

Social Psychology: SO 2410

Fall 1999: M & W: 11:30-12:50

Arts, Education, Commerce

Grande Prairie Regional College

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

- o The course is designed to give the student an introduction into the concepts and theories used to study how people think about, influence, and interact with each other. The lecture will focus on the following social psychological phenomena: social cognition, the self, attitudes, conformity, group influence, helping behavior, and aggression.

REQUIRED TEXT

- o Baron, R. A. & Byrne, D., & Watson, G. (1999). Exploring Social Psychology (Ninth Edition). Scarborough: Allyn & Bacon Canada.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES

- o All class sessions will be devoted to lectures and discussions. Lecture material is distinct from readings. Lectures are intended to **complement and expand** on assigned readings rather to duplicate this material.
- o Exams will cover the assigned readings and class lectures. The examinations will consist of a multiple choice and short written answer and/or essay questions that draw, equally, on material from lectures and readings. The balance of these will vary from test to test, with an increasing essay component for the final. The examinations will be non-cumulative. Make up exams or late assignments are not accepted or permitted.
- o The paper should be (two double-spaced typed pages) based on classic and contemporary research articles on any issue relevant to the course. It is intended to integrate and apply what you have learned in the class.

- o Being on time for class and class attendance is expected and required. For every four un-excused absences from class, your grade may drop by one number.
- o The final grade will consist of:
 - 2 Quizzes 10%
 - 3 Exams 60%
 - Participation 10%
 - paper 20%

LECTURE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Readings
Sept. 8	Introduction	None
Sept. 13	The field of social psychology	Ch.1
Sept. 20	Social perception & Social cognition	Ch.2
Sept. 27	Social identity	Ch.4
Oct. 4	Exam No. 1 (all materials covered to date)	
Oct. 6	Attitudes	Ch. 3
Oct. 18	Prosocial behavior & Aggression	Ch. 8
Nov. 8	Relationships	Ch. 6
Nov. 15	Exam No. 2 (all materials covered to date since exam 1)	
Nov. 17	Social influence	Ch. 7
Nov. 24	Groups and individuals	Ch. 9
Nov. 29	Paper due	
	Final Exam (all materials covered to date since exams 1 & 2): Date TBA	