

**PSY 3410-01: Social Psychology**  
**TR 10:30-11:45 in MCD 209**  
**CRN: 26890**  
**Spring 2014**

Professor Contact Information:

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**Text:** Baumeister, R. F., & Bushman, B. (2010). *Social Psychology and Human Nature*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.. New York: Wadsworth. (Required). Note: You may use either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> edition in this class.

Required supplemental readings will be assigned from time-to-time (see schedule below) and will be made available through Canvas.

**I. Course Description**

This course will provide you with a broad, general introduction to social psychology--its basic subject matter, its approaches to gathering and evaluating evidence about the social causes and correlates of behavior, and also the means by which social psychological knowledge can be applied to improve the quality of individual and communal life. This is a 3 credit course. The prerequisite is PSY 2000.

**II. Learning Objectives and Outcomes** Learning objectives represent what you will be expected to learn in this course. These learning objectives are posted on blackboard.

**III. Class Policies**

**A. College approved absences.** University policy explains in detail what needs to happen if you anticipate being absent from class because of a college-sponsored activity (athletic events, club activities, field trips for other classes, etc. Please read this information and follow the instructions carefully! The policy can be found at: <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/523.html>

**B. Turn off all electronic equipment** before entering the classroom (laptops may be used to take notes only). After the first week of class, if I see you using unauthorized electronic devices of any kind at any time in the classroom (or using a laptop for anything other than taking notes), I will deduct 5% of your total course points for each offense.

**C. Arrive on time.**

**D. Avoid leaving early.** Not only is this distracting to your fellow students, it's distracting to me. I do understand that occasionally people must miss part of a class. **If you intend to do so, please let me know and then sit near the door if possible**, so you can slip out without distracting everyone.

**E. If you have questions, please ask.** You may try to see me after class, but don't get frustrated if there is not time. Best: come by my office during office hours or set up an appointment with me. You are my priority at DSC. We can find a time that works for both of us.

**F. Attendance:** I won't take attendance but attending class is critical to successful learning.

**IV. Earning Points in the Course**

A. **4 Exams:** Taken at the testing center. Each exam is worth 100 points. Drop the lowest score.  
**300 pts.**

B. **Comprehensive Final Exam:** Taken in class from **9:30 – 11:30 on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The final is comprehensive, worth 150 points, and cannot be dropped. **150 Pts.**

C. **Social Psychology Film Analysis Paper:** In addition to entertaining us, films often offer detailed portrayals of human social behavior. Your task in this assignment is to analyze -- from a social-psychological perspective -- the behaviors and events depicted in a film taken from the list I will provide. You will not be asked to critique the film in terms of value as a work of art or as entertainment. Rather, you should think carefully about the human actions and events portrayed in the work. Then, to make sense of this material, apply what you've learned regarding the factors that predict and explain human social behavior. This assignment is comprehensive: this means that you should highlight any/all concepts encountered in this course that relate to the issues, interactions, and behaviors portrayed in the film. **More details will be provided in a separate handout.** This paper will be due by **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Midnight**. You will submit it in Canvas. For every hour the paper is late I will deduct 10% from your grade.  
**100 pts.**

D. **Summary of Points Possible:**

Quizzes	300
Comprehensive Final Exam	150
Film Analysis Paper	100
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Total	550

**V. Grading Scale**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A	94% - 100%	C	74% - 76%
A-	90% - 93%	C-	70% - 73%
B+	87% - 89%	D+	67% - 69%
B	84% - 86%	D	64% - 66%
B-	80% - 83%	D-	60% - 63%
C+	77% - 79%	F	59% AND BELOW

You can convert the points you have earned into a percentage by using the following formula.

$$\text{Points you earned} \div \text{Points possible} = \text{your percentage}$$

**VI. Quiz Policy**

A. YOU MUST DROP ONE of the four quizzes. **You cannot drop the Final Exam.**

**- YOU MUST DROP ONE OF THE FOUR SEMESTER QUIZZES**  
**- YOU CANNOT DROP THE FINAL EXAM.**

B. **On the four quizzes, there will UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES be make-ups or early quizzes. *If you cannot take the quiz at the time it is offered, you receive a zero.*** Presumably you will drop that grade. If you miss a second quiz and have a legitimate excuse (legitimate means that you face dire circumstances like serious documented injury/illness) contact me and we will arrange for a make-up.

