

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (01:830:321:H6)

Rutgers University, New Brunswick | Summer 2020 Course Syllabus*

Course Dates:
7/6/2019 - 8/12/2019

Live Session Times:
Select Mondays 6-9:40PM EST

Location:
Online via Canvas

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Instructor office hours: Virtually, by appointment.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will introduce you to theories and research that explain our social world. In order to learn about how the thoughts, feelings, and actions of individuals influence and are influenced by those of others, we will discuss social thinking (e.g., social identity, judgments, and attitudes), social influence (e.g., culture, conformity, obedience, and persuasion), and social relations (e.g., prejudice, aggression, attraction, helping, and conflict resolution).

Course Objectives

1. Identify and understand major concepts and theories within the field of social psychology
2. Apply social psychological principles to everyday life
3. Understand the basic scientific method, as well as methodologies specific to social psychological research
4. Analyze and critique empirical social psychological research

Course Materials:

1. Canvas Course Site: <https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/58685>
2. Tech: A computer with access to the internet
3. Textbook: Principles of Social Psychology – 1st International Edition:
free & online: <https://opentextbc.ca/socialpsychology/>

COURSE GRADING

Attendance: I strongly encourage attending live lecture sessions. Live sessions will foster a sense of community and will allow you to ask me questions about the material. Attendance will not be recorded, however. All live sessions will be posted. **Please read the assigned textbook chapters *before* the material is discussed during lecture.**

Grade Breakdown: Course grades will consist of the following components.

- Exams: 60% of final grade (30% each)
- Assignments: 40% of final grade (10% each)

Standard Rutgers Undergraduate Grading Scale: Final course grades will be assigned using the following scale. No exceptions will be made for any reason.

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| • A: | 90.0 - 100.0% | • C: | 70.0 - 74.99% |
| • B+: | 85.0 - 89.99% | • D: | 60.0 - 69.99% |
| • B: | 80.0 - 84.99% | • F: | 00.0 - 59.99% |
| • C+: | 75.0 - 79.99% | | |

COURSE ASSESSMENTS

Exams: There will be two open-book exams consisting of multiple choice and short essay questions. Exams will be administered using Canvas. Each exam is worth 30% of your final grade. You must complete each exam in one 3-hour sitting.

- Exam 1 covers material from textbook chapters 1-6 and classes 7/6 – 7/20
- Exam 2 covers material from textbook chapters 7-12 classes 7/27 – 8/10 (non-cumulative)

Assignments: There are four assignments, each worth 10% of your final grade. Assignments must be turned in on Canvas by their due dates. Details of assignments will be discussed in lectures and posted on Canvas during the semester. Assignments will likely consist of short essays, analyses of current events, connection of class topics to music or movies, etc.

COURSE POLICIES

Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requesting accommodations must follow the procedures outlined at <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form>. Full disability policies and procedures can be found at ods.rutgers.edu.

Academic Integrity Policy: Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. All work turned in must be the student's own work. Do not collaborate with others unless I've explicitly stated to work in groups. Any and all sources must be appropriately cited in all written work. If you plagiarize or cheat, which includes failing to properly cite sources or turning someone else's work in as your own, at the very least you will receive a failing grade in the course. More severe consequences are also possible. Rutgers' policy on academic integrity can be found at academicintegrity.rutgers.edu.

Makeup Exams: If you are unable to complete an exam during the designated time periods due to an unavoidable circumstance (illness, etc.), religious observance, university event, or another stressful situation (e.g., I take my students' mental health concerns very seriously), please reach out to me to reschedule the exam, preferably *before* the originally scheduled exam time.

Late Policy: Assignments submitted via email within the 24 hours after the due date/time will be accepted, however the grade for the assignment will be reduced by 10%. (For example, a 95% assignment grade will be reduced to an 85%). Assignments submitted beyond 24 hours after the due date/time will not be accepted.

Civility and Etiquette: Social psychology is a fascinating subject because it is very relevant to our everyday lives; course material will often remind us of our own experiences. Please keep in mind that while we can (and should) critique and comment on scientific findings, methods, theories, etc., we will **not** critique and/or question our classmates' choices, experiences, or identities. Offensive and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated; you will be removed from the virtual classroom, and/or your comments will be deleted from any posted discussions.

COURSE SCHEDULE*

Note: Live sessions will create a sense of classroom community and are a good opportunity to ask me questions in real time. However, these sessions will be recorded and posted; attendance will not be recorded.	
Live Session: Monday 7/6/20 6:00 PM – 9:40 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before class: Read the syllabus, Chapters 1 and 2 • Lecture topics: Introduction to Social Psychology, and Social Cognition
Advised: Wednesday 7/8/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 3 • Watch: Uploaded lecture “The Self”
Assignment #1, Due Friday 7/10/20 at 11:59 PM EST	
Live Session: Monday 7/13/20 6:00 PM – 9:40 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before class: Read Chapter 4 • Lecture topic: Attitudes, Behavior, & Persuasion
Advised: Wednesday 7/15/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 5 • Watch: Uploaded lecture “Perceiving Others”
Assignment #2, Due Friday 7/17/20 at 11:59 PM EST	
Live Session: Monday 7/20/20 6:00 PM – 9:40 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before class: Read Chapter 6 • Lecture topic: Influencing & Conforming • Exam review. Bring questions for me!
Exam 1: Released 7/22/20 9AM EST, Due 7/24/20 9PM EST. Details: Open book. Must be completed in one 3-hour sitting.	
Live Session: Monday 7/27/20 6:00 PM – 9:40 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before class: Read Chapter 7 • Lecture topic: Liking & Loving
Advised: Wednesday 7/29/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 8 and 9 • Watch: Uploaded lectures “Helping & Altruism” and “Aggression”
Assignment #3, Due Friday 7/31/20 at 11:59 PM EST	
Live Session: Monday 8/3/20 6:00 PM – 9:40 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before class: Read Chapter 11 • Lecture topic: Stereotypes, Prejudice, & Discrimination
Advised: Wednesday 8/5/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 10 • Watch: Uploaded lecture “Competition & Cooperation”
Assignment #4, Due Friday 8/7/20 at 11:59 PM EST	
Live Session: Monday 8/10/20 6:00 PM – 9:40 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before class: Read Chapter 12 • Lecture topic: Groups Performance & Decision Making. • Exam review. Bring questions for me!
Exam 2: Released 8/12/20 9AM EST, Due 8/14/20 9PM EST. Details: Open book. Must be completed in one 3-hour sitting.	

*subject to change

STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICES

Just In Case Web App

<http://codu.co/cee05e>

Access helpful mental health information and resources for yourself or a friend in a mental health crisis on your smartphone or tablet and easily contact CAPS or RUPD.

Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)

(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

CAPS is a University mental health support service that includes counseling, alcohol and other drug assistance, and psychiatric services staffed by a team of professional within Rutgers Health services to support students' efforts to succeed at Rutgers University. CAPS offers a variety of services that include: individual therapy, group therapy and workshops, crisis intervention, referral to specialists in the community and consultation and collaboration with campus partners.

Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / www.vpva.rutgers.edu/

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides confidential crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual and relationship violence and stalking to students, staff and faculty. To reach staff during office hours when the university is open or to reach an advocate after hours, call 848-932-1181.

Disability Services

(848) 445-6800 / Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston Campus, 54 Joyce Kilmer

Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854 / <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>

Rutgers University welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, a student with a disability must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation:

<https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>. If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus's disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at:

<https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form>.

Scarlet Listeners

(732) 247-5555 / <http://www.scarletlisteners.com/>

Free and confidential peer counseling and referral hotline, providing a comforting and supportive safe space.