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Objectives: The aim of the course is to introduce students to basic theory, research findings and methods of investigation in social psychology. By the end of the module students should be able to: describe the important theories and research findings in social psychology; discuss the theories and key findings covered in the course, and their relevance to everyday life; understand and think critically about issues and research in social psychology. During the course we will examine, firstly, the extent to which behaviour is influenced by social factors, and secondly, the ways in which empirical research can help us understand how social processes influence what we do.

Evaluation: The only examples of your work that will be gathered in this class will be two midterms (February 3rd and March 12th) and the final exam (date to be announced). Exams are weighted equally, so each exam is 1/3 of the work in this course. Exams are multiple choice format; please bring a No. 2 pencil to each exam.  
NOTE: If any exam does not take place on the scheduled date due to weather, facilities, or any other unforeseen circumstance THE EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

McMaster’s Grading Scale:

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The instructor reserves the right to adjust the final marks up or down, on an individual basis, in the light of special circumstances and/or the individual’s overall performance in the course.

The instructor cannot be responsible for returning long distance calls from students. Any student wishing to reach an instructor is invited to e-mail or drop by during office hours.

Policy Reminder: Please note the Statement on Academic Ethics and the Senate Resolutions on Academic Dishonesty as found in the Senate Policy Statements distributed at registration and available in the Senate Office. Any student who infringes one of these resolutions will be treated according to the published policy.
Tentative Schedule

Jan 6: Organizational Meeting; Course Overview

Jan 8: Introduction to Social Psychology READ PP. 3 - 33

Jan 10: The Self part. I: READ PP. 37 - 57

Jan 13: The Self part. II: READ PP. 57 - 74

Jan 15: Others: READ PP. 77 - 102

Jan 17: workshop

Jan 20: Judgments and Beliefs: READ PP. 103 – 127

Jan 22: Attitudes: READ PP. 129 - 146

Jan 24: Attitudes and Behaviours: READ PP. 146 - 167

Jan 27: Nature and Culture: READ PP. 172 - 190

Jan 29: Nature, Culture and Gender: READ PP. 190 - 206

Jan 31: workshop

Feb 3: FIRST MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS

Feb 5: Conformity part I: READ PP. 209 - 229

Feb 7: Conformity part II: READ PP. 230 – 248

Feb 10: Persuasion: READ PP. 251 - 271

Feb 12: Resisting Persuasion: READ PP. 272 - 289

Feb 14: Groups: READ PP. 291 - 309

Feb 24: workshop

Feb 26: Group Think: READ PP. 309 - 331

Feb 28: Prejudice: READ PP. 335 - 359

Mar 3: Sources of Prejudice: READ PP. 359 - 380

Mar 5: Aggression READ PP. 383-401
Mar 7: Aggression READ PP. 401-425

Mar 10: workshop

**Mar 12: SECOND MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS**

Mar 14: Attraction and Friendship READ PP. 427 - 451

Mar 17: Attraction and Intimacy READ PP. 452 - 471

Mar 19: Altruism READ PP. 474 - 498

Mar 21: Increasing Helping: READ PP. 498- 512

Mar 24: Conflict: READ PP. 516 - 534

Mar 26: Peacemaking: READ PP. 535 - 557

Mar 28: Clinical Judgements: READ module A

Apr 2: Social Psychology in the Courts: READ module B

Apr 4: Social Psychology and the Sustainable Future: READ module C

Apr 7: workshop

Final Exam: TBA