

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sociology 2410

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Required Textbook:

Deaux, K., Dane, F. C., & Wrightsman, L. S. (1993). Social Psychology in the 90's 6th ed. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Pub.

Littlepage, Glenn. (1993). Study guide for Social Psychology in the 90's. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Pub.

General Course Description:

Social Psychology is concerned with how human beings think about, influence and relate to others and themselves. The topics covered will be familiar to everyone, as they relate to issues we consider and encounter in our daily lives. However, this course examines these familiar topics and processes from an empirical and theoretical perspective, and encourages students to use these approaches to advance understanding of human social behavior.

Course Requirements

Midterm	25%	Oct 19	Chap 1-5 + sup. readings
Final Exam	35%	TBA	Chap 1-13 + sup. readings
Group Project	20%	Nov 22	
Group Processes Paper	5%	Nov 29	

Assignment 1			
Assignment 2	3 @ 5% = 15%	--	as announced in class
Assignment 3			

100 %

Midterm Test

The midterm will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer questions, and essay questions based on textbook, supplemental reading, and lecture material.

Final Examination

There will be a final examination during the December exam period. The final exam will have multiple choice items and an essay question. The final examination will cover all material presented in the course, but will emphasize material discussed after the midterm examination.

Supplemental Readings and Bonus Questions

On the midterm test and on the final examination there will be an opportunity to earn up to 10 marks based on supplemental readings placed in the library. In addition, there will be 5 bonus marks on each test based on the supplemental readings.

Assignments

Assignments provide students with the opportunity to apply some of the principles and ideas discussed in class to their own empirical observations. Each assignment will involve some simple data collection or provision, and a short (about 2 pages) report on the data.

Group Project

A separate handout will describe this assignment in detail. Because the behavior of individuals in groups is a central theme of social psychology, you will have the opportunity to complete a research project in a small group. Your group will prepare a research paper and a short oral presentation on your selected topic.

Group Processes Paper

After your group project is complete, you will be asked to reflect on the group processes and dynamics in your specific group. This is not an evaluation of your fellow group members, but rather an opportunity to apply theoretical principles to a recent experience in group behavior. You will be graded not on the cohesiveness or quality of your group or its project, but rather your ability to recognize how psychological principles relate to your experiences in your group.

Grading System

Final grades will be assigned on a nine-point scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>% Equivalent</u>	<u>Designation</u>
9	90-100	
8	80-90	Excellent

7	72-79	
6	65-71	Good

5	57-64	
4	50-56	Pass

3	45-49	
2	26-44	
1	0-25	Fail

Late assignments and make-up tests

Permission to write a test or submit an assignment on other than the assigned date will typically be granted for compassionate or medical reasons only when notice is received prior to the due date.

Attendance

Although there is no formal attendance policy for this class, students are strongly recommended to make class attendance a priority.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE FOR
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sept 7	Course Outline	
	13 Theoretical Systems of Social Behavior	Chap 1
Sept 13	Registration change deadline	
	14 How We Do Social Psychology	Chap 2
	21 Understanding the Self	Chap 3
	20 The Self (con't)	
	27 The Self (con't)	
	28 Understanding Others	Chap 4
Oct 4	Understanding Others (con't)	
	5 Understanding Others (con't)	
Nov 5 is last day to withdraw from this course with permission	11 Thanksgiving Day -- no class	
	12 Interpersonal Communication	Chap 5
	18 Communication (con't)	
	19 MIDTERM Chap 1-5	
	25 Attitudes & Behavior: Constancy and Change	Chap 6,7
	26 Attitudes (con't)	
Nov 1	Attitudes (con't)	
	2 Conformity and Compliance	Chap 8
	8 Conformity and Compliance (con't) Love and Relationships	Chap 9
	9 Love (con't)	
	15 Love (con't)	
	16 Aggression and Conflict	Chap 10
	22 Aggression and Conflict (con't) Group Project Papers due today	
	23 Prosocial Behavior	Chap 11
	29 GROUP PROJECT PRESENTATION DAY	
	30 Social Behavior in Groups	Chap 12,13
Dec 6	Group Behavior (con't)	
	7 Group Behavior (con't)	

December Exam Period: Final Exam Chap 6-13, Review Chap 1-5

** This schedule is tentative. Changes will be announced in class. **