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Department of Psychology  
HH/PSYC 2120 3.00 – Social Psychology  
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**Course Description:**

The purpose of this course is to introduce you to social psychological research and theory. I will discuss topics such as history and research methods in social psychology, attitudes, persuasion, altruism, and interpersonal relationships. I hope you will find the topics intellectually interesting and informative for understanding yourself and the world around you.

**Course Objectives:**

By the end of this course, you should be able to understand major social psychological methods, theories, and findings.

**Textbook:**

Myers, D. G., Spencer, S. J., & Jordan, C. (2015). Social Psychology. McGraw – Hill Ryerson.

**Moodle:**

This is an online course. My lectures will be delivered to you on York University's Moodle system. Please ensure you know how to use Moodle, and check it regularly for important announcements etc.

**Course Prerequisite:**

To enrol in this course, you must have earned a minimum final letter grade of C in PSYCH 1010.

**Evaluation:**

Test 1	32 %	May 24, 2016
Test 2	32 %	June 7, 2016
Test 3	32 %	June 22-24, 2016
Online participation	04 %	Throughout the term

The final grade in the course will be determined according to the regulations governing examinations and academic standards, as listed in the 2015-2016 York University calendar.

**Tests:**

You will be given three tests in this course. The tests are not cumulative: you will only be responsible for the materials covered since the last test. Test 3 will take place during the final exam period. The tests will be composed of multiple choices, true-false, and short answers.

There will be no make-up tests, except under extraordinary circumstances. You will only be allowed to write a missed test if you have a legitimate reason and notify me within 48 hours of the scheduled test date. Legitimate reasons include illness and death in the family. Missing a test for vacation or work related reasons are not valid excuses.

I require you to present me with documentation for missing a test with a legitimate reason. If you miss a test for illness, your doctor must fill the form provided on the website below and provide the necessary details and dates surrounding your illness.

[http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/attend\\_physician\\_statement.pdf](http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/attend_physician_statement.pdf)

If you miss a test for non-medical reasons, you have to provide me with supporting documentation such as a death certificate, accident report, airline ticket for emergency travel etc.

If you miss a test without a legitimate reason, you will receive a grade of zero.

Requests for re-evaluation of tests must be received before the last class of the term.

**Online participation:**

You will be asked to complete short tasks after some of the online lectures. Please listen to the lectures for more details.

**Letters of Accommodation:**

Please provide me with all letters of accommodations within two weeks of the first class.

**Email Etiquette:**

Please do the following when writing e-mails to both myself and your TA:

- 1) Provide us with a brief and clear subject line
- 2) Provide us with your full name, course, section, year, and student number
- 3) Provide us with a message that is to the point and is short
- 4) Include the e-mail chain in your response
- 5) Provide appropriate contact information (i.e., email address, phone number)
- 6) Be professional

**Class Conduct:**

Please remember to turn off cell phones during the in-class lectures.

**Academic Integrity and Honesty:**

Important information regarding academic integrity/honesty is available at:

<http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm>

**Syllabus:**

Date	Lecture Topic	Chapter
May 10, 2016	Introduction to PSYC 2120 What is Social Psychology?	1
May 12, 2016	History and Research Methods The Self in a Social World	1 2
May 17, 2016	Social Belief & Judgements	3
May 19, 2016	Behaviour and Attitudes	4
May 24, 2016 <i>In-class - TBA</i>	Test 1 (2 hours)	Chapters 1-4 + Lectures 1-4
May 26, 2016	Persuasion	5
May 31, 2016	Conformity	6
June 2, 2016	Group Influence	7
June 7, 2016 <i>In-class - TBA</i>	Test 2 (2 hours)	Chapters 5-7 + Lectures 5-7
June 9, 2016	Attraction & Intimacy	10
June 14, 2016	Altruism: Helping Others Aggression: Hurting Others	8 9
June 16, 2016	Prejudice	11, 12
June 22-24, 2016 <i>Final Exam Period - TBA</i>	Test 3 (3 hours)	Chapters 8-12 + Lectures 8-10