IMPORTANT:** The lecture overheads are not a substitute for notes. If you rely only on the lecture overheads and do not come to class, **YOU WILL DO POORLY ON THE EXAMS.**

### Accessibility Needs:

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: [disability.services@utoronto.ca](mailto:disability.services@utoronto.ca) or <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility>

### **Grading:**

You are required to take three exams in this course. Exams will contain multiple-choice questions and short-answer questions. Each exam will cover the material presented in the text, in the supplemental readings and in the lectures within the specified dates.

**As a general rule, make-up exams will not be given. Exceptions to this rule are made only in dire, unavoidable circumstances (e.g., serious illness or emergency) that are fully documented (e.g., with official correspondence from physicians and/or Deans) and preferably with advance arrangement made directly with Dr. Fritzley.**

Your final grade in this course will be based on your performance on course requirements weighted in the following manner:

Term Test #1 (40 multiple choice, a few short-answer)	30%
Term Test #2 (40 multiple choice, a few short-answer)	30%
Final Exam (80 multiple choice, short-answer)	40%

Exam questions will be drawn (in attempted equal proportion) from the lectures, the textbook, and the readings. Material that is in the textbook but was not covered in lecture is still fair game for test and exam questions.

Please note: We will post your exam scores as soon as we can (in a manner that protects your privacy) on the class Blackboard site.

All additional readings (i.e., readings not in the textbook) plus that week's lecture slides will be posted on the class Blackboard website: Go to <http://main.library.utoronto.ca/>, the "log-in to the portal" then find Psychology 220.

### **READINGS Textbook (Required)** *Mastering Social Psychology* (1<sup>st</sup> Cdn Ed.)

Author: Baron, R. A., Byrne, D., Branscombe, N. R., & Fritzley, V. H.

Publisher: Pearson Education

### **Additional Readings (Required)**

A collection of additional required readings will be downloadable from the course website. These readings will be original articles and chapters that are seminal papers in social psychology. In addition, prior to every Monday, the week's lecture slides will be uploaded to the course website.

***All reading is required.***

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Note: This schedule is subject to minor revisions over the course of the term.)

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Introduction to Social Psychology Social Cognition	Chapters 1 and 2 <i>Ochsner &amp; Lieberman (2001)</i> <i>Payne &amp; Gawronski (2010)</i>
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Social Perception	Chapter 3 <i>Asch (1946)</i>
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Attitudes	Chapter 4 <i>Petty &amp; Cacioppo (1984)</i> <i>Festinger &amp; Carlsmith (1959)</i>
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	TEST #1 (30%) - Material from past three classes (1.25 hours)	
	The Self	Chapter 5 <i>Markus &amp; Kitayama (1991)</i>
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Groups and Individuals	Chapter 12 <i>Latane et al. (1979)</i> <i>Sherif et al. (1954/61)</i>
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Prejudice	Chapter 6 <i>Devine (1989)</i>
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Social Influence	Chapter 9 <i>Milgram (1963)</i>
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	TEST #2 (30%) - Material from past three classes (1.25 hours)	
	Interpersonal Attraction	Chapter 7 <i>Byrne (1961)</i>
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Close Relationships	Chapter 8 <i>Sternberg (1986)</i>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	CIVIC HOLIDAY- NO CLASS	
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Prosocial Behaviour	Chapter 10 <i>Latane &amp; Darley (1968)</i> <i>Darley &amp; Latane (1968)</i>
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Aggression	Chapter 11 <i>Bandura et al. (1961)</i>

FINAL EXAM TO BE HELD DURING THE FINAL EXAM PERIOD – AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>