- C. The quizzes will **not** be comprehensive; those quizzes will cover only the material since the previous quiz. Each quiz will consist of questions from both the book and lecture.
- D. **The Final Exam will be cumulative (over the entire book and lecture).** It may **not** be dropped. It counts 150 points. **YOU MAY NOT DROP THE FINAL EXAM.**
- E. Every quiz will be given at the testing center. Every quiz will be computerized. All you need to take with you is your **STUDENT ID**. If you do not bring your student ID to the testing center, you will not be allowed to take the quiz. Do not bring any other material (e.g., no books or papers). Testing Center - <http://new.dixie.edu/testing>
- F. You will have a window of 4 days to go to the testing center to complete each quiz (check the testing center website listed above for hours). Once you start the quiz you will have one hour to complete it.
- G. The final exam will be taken in class from **9:30 – 11:30 on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- H. If you have a question about your score on the quiz, come by my office during office hours or set up an appointment with me. We can go over the quiz to make sure it was scored correctly. You can also ask for clarification regarding quiz questions.

## VII. SCHEDULE OF COURSE TOPICS

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### SECTION 1: ME, MYSELF, AND I

#### January 7<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Into to the course and to each other	Syllabus
Culture and Nature	Chapter 2 Selections
The Self	Chapter 3 Selections
Self-Control	Chapter 4 Selections

#### Supplemental Readings:

Ryan, R. M., & Brown, K. W. (2003). Why We Don't Need Self-Esteem: On Fundamental Needs, Contingent Love and Mindfulness. *Psychological Inquiry*, 14, 71-76.

Neff, K. D. (2011). Self-compassion, self-esteem, and well-being. *Social and Personality Compass*, 5, 1-12.

**Exam I: Testing center 31 January – 3 February**

**Covers chapters 2, 3, 4, and Readings**

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### SECTION 2: SOCIAL THINKING AND BELEIVING

#### February 4<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Social Cognition	Chapter 5 Selections
Attitudes and Beliefs	Chapter 7 Selections

#### Supplemental Readings:

Zajonc, R. B. (2001). Mere exposure: A gateway to the subliminal. *Current directions in psychological science*, 10, 224-228.

Gilbert, D. T. (1991). How mental systems believe. *American Psychologist*, 46, 107.

**Exam II: Testing center 21 – 24 February**

**Covers chapters 5, 7 and Readings**

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### SECTION 3: GOOD, BAD, UGLY

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pro-Social Behavior (Conformity, Obedience and Helping)

Chapter 9 Selections

Anti-Social Behavior ( Aggression and Violence)

Chapter 10 Selections

Supplemental Reading:

Grant, A., & Dutton, J. (2012). Beneficiary or benefactor: Are people more pro-social when they reflect on receiving or giving? *Psychological science*, 23, 1033-1039.

**Exam III: Testing center 21 – 24 March.****Covers chapters 9, 10, and Readings**


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### SECTION 4: PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Attraction and Exclusion

Chapter 11 Selections

Love and Close Relationships

Chapter 12 Selections

Supplemental Reading:

DeWall, C. N., MacDonald, G., Webster, G. D., Masten, C. L., Baumeister, R. F., Powell, C., & Eisenberger, N. I. (2010). Acetaminophen reduces social pain behavioral and neural evidence. *Psychological Science*, 21, 931-937.

Diamond, L. M. (2004). Emerging perspectives on distinctions between romantic love and sexual desire. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 13, 116–119.

**Exam IV: Testing center 11 - 14 April****Covers chapters 11-12, and Readings**


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### SECTION 5: INTERGROUP RELATIONS

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Stereotypes

Chapter 13 Selections

Prejudice and Discrimination

Chapter 13 Selections

**Tested over Chapter 13 for the first time on the final exam.****Final Exam: Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-11:30 in class.****Comprehensive (covers all chapters and readings)**


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## VIII: ADMINISTRIVIA

**STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

If you are a student with a medical, psychological or a learning difference and would like to request reasonable academic accommodations due to this difference, you must provide an official request of accommodation to your professor(s) from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) **within the first two weeks** of the beginning of classes. Students are to contact the center on the main campus to follow through with, and receive assistance in, the documentation process to determine the appropriate accommodations related to their disability. You may call **(435) 652-7516** for an appointment and further information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The DRC is located in the North Instructional Building. (435) 652-7516 or drc@dixie.edu

