



SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3-0-0) 45 hours

PSY379 (AU) / SO2410 (A3)

Transfers to all Alberta universities as a 3 credit Sociology course.

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-11:20 H211

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Textbook: Meyers, D.G., & Spencer, S.J. (2004). Social Psychology: 2nd Canadian Edition. McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Delivery: Lecture

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—20%
Final Exam—25%
Class Participation—10%
Paper—25%

Assignments and Grading

1. **Exams.** There will be four quizzes. Each quiz will be in a multiple choice format and will be worth 5%. 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 the next page of this course outline. The date of the final exam will be announced by the Student Services office.

Weights of exams: quizzes = 5% each (total = 20%); Midterm exam = 20%; Final exam = 25%.

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 education and will do research to find answers to that question.

Weight of paper and related components: 25%

Any component handed in later than the stipulated due dates will be docked up to 25% per day (at my discretion).

3. **Class Participation.** 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, and completing optional class participation assignments. Attendance also counts towards participation.

Weight of Class participation: 10%

Grading

<i>Alpha Grade</i>	<i>4-Pt Equivalent</i>	<i>% Guidelines</i>	<i>Designation</i>
A+	4.0	94 - 100	Excellent
A	4.0	88 - 93	
A-	3.7	82 - 87	First Class Standing
B+	3.3	76 - 81	
B	3.0	73 - 75	Good
B-	2.7	70 - 72	
C+	2.3	67 - 69	Satisfactory
C	2.0	64 - 66	
C-	1.7	60 - 63	
D+	1.3	55 - 59	Minimal Pass
D	1.0	50 - 54	
F	0.0	0 - 49	Fail

Student Responsibilities

Independent learning is a valuable skill that instructors at Grande Prairie Regional College wish to foster in their students.

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 regularly.

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.**

Please note that according to GPRC policy, instructors reserve the right to **bar 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 verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency. Holidays, employment, and other such activities, are not considered to be excusable reasons to miss classes. Please note that part of your class participation mark is based on your attendance. Again, attendance will be taken regularly.

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 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 the me). 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. Missing the midterm without explanation from the student will result in 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 April 19 and end by April 28.** These dates have been available to current and prospective GPRC students for several 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. 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. (Please see the College Calendar, p 35-36)

Paper Extensions

Extensions of deadlines for components of the paper assignment 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 component 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 the paper 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 17th 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 late submissions of any component of the paper (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.**

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Dates

Topic

Material

Introducing Social Psychology
Social Beliefs and Judgments

Chapter 1
Chapter 3

Jan 21	Quiz (Chapters 1 & 3) Behavior and Attitudes Persuasion Conformity	Chapter 4 Chapter 7 Chapter 6
Feb 9	Quiz (Chapters 4, 6, 7)	
Feb 11	Midterm (Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6, 7) Group Influence altruism Aggression	Chapter 8 Chapter 9 Chapter 10
March 24	Quiz (Chapters 8, 9, 10) Attraction and Intimacy Prejudice	Chapter 11 Chapter 12
April 14	Quiz (Chapters 11, 12)	

Writing Assignment Deadlines

January 21	Research Question Sheet
February 9	Reference Page
February 25	Research Summary Sheet
March 17	Paper

These components are due at the beginning of class on the above dates. Anything submitted later than the beginning of class will be considered late.

Other Important Dates

Jan 9	Last day to add winter courses
Jan 16	Last day to drop courses without paying tuition for the dropped courses
Jan 23	Last day to write deferred final exams or repeat final exams for fall courses
Jan 30	Last day to pay winter semester fees to avoid late payment penalty
Feb 16-20	Winter Break—no classes
Mar 5	Last day to withdraw or change from credit to audit
April 9	Good Friday—no classes
April 15	Last day of classes
April 19	Final exams begin in most programs
April 28	Final exams end in most programs

For Your Information...

Friendship Centre: Remember that 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.

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.

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.