Faculty of Science Course Syllabus  
Department of Psychology  
PSYO 2080.01  
Social Psychology  
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As a courtesy, before emailing, please check the syllabus and BbLearn announcements to see if the information you are seeking is already posted. I do not respond to messages inquiring about information that can already be found in the syllabus and to messages asking whether “anything important” was or will be covered in class.

Lectures: Monday, Wednesday; 15:35 – 16:55pm (Jan 04– April 04, 2016), Location: Studley Chemistry 125  
No labs or tutorials.

Course Description  
The course undertakes a critical analysis of social theory and research promoting a close and skeptical evaluation of our knowledge, our obedience and rebellion, our affections and hostilities, our willingness to help and injure, our attempts to explain ourselves and others, our erotic orientations, and our gender roles.

Course Prerequisites  
PSYO 1011.03 or PSYO 1021.03 or PSYO 1031.03 and PSYO 1012.03 or PSYO 1022.03, or SCIE 1505X/Y.18, SCIE 1515X/Y.36, SCIE 1520X/Y.30 or SCIE 1540X/Y.27 (with a grade of B- or better)

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes  
Classes will follow a lecture format and will be supplemented with in-class demonstrations, online demonstrations (via MyPsychLab), videos, and review Chapter quizzes. Social psychology is the scientific study of how people act and react to the presence of others. In addition to examining the processes that support how we perceive and think about the social world, this course covers some of the most controversial and often perplexing topics in human behaviour, including reasons why we help or harm others, the factors that influence our likelihood to conform, what we find attractive about ourselves and others, and some of the causes of prejudice. The objective of the course is that you understand the constructs under investigation and the scientific methods used in the research of such constructs.

Course Materials  
   - E-book and online resources, available through bookstore or Pearson publisher website.  
   - Hard copies available at Dal Bookstore (new and used). Used copies of earlier editions will work fine.  
     - Textbook Website: The textbook has a companion website call MyPsychLab (www.MyPsychlab.com) that contains VERY USEFUL resources for reviewing the course material. It is through here that the chapter quizzes will be administered. You must register using the access code that comes with your textbook or e-book, or access can be purchased separately if you purchase a used book. Once you’ve set up your MyPsychLab account you can access the course material through Blackboard.  
     - Course name: Social Psychology  
2. In addition to the text occasionally specific research articles that pertain to particular topics will be assigned for reading. References will be cited in the lectures notes and announced in class. Adhering to copyright laws, these articles will not be
posted by the instructor. These specified papers will be the student’s responsibility to download free of charge using the Dal Libraries system. See the Dal Libraries Psychology & Neuroscience Subject Guide (http://dal.ca.libguides.com/psych?hs=a)

3. Information will be posted at least weekly on the Blackboard site for this course.

Course Assessment
You will be tested on 1) material from the text, 2) material from lectures, 3) materials presented in class, such as videos, and 4) material from assigned research articles. Grade assessment will be based on multiple choice exams and quizzes:

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<td>5 Online Review Quizzes</td>
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Five online chapter review quizzes via MyPsychLab are to be completed on your own time (during a specified window of time during which the quiz will be available). The dates for each will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. Each quiz is worth 2.5 % of your final grade. The best 4 of 5 quizzes will be calculated into your final grade.

Conversion of numerical grades to Final Letter Grades follows the Dalhousie Common Grade Scale


Course Policies
Your final grade will be based on the breakdown above plus up to a maximum of 3 bonus Experimental Credit Points (see below). There will be no make-up opportunity for chapter review quizzes. If you miss a midterm test due to illness you must provide medical certificate or documentation of circumstances other than illness. The instructor must be notified of illness by 10am on the date of the test. Failure to provide documentation within a reasonable period of time may cause your mark for the exam to be listed as zero. There are no make-ups for the mid-term tests. With a valid documentation you can choose 1 of 2 options:

1) allocate the marks for the missed exam to the final exam (so that the final will be worth 60%)
2) write a literature review on a topic chosen by the instructor to be handed in within 10 days of the missed exam date.

University Closure
If a midterm class is cancelled due to weather (because the University is closed), the midterm will take place on the next regular class. How will you know if the University is closed? The Dalhousie main web page (www.dal.ca) will carry up-to-date information of University activities or closures. As well, the University switchboard (494-2211) will carry a recorded message and an announcement will be broadcast on CBC at 90.5FM and CKDU at 97.5FM

Course Content is organized as 3 units

1) Introduction: A review of social psychology concepts and methodology for research in social psychology; Social Cognition; Social Perception Self Knowledge
2) Attitude Change, Conformity, Group Processes; Attraction
3) Prosocial Behaviour; Aggression; Prejudice; Social Psychology & the Law
ACCOMMODATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic protected under Canadian Human Rights legislation. The full text of Dalhousie’s Student Accommodation Policy can be accessed here: http://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/student-accommodation-policy-wef-sep-1--2014.html

Students who require accommodation for classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams should make their request to the Advising and Access Services Centre (AASC) prior to or at the outset of the regular academic year. More information and the Request for Accommodation form are available at www.dal.ca/access.

