

Faculty of Health
Department of Psychology
HH PSYC 2120 3.0 Section C: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
Tuesday/11:30/online via Zoom and Moodle
Fall/2020

This course will be delivered online using Moodle and Zoom technology. The course will be taught synchronously (i.e., in actual time using Zoom at the end of each designated lecture) and asynchronously (using prerecorded Zoom lectures and powerpoint slides provided during the designated lecture date and time). In other words, the lectures for this course will be prerecorded using Zoom and provided on my moodle site, however, synchronous question and answer period will occur after each lecture using Zoom meetings. At this point, all exams will be delivered using Zoom.

Instructor and T.A. Information

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Course Prerequisite(s): Course prerequisites are strictly enforced

- HH/PSYC 1010 6.00 (Introduction to Psychology), with a minimum grade of C.

Course Credit Exclusions

Please refer to [York Courses Website](#) for a listing of any course credit exclusions.

Course website: [Moodle](#)

All course materials will be available on the course moodle site, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. The site will be your central access point for course materials [you may add specific types of materials for your course as examples here].

Technical requirements

In order to fully participate in this course, you will need access to an internet enabled device that has compatibility with video conferencing. As such, students will need: 1) stable, higher-speed Internet, 2) a computer with webcam and microphone, and/or a

smart device with these features. Most activities will not require students to appear on video; however a few in-class activities may require appearing on video.

Course Description

This is a course in social psychology or the study of how individuals think and feel about, relate to, and influence one another based on the actual, implied, or perceived presence of other individuals. Generally, this course will provide students with a background in social psychology and an opportunity to learn about various theoretical, conceptual, practical, and empirical social psychological issues. I expect that you will work hard, know the course material very well, and be able to integrate the material from different sections. Given that social psychology is related to many aspects of individuals' lives, I think that you will find the study of social psychology engaging and applicable to your life.

Location

This is a course that depends on remote teaching and learning. There will be no in-person interactions or activities on campus.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate broad knowledge of social determinants of behaviour.
2. Describe and evaluate current theory and research in social psychology.
3. Understand and interpret principles of social psychology in everyday life.
4. Define causes of social behaviour from different perspectives.

Specific Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge in social psychology.
2. Critically evaluate, synthesize and resolve conflicting results in social psychology.
3. Articulate trends in social psychology.
4. Locate research articles and show critical thinking about research findings in psychology.
5. Express knowledge of social psychology in written form.
6. Engage in evidence-based dialogue with course director and peers.
7. Demonstrate an ability to work with others.

Specific Learning Objectives

1. Understand theoretical and empirical evidence of the importance of social psychology.
2. Gain experience reviewing literature and applying social psychology to other areas of research.

Required Text

[Social Psychology The Science of Everyday Life \(2nd Edition\) by Greenberg, J, Schmader, T., Arndt, J., & Landau, M. \(2018\). Worth Publishers.](#)

Course Requirements and Assessment:

| Assessment | Date of Evaluation (if known) | Weighting |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Exam 1 | See course schedule below | 30% |
| Exam 2 | See course schedule below | 30% |
| Final Exam | TBA | 40% |
| Bonus | | 2% |
| Total | | 100% |

Description of Assignments

In-class exams: There will be two 60-item multiple choice in-class exams in this course. Each exam is worth 30% for a total of 60% of your final grade.

Final exam: There will be one 80-item multiple choice exam in this course. This exam is worth 40% of your final grade.

Bonus points: two 1% bonus point opportunities (total 2%) will be provided for participating in a social psychological study conducted by an undergraduate honours thesis student or graduate student. These are extra bonus points and therefore your participation is completely voluntary.

Grading as per Senate Policy

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 89, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - [Grading Scheme for 2020-21](#)

Missed Tests/Midterm Exams/Late Assignment:

For any missed tests, midterm exam or late assignments, students MUST complete the following online form which will be received and reviewed in the Psychology undergraduate office.

[HH PSYC: Missed Tests/Exams Form](#). Failure to complete the form within 48 hours of the original deadline will result in a grade of zero for the missed tests, midterm exam, or late assignments.

In addition, to the online form, students' documented reason for a missed tests, midterm exam or late assignments such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc., MUST submit official documentation (e.g. [Attending Physician Statement](#)). At this time, due to COVID-19 an Attending Physician's Statement (APS) is not required, however, a reason for missing an evaluated component in the course must be provided in writing to the instructor and your TA(s).

There will be no make-up exams, except under extraordinary circumstances. If you miss one in-class exam, you will receive a grade of zero. If you produce a valid medical document (i.e., an attending physician form), signed by a physician, stating that you were medically unable to take the exam, you will be able to take a makeup exam. However, as noted above, due to COVID-19 an Attending Physician's Statement (APS) is not required, nevertheless, a reason for missing an evaluation component in the course must be provided in writing to the instructor and your TA(s). If you miss an exam for non-medical reasons, you still must produce supporting documentation (e.g., death certificate, obituary notice, automobile accident report, airline ticket for emergency travel,

etc.). **Missing an exam for a vacations, etc., is not an acceptable reason.** IT IS **IMPORTANT TO NOTE** THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE YOUR WRITTEN REASON WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE MISSED EXAM AND CONTACT THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTOR, and TA(S) IN ADVANCE OF THE EXAM IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE THE EXAM. In order to avoid receiving a grade of 0, you must complete Missed Test/Exam Form (see above) and **written reason justifying that you were unable to take the examination** on the scheduled date and time. If this happens to you and you are unable to produce such a document, you should seriously consider dropping this course. **If you miss an exam it is your responsibility to contact the TA (the TA is the preferred person) or course director within 48 hours of the exam.** The nature of the makeup exam will be at the discretion of the instructor. There will be **only one makeup exam for students who qualify for any missed exams.** For instance, if you missed 2 regularly scheduled exams, you would write both missed exams during the makeup exam period. **This exam will occur at the beginning of the next semester during the departmental makeup exam period.** If you **miss the makeup exam for any reason, there will be no other opportunities** to earn these grades. It is important that you show up for all exams on time as no late students will be allowed to write the exam following any student's departure from the exam.

