



**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE—FALL 2010**

**PY2410 A2 / PSYC379 AU 3 Credits (3-0-0) UT 45 Hours**

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**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** PY1040 and PY1050

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Meyers, D.G., Spencer, S.J., & Jordan, C.H. (2009). *Social Psychology: 4<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Edition*. McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course 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

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:**

PY2410/PSYC379 consists of three hours of instructional time each week.

**DELIVERY MODE(S):**

This course includes lectures, class discussions and take-home exercises.

**OBJECTIVES:**

PY2410 / PSYC 379 is designed to provide students with a foundation in the knowledge of social psychology. The course is based on a scientific approach to social psychology. While it provides a survey of the whole field, it also highlights the centres of current action such as social cognition, and the application of social psychology.

## **TRANSFERABILITY:**

Students receiving grades of D or D+ will receive GPRC credit. These grades may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions, however. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact their receiving institution to ensure transferability. This course transfers to University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, Athabasca University, Kings University College and Grant MacEwan University. Students should check with their receiving institution concerning transferability as all arrangements are subject to change.

## **GRADING CRITERIA:**

### **Student Evaluation**

1. 4 Quizzes—5% each for a total of 20%; Midterm Exam—25%; Final Exam—25%
2. Research and Writing Skills Assignment—20%
3. Class Participation/Attendance—5%
4. Chapter/Lecture Assignments—5%

1. **Quizzes/Exams.** There will be four quizzes; each will be in a multiple choice format. Each quiz is worth 5%, for a total of 20%.

The midterm and final exams will include multiple-choice and short answer questions. The final exam will not be cumulative. The dates of the quizzes and midterm are specified on page 6 of this outline. The date of the final exam will be announced by the Student Services office.

Please refer to pages 4 and 5 of this outline for more information on missed quizzes and exams.

2. **Research and Writing Skills Assignment** This assignment entails completed several components that culminates in a paper. You will choose a question that is relevant to Social Psychology, do library research to find answers to that question, and write a paper. **Any component handed in later than the stipulated due dates will be docked up to 25% per day (at my discretion).**

3. **Class Participation/Attendance.** Student input during lectures is enthusiastically welcomed and strongly encouraged. There are a variety of ways that you can contribute to the lectures, such as asking relevant questions, making insightful comments during the lectures, contributing to discussion during group work. **Attendance is taken during each class.**

4. **Chapter Assignments.** There will be 11 multiple choice assignments, each comprised of 10 questions taken from the test bank. Marks on the assignments will be averaged.

#### EVALUATION

Alpha Grade	4-Pt Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A+	4.0	97 - 100	Excellent
A	4.0	94-96	
A-	3.7	90-93	First Class Standing
B+	3.3	85-89	
B	3.0	80-84	Good
B-	2.7	75-79	
C+	2.3	70-74	Satisfactory
C	2.0	65-69	
C-	1.7	60 - 64	
D+	1.3	55 - 59	Poor
D	1.0	50 - 54	Minimal Pass at GPRC
F	0.0	0 - 49	Fail –no credit received

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

##### Lecture Attendance/Absences

Students are held accountable for all lecture materials and readings. It is your responsibility to keep up with class work. Therefore, you are expected to attend all lectures. Attendance will be taken every class.

If you are absent from a class, all missed material is to be obtained by approaching a fellow student, ***not*** the instructor. It would be ***very unfair*** for students who miss lectures to be advantaged by getting the instructor's notes. Typically, the quality of note-taking by

students is quite variable. Therefore, if you miss a lecture and need to rely on another student as a source for the missed lecture material, it is advised that you **pick your sources very carefully.**

If you are missing a class for excusable reasons (e.g., illness, appointment) and wish to avoid having your attendance/participation grade from being docked, please email me at [ckorpan@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:ckorpan@gprc.ab.ca). Write "Absence from PY2410 Class" in the subject box if you are taking this course as a GPRC credit. If you are enrolled as an AU student, write "Absence from PSYC379 Class". Provide the explanation for your absence in your email. Please be aware that I may ask for documentation.

### **Other Responsibilities**

You are also 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 covered in the text.** You are responsible for learning textbook material (assigned chapters only) that is not discussed in class. Please feel free to approach me outside of class if you wish to get clarification on this material.

### **Missed Quizzes/Exams**

Dates for the quizzes and midterm are included on this course outline. **Quizzes that are missed for any reason will not be rescheduled.** If a student misses a quiz due to **verified** illness, dentistry, accident, emergency, or GPRC obligations (e.g., you are away due to the requirements of another course) the **weight of the quiz will be transferred to the final exam.** If a student misses a quiz for reasons that do not include verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, then a "0" (zero) will be assigned to that quiz. Holidays, employment, etc. are not considered to be excusable reasons to miss any exam in this course. Missing any quiz without explanation from the student will result in a "0" on that quiz.

