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Grande Prairie Regional College

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

WINTER 2002

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

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

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LEARNING RESOURCES:

Baron, R; Byrne, D; and Watson, G; Exploring Social Psychology 3rd Canadian Edition, Allyn & Bacon Canada 2001

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 08	Introduction
January 15	Chapter 1 - The Field of Social Psychology Chapter 2 - Social Perception and Social Cognition pp 36-51
January 22	Chapter 2 - Continued
January 29	Chapter 3 - Attitudes
February 05	Chapter 4 - Social Identity
February 06	Chapter 5 - Prejudice & Discrimination
February 12	Mid-term Exam
February 19	Semester Break
February 26	Chapter 6 - Relationships
March 05	Chapter 7 - Social Influence
March 12	Chapter 8 - Helping
March 19	Chapter 8 - Continued - Harming
March 26	Another Semester Break
April 02	Chapter 9 - Groups and Individuals
April 09	Chapter 10 - Applied Social Psychology
April 16	Chapter 10 - Continued
April 23	Final Exam