

# **Social Psychology**

**Summer Session 1: May 29 – July 6**  
**Mon & Wed: 6pm – 10:20pm**  
**Lucy Stone Hall B269**

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**Textbook:**

Kenrick, D. T., Neuberg, S. L., & Cialdini, R. B. (2010). *Social Psychology: Goals in Interaction* (5th ed.). New York: Allyn & Bacon.

This book can be purchased online (B&N.com, Half.com, Amazon.com etc) and in the bookstore. Additionally you may also purchase the eTextbook on the publisher's website (180 day subscription to the textbook).

<http://www.coursesmart.com/social-psychology-goals-in-interaction-fifth/douglas-t-kenrick-steven-l-neuberg-robert/dp/9780205760251>

## **Description**

This course is designed to provide a basic introduction to the field of social psychology. Social psychology seeks to understand how the average person's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by the presence of others, the environment, and interactions. Throughout the course you will learn about: basic theories in the major areas of social psychology, research supporting the theories, and applications in the real world.

Please be aware that this is an accelerated course. It is designed to fit an entire semester of material in the course of 6 weeks, or 8 lectures & 2 exam periods. You will be expected to read 2 chapters from the textbook before each class. This means that if the course schedule says June 4 – Chapters 3 & 4, you should have those chapters read BEFORE class.

**Please take responsibility for your performance.**  
**I am always willing to stop to answer questions during class.**

## **Grading**

**Grades will be based on:**

Attendance: 15%

Participation: 15%

Exams: 70%

**Attendance:** You are expected to attend every class. Attendance will be taken at every class through a sign in sheet. You are allowed 2 unexcused absences without penalty.

**\*\*You cannot sign in for other people who are not in class. If I find you doing this, you will receive a 0 for that day as well as one additional day. This means that if you had perfect attendance (11 out of 11) and you were caught signing in for someone else, your attendance grade will become 73% (8 out of 11).**

**Participation:** You are expected to participate in every class. This includes: attendance, volunteering to answer questions, asking questions, etc.

**Exams:** There will be 2 exams - including the final. The first exams will not be comprehensive (will only test material learned from one exam to the next). The final exam will be partially comprehensive – only part of the

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exam will include material learned over the course of the semester, the majority of the exam will cover the newest material. Exams will consist of 60-multiple choice questions.

**\*\* There are no make-up exams.** If you are absent, on an exam day it will be considered an unexcused absence and you will receive a zero for the exam unless you bring in a signed letter from either a doctor or a Dean.

**Extra Credit:** There may be an opportunity for extra credit during the summer session. Extra credit will be offered through as a special assignment that reinforces a concept learned in class. Extra credit points will be added to your lowest exam grade.

### **Office Hours**

Students are encouraged to ask questions during class. I am happy to arrange appointments to meet with students individually for extra help. However, I will not “make up” a lecture for students who missed a class for an unexcused reason. Office hours are not a substitute for coming to class.

### **Academic Integrity**

As students and teachers, we are the guardians of knowledge for future generations. An implicit condition for your participation in this course is your acceptance of the principles defining academic integrity. Please familiarize yourselves with Rutgers’ Policy on Academic Integrity.

Rutgers' Official Policy on Academic Integrity: <http://teachx.rutgers.edu/integrity/policy.html>

You may not collaborate on any potential written assignments. All work that you turn in must be your own work. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.

If I suspect a student of cheating, I will report him/her or her to the Disciplinary Panel. I take cheating very seriously and I suggest you do the same.

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**Course Schedule**

This schedule is tentative. Any changes will to the schedule will be uploaded on Sakai and emailed to the class.

Please have readings completed prior to attending class.

			<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Week 1	1	30-May	Introduction to Social Psychology & The Person and the Situation	1 & 2
Week 2	2	4-Jun	Social Cognition & Presenting the Self	3 & 4
	3	6-Jun	Attitudes and Persuasion & Social Influence	5 & 6
Week 3	4	11-Jun	Affiliation and Friendship & Exam Review	7
	5	13-Jun	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	
Week 4	6	18-Jun	Love & Romantic Relationships & Prosocial Behavior	8 & 9
	7	20-Jun	Aggression & Prejudice, Stereotyping & Discrimination	10 & 11
Week 5	8	25-Jun	Groups & Social Dilemmas	12 & 13
	9	27-Jun	Integrating Social Psychology & Exam Review	14
Week 6	10	2-Jul	<b>Final Exam</b>	
	11	4-Jul	<b>No class! Happy 4th of July!</b>	