According to GPRC policy, deferring a missed **Midterm Exam** is at the discretion of the instructor. In my courses, students who miss a midterm because of illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency (verified) may write the midterm at a later date (set by me—I will chose a date that is mutually convenient). When students miss the midterm for reasons that do not include verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, a "0" is assigned to that the midterm. Students who miss the midterm without explanation will receive a "0" on the midterm.

Absences from a registrar-scheduled **Final Exam** fall under GPRC Examination Policy. 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. Just to remind you, **final exams begin December 9 and end December 18. These dates are posted in the calendar (page 20) and thus have been available to GPRC students for months. Therefore, activities such as holidays or employment during this period are not considered excusable reasons for missing the final. Students who chose to miss the final exam for employment, holiday, or similar reasons will receive a "0" on the final exam. Also note that the final exam will not be scheduled early for students who plan their holidays or other activities during the final exam period.**

If the final exam is missed due to illness, you will be required to submit an application to the Registrar's office for permission to write a deferred exam and must do so within 48 hours of the scheduled exam time. You may defer the final exam for up to 20 days of the end of the examination period. **You will be required to provide documentation for your illness.** (Please see the College Calendar)

### **Student Conduct**

It is expected that all students will display a respectful attitude and behaviour in the classroom. This includes coming to class on time and leaving without disruption to others. Also expected is attention to the instructor and fellow students during discussions of topics relevant to the course. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Examples of disrespectful behaviour include talking while the instructor or fellow students are discussing course material, making rude, destructive comments, reading the newspaper, putting your feet up on the desk, putting your head down on the desk for a nap, and so on. Also, unless you are awaiting a call about something of a very very very very serious nature, **TURN OFF YOUR CELLPHONE RINGER!!!!**. Phones that ring during lectures cause a lot of distraction. Furthermore, people answering these calls during class cause even more distraction. Loving to listen to music is wonderful, but **LISTEN TO YOUR MUSIC OUTSIDE OF CLASS!!!** Instructors and other students can often hear the music which creates a distraction. Furthermore, such behaviour is disrespectful to instructors. Finally, **TEXTING IN CLASS IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN!!!!** Although texting is not disruptive per se, it detracts from your learning and again, is quite disrespectful. Students unable to meet these expectations will be required to leave the class in the interest of preserving the learning opportunities of other students.

Please refer to pages 47-50 of the College calendar for more information regarding the conduct expected of students

## **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Please refer to pages 48 to 49 of the College calendar regarding plagiarism, cheating and the resultant penalties. These issues are serious and will be dealt with severely.

Instructors reserve the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services on written assignments.

Instructors also reserve the right to bar the use of any form of electronics (cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, scanning pens, electronic dictionaries, etc.) during exams.

## **EXAM SCHEDULE**

September 30 Quiz 1 (Chapters 1, 3)

October 21 Quiz 2 (Chapters 4,5,6)

October 26 Midterm Exam (Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

November 9 Quiz 3 (Chapters 7, 9)

December 7 Quiz 4 (Chapters 10, 11, 12)

Between Dec 9-18 Final Exam (Chapters 7, 9, 10, 11, 12) The college sets the date for the final exams.

## **TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE**

<b>DURING THE WEEK OF</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>REQUIRED READINGS</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Course Outline; True-False Questions</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Paper Assignment; Introducing Social Psychology</b>	<b>Step by Step Guide for the paper; Chapter 1</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Introducing Social Psychology</b>	<b>Chapter 1</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Social Beliefs and Attitudes</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Behaviour and Attitudes</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Persuasion</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Conformity</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Group Influence</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Culture and Language</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Altruism</b>	<b>Chapter 9</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Aggression</b>	<b>Chapter 10</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Attraction</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Prejudice</b>	<b>Chapter 12</b>

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 9	Last day to <u>add</u> fall and full-year courses
Sept 16	Last day to <u>drop</u> courses without paying tuition for the dropped courses
Sept 16	Last day to pay tuition without paying a penalty for late payment
Oct 11	Thanksgiving—No Classes
Nov 5	Last day to withdraw from courses with permission (without failure) or changing course status. Withdrawal from any course this date may result in a failing grade because a mark of 0% will be assigned to the incomplete portion of the course work.
Nov 11& 12	Remembrance Day/Fall Break—No Classes
Dec 7	Last Day Of classes for University Transfer courses

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Student Rights:** Please refer to page 47 of the College Calendar regarding Student Rights.

**Academic Grievance:** Please refer to page 48 of the College Calendar regarding grievance procedures.

**Friendship Centre:** The Friendship Centre at Grande Prairie Regional College provides a space for all 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.

**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 780-539-2700 or use the blue phones on campus.

**Learning Support Centre:** The Learning Support Centre is available to all students who wish to improve their academic skills and ability to learn. Students can receive help with their writing (essay structure, grammar, formatting), as well as with math and science problems. Workshops on exam anxiety, study skills, noting taking, and other important skills are also offered here. The Learning Centre is in the Library.