## OTHER IMPORTANT CAMPUS RESOURCES

- IT Student Help Desk - [dixie.edu/helpdesk](http://dixie.edu/helpdesk)
- Library - [library.dixie.edu](http://library.dixie.edu)
- Tutoring Center - [dixie.edu/tutoring](http://dixie.edu/tutoring)
- Writing Center - [dixie.edu/english/dsc\\_writing\\_center.php](http://dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php)

### STATEMENT ABOUT DMAIL:

While communication for this class will always be through Canvas, you are required to frequently check your Dmail account. Important college information will be sent to your Dmail account, including DSU bills, financial aid/scholarship notices, notices of cancelled classes, reminders of important dates and deadlines, and other information critical to your success at DSU and in your courses. To access your Dmail account, visit [go.dixie.edu/dmail](http://go.dixie.edu/dmail). If you do not know your Dmail username or you have forgotten your PIN, visit [go.dixie.edu/mydixie](http://go.dixie.edu/mydixie) and follow the respective instructions.

## IX. Standards of Academic Conduct

I believe that most students are honest, and I don't want to punish everyone for the few that aren't. However, in order to ensure that the highest standards of academic conduct are promoted and supported at the University, students must adhere to generally accepted standards of academic honesty, including but not limited to, refraining from cheating, plagiarizing, falsification, misrepresentation, and/or inappropriately colluding or collaborating. The University shall consistently hold students accountable for instances of academic dishonesty and apply appropriate consequences. Definitions for some types of academic misconduct follow:

Cheating: Includes but is not limited to the use of unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise; failing to observe the expressed procedures or instructions of an academic exercise; substituting for or impersonating someone else during a test or exam or other fraud; or receiving the content of a test or exam before it is administered.

Plagiarism: Includes but is not limited to the use of another's words or ideas as if they were one's own, including, but not limited to, representing, either with the intent to deceive or by the omission of the true source, part of or an entire work produced by someone other than the student, obtained by purchase or otherwise, as the student's original work or representing the identifiable but altered ideas, data, or writing of another person as if those ideas, data, or writing were the student's original work.

Inappropriate collaboration or collusion: Includes but is not limited to unauthorized or inappropriate collaboration between students or between a student and any other person when individual work is required.

Multiple Submissions: Includes but is not limited to the resubmission by a student of any work which has been previously submitted for credit in identical or similar form in one course to fulfill the requirements of a second course, without the informed permission/consent of the instructor of the second course; or the submission by a student of any work submitted for credit in identical or similar form in one course to fulfill the requirements of a concurrent course, without the permission/consent of the instructors of both courses.

Falsification / Fabrication / Misrepresentation: Includes but is not limited to the intentional and unauthorized invention of any data, information, or citation in an academic activity.

Facilitating Academic Dishonesty: Includes but is not limited to knowingly helping another student commit an act of academic misconduct or failing to report another student for academic misconduct.

Coercion Regarding Grading or Evaluation of Coursework: Includes but is not limited to issuing threats or offering favors or bribes toward an instructor to coerce the instructor to change a grade or otherwise evaluate the student's work by criteria not directly reflective of coursework.

Academic dishonesty as defined in policy may be punishable by one or more of the following: a) Receiving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty was observed; b) Receiving a failing grade in the course; c) Immediate dismissal from this course; and d) Referral to the Academic Affairs Committee which may take actions such as reprimands, placing on probation, suspension, or removal from Dixie State University of Utah.

## **X. OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES**

Jan 6	Classwork Starts
Jan 10	Last Day to Add Without Signature
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 21	\$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee
Jan 27	Last Day to drop without receiving a "W" grade
Jan 29	Courses dropped for non-payment
Feb 17	President's Day
Feb 28	Last Day to Drop Individual Class
Feb 28	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Summer 2014
Mar 10-14	Spring Break
Mar 17	Summer Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Mar 18	Summer Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Mar 19	Summer Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Mar 28	Last Day for Complete Withdrawal
Apr 1	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Fall 2014
Apr 7	Fall Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Apr 8	Fall Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Apr 9	Fall Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Apr 23	Classwork Ends
Apr 24	Reading Day
Apr 25	Final Exams
Apr 28-30, May 1	Final Exams
May 2	Commencement

## **XI. DISCLAIMER**

Course-specific Information contained in this syllabus, other than the grading scale and quiz policy may be subject to change with advanced notice, as deemed appropriate to the instructor.