

Introduction to Social Psychology  
PSY 201, section R  
Tues & Thurs 2:00-3:15  
FLIPSE 536

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### Course Objectives

Social psychology is the scientific study of how people think about, influence, and relate to one another. The aim of this course is to introduce students to the theoretical ideas, research findings and methods of inquiry particular to this field. Students completing this course should be able to define social psychology and describe how it overlaps with and distinguishes itself from other disciplines, describe and provide examples of primary concepts and theories in the field of social psychology and understand how research is used in this field.

### Course Evaluation

#### Exams

There will be three non-cumulative in-class exams based on material covered in class and required readings. There will also be a cumulative final exam during final exam week. All exams will be multiple-choice. You are allowed to drop one exam, including the final, therefore there will be no make-up exams, ***NO EXCEPTIONS***. Because it is difficult to foresee emergencies, I strongly suggest you take all exams, as you can only drop one.

#### Attendance

Attendance in this class is not mandatory. Although, because of the nature of the lectures and the extensive class discussions, if you miss a class you may miss important information that is not found in your textbooks, therefore excessive absences will ultimately be reflected in a poor semester grade. If you must miss a lecture, make sure to get your notes from someone in class.

### Academic Honesty

The Undergraduate Honor Code is clear, as are the penalties for breaking it. Any attempt to cheat on an exam will result in a failing grade for the course and may result in suspension or expulsion from the University of Miami.

### Administrative information

This syllabus is provided for your information and may change during the course of the semester at my discretion. You are responsible for the material in the syllabus as well as anything that may be added during the semester.

I will hold office hours Monday and Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Flipse 459. Appointments may also be scheduled outside of office hours. If you need to speak to me, please email me or the TA for an appointment.

### Required Readings and Text

You are responsible for all assigned reading. The required text can be found in the bookstore. It is:

Myers, D.G. (2008). Social Psychology 9<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

## COURSE OUTLINE

Date	Topic	Required Reading
Wk 1 8/23	Welcome and Syllabus distribution	
Wk 2 8/28 8/30	Topics in social psychology Research Methods in social psychology	Ch. 1
Wk 3 9/4 9/6	The self in the social world	Ch. 2
Wk 4 9/11 9/13	Social beliefs and judgments	Ch. 3
Wk 5 9/18 9/20	Review for exam one Exam 1 chapters 1-3	
Wk 6 9/25 9/27	Attitudes and behaviors	Ch.4
Wk 7 10/2 10/4	Conformity	Ch. 6
Wk 8 10/9 10/11	Persuasion	Ch. 7
Wk 9 10/16 10/18	Group Influence	Ch. 8
Wk 10 10/23 10/25	Review for exam two Exam 2 chapters 4, 6-8	
Wk 11 10/30 11/1	Prejudice	Ch. 9
Wk 12 11/6 11/8	Attraction and Liking	Ch. 11

Wk 13  
11/13 Health Psychology Ch. 14  
11/15

Wk 14  
11/20 NO CLASS  
11/22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wk 15  
11/27 Review for exam three  
11/29 Exam 3 chapters 9, 11, 14

**FINAL EXAM:**

The final will be held the week of Dec 5-12. Please check schedule for day, time and room.