Students sometimes experience academic difficulty as a result of ineffective time management, an inability to adequately prepare for exams, or anxiety associated with test-taking. Student Counseling Services, located in the Student Union Building, offers a program to improve study effectiveness and productivity. (Phone 494-2081)

A note taker may be required as part of a student’s accommodation. There is an honorarium of $75/course/term (with some exceptions). If you are interested, please contact AASC at 494-2836 for more information or send an email to notetaking@dal.ca

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity, with its embodied values, is seen as a foundation of Dalhousie University. It is the responsibility of all students to be familiar with behaviours and practices associated with academic integrity. Instructors are required to forward any suspected cases of plagiarism or other forms of academic cheating to the Academic Integrity Officer for their Faculty.

The Academic Integrity website (http://academicintegrity.dal.ca) provides students and faculty with information on plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty, and has resources to help students succeed honestly. The full text of Dalhousie’s Policy on Intellectual Honesty and Faculty Discipline Procedures is available here: http://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity/academic-policies.html

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Dalhousie University has a student code of conduct, and it is expected that students will adhere to the code during their participation in lectures and other activities associated with this course. In general:

“The University treats students as adults free to organize their own personal lives, behaviour and associations subject only to the law, and to University regulations that are necessary to protect

• the integrity and proper functioning of the academic and non–academic programs and activities of the University or its faculties, schools or departments;
• the peaceful and safe enjoyment of University facilities by other members of the University and the public;
• the freedom of members of the University to participate reasonably in the programs of the University and in activities on the University’s premises;
• the property of the University or its members.”

The full text of the code can be found here: http://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html
EXPERIMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

As a student intending to get credit points you can use the Experimental Participation System to:
1) sign up for experiments.
2) cancel previous appointments with at least 24 hours notice
3) review your credit point status

You will typically be awarded 1 credit point for each hour of experimentation, up to a maximum of 3 points. Any credit points students intend to apply to final grade in PSYO 2080 must be assigned by the last day of classes. Any points that remain unassigned past this deadline will not contribute to a student’s grade in PSYO 2080.

HOW TO LOG ON
First, log on here http://dalpsyc.sona-systems.com/ as a NEW PARTICIPANT (bottom left). When you first log in, you will be asked for your Name (first and last), your USER ID, and your BANNER NUMBER. (Note if you lose this link, it’s found via the Psychology website under ‘Research’.)

You must use your Dalhousie NET ID as your USER ID, i.e., your DALHOUSIE EMAIL address. Your BANNER NUMBER will be used to add points to the final grade. Be careful entering your BANNER NUMBER. If you make an error your credit points will go to another student.

Your password will be sent to your DALHOUSIE EMAIL address as will any other information about experiments that you have signed up for. Once you get your password you will be able to sign up for experiments. You may change your password to something you will remember when you first log on.

To use the system, log on and browse the listed experiments. If an experiment interests you, check to see if it has available time slots. Please note that appointments must be booked at least 24 hours in advance. If the researcher requires more than 24 hours this will be indicated. Both you and the researcher will be sent reminder emails of your appointment time.

USING THE SYSTEM PROPERLY:
THE SELECTED APPOINTMENT IS BINDING: If you should need to cancel an appointment, you can do so with at least 24 hours notice. Some researchers will require even more notice, so check each listing. You and the researcher will be sent emails of cancellations. If you “consistently” fail to show up, you will be locked out of the system. If you need to cancel an appointment on short notice, contact the researcher DIRECTLY if they have provided a phone number.

WHERE TO GO FOR APPOINTMENTS: Most studies will also cite a “location”. This is the place to meet the researcher. Most often, it will be the third floor lounge of the Psychology Wing of the LSC.
DO NOT DOUBLE-BOOK. Provide some time between appointments.
DO NOT OVERBOOK. You can only get 3 credit points.

RESTRICTIONS: Some studies will also cite “restrictions” (e.g., righthanded). Please be sure that the restrictions do not exclude you from participating. Some restrictions refer to other listed studies (e.g., completing two studies conducted by the same lab).
SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

The following campus services are available to help students develop skills in library research, scientific writing, and effective study habits. The services are available to all Dalhousie students and, unless noted otherwise, are free.

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<td>General Academic Advising</td>
<td>Help with understanding degree requirements and academic regulations</td>
<td>Killam Library Ground floor</td>
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<td>- choosing your major</td>
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<td>- achieving your educational or career goals</td>
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<td>- e-mail: <a href="mailto:advising@dal.ca">advising@dal.ca</a></td>
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<td>- dealing with academic or other difficulties</td>
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<td>- Phone: (902) 494-3077</td>
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<td>- Book online through MyDal</td>
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<td>Dalhousie Libraries</td>
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<td>Help with citing sources in the text of your paper and preparation of bibliography</td>
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<td>Identify your subject librarian (URL below) and contact by email or phone to arrange a time:</td>
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<td>Studying for Success (SFS)</td>
<td>Help to develop essential study skills through small group workshops or one-on-one coaching sessions</td>
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<td>Match to a tutor for help in course-specific content (for a reasonable fee)</td>
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<td>- Visit main office (Killam Library main floor, Rm G28)</td>
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<td>- email Coordinator at: <a href="mailto:sfs@dal.ca">sfs@dal.ca</a> or</td>
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<td>Writing Centre</td>
<td>Meet with coach/tutor to discuss writing assignments (e.g., lab report, research paper, thesis, poster)</td>
<td>Killam Library Ground floor Learning Commons &amp; Rm G25</td>
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<td>- Learn to integrate source material into your own work appropriately</td>
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<td>- Learn about disciplinary writing from a peer or staff member in your field</td>
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