



**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 3 (3-0-0) UT**  
**ATU379 (AU) / SO2410 (A3)**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-11:20 J227**  
**Winter 2003**

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**Textbook:** Meyers, D.G., & Spencer, S.J. (2000). Social Psychology: Canadian Edition. McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

**Prerequisites:** SO1000 or equivalent, or PY1040/PY1050, or ED2000

**Course Objectives**

This is an introduction to the study of individual and group behaviour observed in social processes.

**Student Evaluation**

4 Quizzes—5% each  
Midterm Exam—25%  
Final Exam—25%  
Class Participation—10%  
Paper—20%  
Bonus Media Assignment—5%

**Quizzes, Midterm, & Final Exams.** There will be four quizzes, worth a total of 20%, a midterm exam worth 25%, and a final exam worth 25%. For all quizzes and exams, you will be responsible for both classroom and textbook material.

The quizzes will consist 15-20 multiple choice questions per chapter. They will be held during the first 20-30 minutes of class on the dates outlined on the lecture schedule.

The midterm exam will consist of multiple choice questions (15-20 multiple choice questions for each of the chapters) and short-answer questions. For the short-answer questions, you will be provided with a selection of questions for each chapter and will be asked to choose and answer one of these questions.

**Quizzes that are missed due to absence will *not* be rescheduled.** If a student misses a quiz due to verifiable illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, the weight of the quiz will be placed on the final exam. Deferred writing of a scheduled Midterm Exam is at the discretion of the instructor. Absences from a registrar-scheduled Final Exam fall under GPRC Examination Policy. Missing any exam without explanation from the student will result in a zero on that

exam. 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

**Writing Assignment.** Please refer to the handout for detailed information on what is required for this assignment.

**Extensions** of the paper deadline will be considered *only* in the case of significant extenuating circumstances. If such circumstances arise, students requesting an extension will be required to show evidence that a significant amount of work on the paper has been completed in advance of the day *before* the work is due. For example, if a student requests an extension on the day before an assignment is due, a very nearly complete draft of the paper must be shown to the instructor at the time of the request. Students in circumstances of extreme duress should notify the instructor as soon as possible if they anticipate difficulty in submitting their paper on time. **Please note that having other assignments due on March 17<sup>th</sup> is not a reason for extending the deadline of the paper because students have 2.5 months to plan for this and other assignments.**

**Penalties** for papers submitted late without prior permission from the instructor are at the discretion of the instructor and may accrue at as much as **25% for each day late.**

**Class Participation.** Class participation credit will be given for participation in class discussion, either by raising relevant questions, addressing questions raised in class (i.e., offering one's opinion or experiences related to the topics brought up in class), and/or by doing optional assignments that will be given throughout the term. Students should be aware that they are expected to meet their academic responsibility to attend classes. Attendance will be taken at all classes. According to GPRC policy, the instructor reserves the right to debar a student from writing the final exam when the student has accumulated more than 10% (2-3 classes) unexcused absences. Absences will be excused on the basis of verifiable illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency. In addition, students should not make plans for travel, holidays, employment etc. which will interfere with their writing of exams during any scheduled examination time.

**Bonus Media Assignment.** The media assignment will involve locating two reports of psychological research reported in the media (TV, news papers, magazines, internet) and providing an evaluation of the research in terms of the methods used and conclusions drawn. Each assignment is worth 2.5%. I will provide sample news reports and evaluations.

### Grading

Grade	Percentage	Comment
9	90 - 100%	
8	80 - 89%	Excellent
7	72 - 79%	
6	65 - 71%	Good
5	57 - 64%	
4	50 - 56%	Pass
3	45 - 49%	Fail
2	26 - 44%	Fail
1	0 - 25%	Fail

For AU students, your grades will be in the new alpha system. Please refer to the Grading Policy Memo.

### Tentative Lecture Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Material</u>
	Introducing Social Psychology	Chapter 1
	Social Beliefs and Judgments	Chapter 3
	Behavior and Attitudes	Chapter 4
Jan 27	<b>Quiz (Chapters 1, 3, 4)</b>	
	Conformity	Chapter 6
	Persuasion	Chapter 7
Feb 12	<b>Quiz (Chapters 6, 7)</b>	
Feb 19	<b>Midterm (Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6, 7)</b>	
	Group Influence	Chapter 8
	Prejudice	Chapter 9
	Aggression	Chapter 10
March 26	<b>Quiz (Chapters 8, 9, 10)</b>	
	Attraction and Intimacy	Chapter 11
	Altruism	Chapter 12
April 16	<b>Quiz (Chapters 11, 12)</b>	

### Writing Assignment Deadlines

January 20	Research Question Sheet
February 10	Reference Page
March 3	Research Summary Sheet
March 17	Paper

### Other Important Dates

Jan 10	Last day to add winter courses
Jan 17	<b>Last day to drop courses without paying tuition for the dropped courses</b>
Jan 24	Last day to write deferred final exams or repeat final exams for fall courses
Jan 31	Last day to pay winter semester fees to avoid late payment penalty
Feb 17	Family Day—no classes
Feb 24-Feb 28	Winter Break—no classes
Mar 7	<b>Last day to withdraw or change from credit to audit</b>
April 16	Last day of classes
April 21	Final exams begin

### Student Responsibilities

Independent learning is a valuable skill that instructors at Grande Prairie Regional College wish to foster in their students. For this reason, you are held accountable for all lecture materials and readings. It is your responsibility to keep up with class work. For example, you are expected to attend all lectures. **When absent from class, missed material is to be obtained by approaching a fellow student (not the instructor).** Also, you are 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. You are responsible for learning the material not discussed in class. Please feel free to approach me outside of class if you wish to get clarification on this material.

If you wish to withdraw from this course, you must do so by **March 7, 2002**. Withdraw from the course after March 8<sup>th</sup> may result in a failing grade because a mark of 0% will be assigned to the incomplete portion of the course work.

### For Your Information...

**Friendship Centre:** Remember that the Friendship Centre at Grande Prairie Regional College provides a space for Aboriginal 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.

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**Writing Centre:** The Grande Prairie Regional College offers students the services of a Writing Centre staffed by volunteers. The volunteers are generally instructors here at the College. They come from all areas of the College.

What are the services of a Writing Centre?

- Assistance with citing references in academic papers.
- One-on-one advice on writing in a non-threatening atmosphere. The volunteer is usually someone who is NOT one of your instructors.
- One-on-one assistance with writing weaknesses.
- Independent constructive criticism of your paper in the areas of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, sentence structure, logic and style.
- Independent second reading of paper after corrections.
- Advice to students re the dangers of plagiarism.
- Handouts on citing conventions used.

Services NOT provided by a Writing Centre

- Writing papers for students.
- Re-marking of papers.

The Writing Centre is now located in the office of the Department of Business Administration on the third floor of the B-Wing. Bernie Benson will help you book an appointment with a Volunteer. Appointments may be booked from Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**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 539-2700 or use the red phones on campus.