Add/Drop Deadlines

For a list of all important dates please refer to: [Fall/Winter 2020-21 Important Dates](#)

| | FALL (F) | YEAR (Y) | WINTER (W) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Last date to add a course without permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines) | Sept. 22 | Sept. 22 | Jan. 25 |
| Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines) | Oct. 6 | Oct. 27 | Feb. 8 |
| Drop deadline: Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines) | Nov. 6 | Feb. 5 | March 12 |
| Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below) | Nov. 7 - Dec. 8 | Feb. 6 - Apr. 12 | March 13 - Apr. 12 |

***Note:** *You may withdraw from a course using the registration and enrolment system after the drop deadline until the last day of class for the term associated with the course. When you withdraw from a course, the course remains on your transcript without a grade and is notated as "W". The withdrawal will not affect your grade point average or count towards the credits required for your degree.*

There are deadlines for adding and dropping courses, both academic and financial. Since, for the most part, the dates are **different**, be sure to read the information carefully so that you understand the differences between the sessional dates below and the [Refund Tables](#).

You are strongly advised to pay close attention to the "Last date to enrol without permission of course instructor" deadlines. These deadlines represent the last date students have unrestricted access to the registration and enrolment system. After that date, you must contact the professor/department offering the course to arrange permission.

You can drop courses using the registration and enrolment system up until the last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (drop deadline).

You may [withdraw from a course](#) using the registration and enrolment system after the drop deadline until the last day of class for the term associated with the course. When you withdraw from a course, the course remains on your transcript without a grade and is notated as 'W'. The withdrawal will not affect your grade point average or count towards the credits required for your degree.

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Electronic Devices During a Test/Examination

Electronic mobile devices of any kind are not allowed during a test or examination unless the device is authorized to complete the exam. This course will be delivered in an online format and therefore electronic devices (e.g., tablets, laptops) are permitted during class time for course-related purposes. It is expected that you would complete tests/exams in a manner that does not require consulting an unauthorised source during an examination.

Any student identified using an electronic device during a test/exam in an unauthorized way may be reported to the Undergraduate Office for a potential breach of Academic Honesty.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

While all individuals are expected to satisfy the requirements of their program of study and to aspire to do so at a level of excellence, the university recognizes that persons with disabilities may require reasonable accommodation to enable them to do so. The [York University Accessibility Hub](#) is your online stop for accessibility on campus. The [Accessibility Hub](#) provides tools, assistance and resources. **Policy Statement**

Policy: York University shall make reasonable and appropriate accommodations and adaptations in order to promote the ability of students with disabilities to fulfill the academic requirements of their programs.

The nature and extent of accommodations shall be consistent with and supportive of the integrity of the curriculum and of the academic standards of programs or courses.

Provided that students have given sufficient notice about their accommodation needs, instructors shall take reasonable steps to accommodate these needs in a manner consistent with the guidelines established hereunder.

For Further Information please refer to: [York university academic accommodation for students with disabilities policy](#)

Academic Integrity for Students

York University takes academic integrity very seriously; please familiarize yourself with [Information about the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#).

It is recommended that you review Academic Integrity information [SPARK Academic Integrity modules](#). These modules explain principles of academic honesty.

Test Banks

The offering for sale of, buying of, and attempting to sell or buy test banks (banks of test questions and/or answers), or any course specific test questions/answers is not permitted in the Faculty of Health. Any student found to be doing this may be considered to have breached the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. In particular, buying and attempting to sell banks of test questions and/or answers may be considered as “Cheating in an attempt to gain an improper advantage in an academic evaluation” (article 2.1.1 from the Senate Policy) and/or “encouraging, enabling or causing others” (article 2.1.10 from the Senate Policy) to cheat.

Electronic Devices During a Test/Examination

Electronic mobile devices of any kind are not allowed during a test or examination. Students are required to turn off and secure any electronic mobile device in their bag which is to be placed under the chair while a test/exam is in progress. Any student observed with an electronic device during a test/exam may be reported to the Undergraduate Office for a potential breach of Academic Honesty.

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Course Schedule

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| Date d/m/y | Lecture Topic | Chapter |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 15/09/20 | Introduction to PSYCH 2120.30 What is social psychology? | lecture |
| 22/09/20 | History and Research Methods of social psychology | 1,2 |
| 29/09/20 | SECTION I: SOCIAL THINKING Judging the Self and others perceiving people and events | 4,5 |
| 06/10/20 | Attitudes, Social Cognition, & person perception | 3,6 |
| 13/10/20 | Fall Reading Week / No class | NA |
| 20/10/20 | IN-CLASS EXAM #1/video (Obedience) | 1-6 + Lectures |
| 27/10/20 | SECTION II: SOCIAL INFLUENCE Sociobiology, culture, conformity (video Candid Camera) | 7 |
| 03/11/20 | persuasion | 8 |
| Nov. 6 | last date to drop the course without a grade | NA |
| 10/11/20 | Group influence + video Devil's Playground | 9 |
| 17/11/20 | IN-CLASS EXAM #2 | 7-9+ Lectures |
| 24/11/20 | SECTION III: SOCIAL RELATIONS Disliking and hurting others | 10,11, 12 |
| 01/12/20 | Helping others | 13 |
| 08/12/20 | Interpersonal relationships, research | 14 |
| ??/12/20 | FINAL EXAM (TBA see Exam Schedule) | 10-14+ all Lectures |