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Grande Prairie Regional College

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

WINTER 2000

COURSE: Sociology 2410
Social Psychology
Tuesdays, 9:00 – Noon, Hinton

PREREQUISITE: SO 1000 (or equivalent, or PY 1040/1050, or ED 1630)

INSTRUCTOR: Barb Prescott Work: 723-8294
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Office Hours: 1 hour after class by appointment

LEARNING RESOURCES:

Baron, R; Byrne, D, and Watson, G, Exploring Social Psychology 2nd Edition, Allyn & Bacon Canada 1998

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:

Sociology 2410 is an introduction to the complex and exciting field of Social Psychology with a survey of major concepts, theories and research findings. The course explores the interaction of "objective" and "subjective" in the creation of "reality" for individuals and society. Interactive effects of anthropological, biological, historical, psychological, and sociological variables are examined to better understand (and predict) human behaviour. This analysis is then used to explore the stability and change of personalities, attitudes and beliefs, and social structures and institutions. This course also opens up several areas of applied use of social psychology.

The experiments provide each student the opportunity to focus reading and research study on specific areas of interest to social psychologists.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the major concepts, terminology, theoretical perspectives, and research findings in social psychology. It is expected that you will be able to relate materials from this course to your academic interest, area, and personal experience.

EVALUATION METHODS:

There will be two exams, a mid-term and a final in this course.

In addition, there will be several short experiment assignments.

<u>MARKS:</u>	Exam 1	30%
	Exam 2	30%
	Experiments	30%
	Class Participation	10%

GRADING SYSTEM:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>INTERPRETATION</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
9	Excellent	90-100
8		80-89
7	Good	72-79
6		65-71
5	Pass	57-64
4		50-56
3	Fail	45-49
2		26-44
1		0-25

COURSE SCHEDULE:

January 04	Introduction
January 11	Chapter 1 - The Field of Social Psychology
	Chapter 2 - Social Perception and Social Cognition pp 36-51
January 18	Chapter 2 - Continued
January 25	Chapter 3 - Attitudes
February 01	Chapter 4 - Social Identity
February 08	Chapter 5 - Prejudice & Discrimination
February 15	Mid-term Exam
February 22	Semester Break
February 29	Chapter 6 - Relationships
March 07	Chapter 7 - Social Influence
March 14	Chapter 8 - Helping
March 21	Chapter 8 - Continued - Harming
March 28	Another Semester Break
April 04	Chapter 9 - Groups and Individuals
April 11	Chapter 10 - Applied Social Psychology
April 18	Catch up or Review
April 25	Final Exam