

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY - 830:321:03
SPRING 2014

Class Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1:40 – 3:00 PM

Location: Tillett Hall 254 (Kilmer campus)

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Required text: Aronson, E., Wilson, T., & Akert, R. (2012). **Social Psychology (8th edition)**. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education. Access code for an ebook version of the text at a reduced price is available at the bookstore

Course pre-requisite: PSYC 101 (General Psychology) or its equivalent

Course requirements: Three hourly examinations (50 questions each, all of which will be online via Sakai) and a comprehensive final exam (100 questions). The lowest of the 3 hourly exam scores will be dropped. **No makeup exams will be permitted unless** (1) I have been notified in advance of your reason by email or phone **and** (2) documentation (i.e., a note from an M.D. or confirmation of death in the family) is provided. Make-up examinations may be in written answer format. Special provisions can be made to take exams early (e.g., due to *documented* multiple exam conflicts).

Attendance is not mandatory, but is *highly recommended*, since many exam questions will be derived from lecture material not covered in the text.

Extra Credit Quizzes

There will be 3 extra credit quizzes available at various points during the semester. You can earn ½ point for each correct answer. Each quiz will consist of 20 multiple-choice items. *If you miss these quizzes, they cannot be made up* – remember, these are extra credit. Using outside sources or colluding with other students is a violation of academic integrity (see the relevant section below). These quizzes will be available on Sakai for very limited periods at pre-announced times.

Grading method: Your **total points** scored on your **2 best hourly exams** (2 pts. for each correct answer) **the final** (1 pt. for each correct answer) and any extra credit points earned will determine your course grade in accordance with the following schedule:

270-300	A
255-269	B+
240-254	B
225-239	C+
210-224	C
195-209	D
Below 195	F

The total of your points is the sole determinant of your course grade. The cutoffs apply WITHOUT EXCEPTION! THERE IS NO OTHER FACTOR THAT WILL AFFECT YOUR COURSE GRADE.

The online Sakai exams (see calendar for dates) will be taken during the normal class period (1:40-3:00) but not in the classroom. You will have 60 min. to complete all 50 questions. You will not be able to go back to previous questions, so make sure you have chosen the correct answer before proceeding to the next question. Also, take care not to hit the “exit” or “submit for grading” button before you have completed all 50 items. Wireless web connections are notoriously unreliable around here, so use an Ethernet connection if at all possible.

Academic Accommodations: Should you require academic accommodations, you must file a request with the Office of Disability Services ([Kreeger Learning Center](http://kreegerlearningcenter.rutgers.edu) 151 College Avenue, Suite 123, disabilityservices.rutgers.edu). It is your responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Disability Services and to provide me with the appropriate documentation from that office at least one week prior to any request for specific testing accommodations

Academic Integrity: Collusion (getting any form of assistance from other students or outside sources – notes, websites, text, etc.) on ANY EXAMS OR QUIZZES, is prohibited. Students suspected of doing so will be brought up on charges before university’s Office of Student Conduct, and penalties, up to and including expulsion from the university, will be imposed for those found guilty. (See <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section10/10.2.13-current.pdf> for specifics)

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EXAM SCHEDULE AND CRITICAL DATES

Date	Event
1/21	First meeting of class
2/13	Exam 1 – On Sakai. Covers all reading assignments and lecture notes from 1/23 through 2/11
3/11	Exam 2 – On Sakai. Covers all reading assignments and lecture notes from 2/18 thru 3/6
4/10	Exam 3 – On Sakai. Covers all reading assignments and lecture notes from 3/13 through 4/8
5/1	Last meeting of class
5/9 (Fri.) 8-11am	FINAL EXAM – COMPREHENSIVE. Covers all reading assignments and lecture notes from entire semester.

Note: Using Sakai for web-based course support

A more detailed class calendar (with reading assignments, etc.), all MS PowerPoint slides used in lectures, exams and quizzes, important announcements, links to topically relevant websites, etc., will be available here. You get to the site by entering the address <https://sakai.rutgers.edu>, and logging in with your eden userid. The course should appear (as a tab near the top of the page) if you are on the roster - you just click on the tab for it and you are in. If you have many tabs (because you're a member of many Sakai sites) you may have to use the 'drop down' box (click on 'My Active Sites' tab) to see them all. Once you are in the site, click on 'Modules' to access the lecture slides. Files will be in MS PowerPoint format, so you need to use a computer that has PowerPoint on its hard drive in order to open or download them. All of the PCs in the labs on any RU campus are so equipped. You can also view a class calendar with specific text reading assignments by clicking on 'Schedule.'