

Social Psychology

PSYCH 253, Winter 2023
Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:20, AL 113

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Overview

Welcome to Social Psychology! Social psychology studies the way in which individuals' thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are affected by actual or imagined others. You will learn about major concepts and findings across the different areas of social psychology, with emphasis on how science is generated and evaluated.

Readings

All readings are available online (links in course outline) or on LEARN.

Course Components

12 in-class worksheets, only 10 required (no makeups without special circumstances). Can be turned in physically (on loose leaf) or digitally (on LEARN). 3 short papers assigned, only 2 required. Details about the three short papers will be provided on LEARN. Exams are non-cumulative.

	%	Total #	# Needed	% Each	Grading Approach
In-Class Sheets	20%	12	10	2	100% on Completion
Short Papers	20%	3	2	10	Rubric
Exams	60%	3	3	20	Key (Multiple Choice)
SONA (bonus)	+3%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Grading follows the standard University of Waterloo structure documented [here](#). All grades will be rounded up to the nearest whole % point; no other exceptions made. Information on bonus credit via participation in psychology research (or, alternately, article reviews) is provided in a separate document in LEARN.

Information about [accommodations](#) and [academic integrity](#). If you have any questions about either of these topics, just let me know and we'll chat. *I will not use Turnitin.com to check papers for plagiarism (privacy concerns)*. Conflicts regarding course policies or decisions should first be addressed personally; if mediation is still needed, you can contact the Associate Chair for Undergraduate Affairs (Richard Eibach; reibach@uwaterloo.ca) and we'll set up a meeting.

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Readings for Next Week	Due Dates (ALL Thurs @ Midnight)
1 (Jan 9, Jan 11)	Introduction	Research Methods and Metascience	Social Cognition & Attitudes Judgment & DM	
2 (Jan 16, Jan 18)	Social Cognition and Heuristics	Social Cognition and Heuristics	Social Comparison Willpower (Resnick, Vox)	
3 (Jan 23, 25)	The Self	The Self	Persuasion Prentice & Paluck, 2020	Writing Assignment #1 Available
4 (Jan 30, Feb 1)	Attitudes, Behavior, and Persuasion	Attitudes, Behavior, and Persuasion	No readings	
5 (Feb 6, Feb 8)	<i>Exam 1</i>	Moral Psychology	Attraction & Beauty Hester & Gray, 2018	
6 (Feb 13, Feb 15)	Perceiving Others; Stereotyping and Prejudice	Perceiving Others; Stereotyping and Prejudice	Prejudice, Discrimination & Stereotyping Ofosu et al., 2019	Writing Assignment #1 Due (Feb 16)
Reading Week				
7 (Feb 27, Mar 1)	Perceiving Others; Stereotyping and Prejudice	Perceiving Others; Stereotyping and Prejudice	Aggression & Violence Milgram (Romm, Atlantic)	Writing Assignment #2 Available
8 (Mar 6, Mar 8)	Dress and Person Perception	Aggression and Conformity	No readings	
9 (Mar 13, Mar 15)	<i>Exam 2</i>	Data Visualization, History and Principles	Love, Friendship, & Social Support Finkel & Eastwick, 2009	
10 (Mar 20, Mar 22)	Liking and Loving	Liking and Loving	Culture and Emotion Happiness Barrett, 2015 & 2016	Writing Assignment #2 Due (Mar 23)
11 (Mar 27, Mar 29)	Emotion	Emotion	Helping and Prosocial Behavior Cooperation	Writing Assignment #3 Available
12 (Apr 3, Apr 5)	Prosocial Behavior	Prosocial Behavior	No readings	
13 (Apr 10)	<i>Exam 3</i>			
14 (Finals)				Writing Assignment #3 Due (Apr 20)