



**PSY 3410 (40) - 24995
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
ONLINE
SPRING SEMESTER, 2011**

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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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Social Psychology and Human Nature (2nd edition) by Roy F. Baumeister and Brad J. Bushman
ISBN: 978-0-495-60133-3

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring reasonable academic adjustment, accommodations, or auxiliary aids to be successful in this class will need to contact the **DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER** Coordinator (Baako Wahabu) for eligibility determination. Proper documentation of impairment is required in order to receive services or accommodations. DRC is located at the ground floor of the Financial Aid Office. Visit or call 652-7516 to schedule an appointment to discuss the process. The DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

TUTORING CENTER

The Dixie State College of Utah Tutoring Center is located in the Browning Resource Center and is **free** for all registered Dixie State students. Tutors are available to assist you in clarifying concepts and class material, and in improving your study skills. Tutoring Center hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and on Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For additional information, contact Barbara Turnbow at 652-7743.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

1. All work done for this course is to be your own, with the exception of the Group Projects.
2. Cheating is forbidden-All incidents will be reported to the Department Chair and/or Academic Dean.
3. All students are expected to have read and understand the current issue of the student handbook, published by Student Services. The handbook includes all student responsibilities, student rights, intellectual property policy, information regarding procedures, and appropriate student behavior.
4. Cheating of any kind 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 College of Utah.

CLASS POLICIES

1. Check blackboard regularly as I will be posting updates and announcements. In addition, you will need to interact with your classmates via writing and replying to discussion threads.
2. Know when due dates are (quizzes, final paper, discussion threads).

QUIZ POLICY

All quizzes will be online via blackboard. You will have one hour to complete the quizzes from the time you open the quiz online. Please use both the book and any other supplemental material (my lecture notes, your own notes) that will help in answering the questions. You will have one day to take the quiz and one hour to complete. The dates are listed below. Please contact me asap if you have any questions regarding this.

EARNING POINTS IN THIS COURSE

1. Quizzes

Five quizzes will be assigned. Each quiz is worth 100 points.

500 pts.

2. Discussion threads.

You will be required each week to post a discussion thread related to the chapter we are on. You will also be required to reply to at least 2 other discussion threads that have been posted by your classmates. You will need to email me at ahad@dixie.edu your discussion threads for the week I will be checking the discussion threads but this will allow for a record of your threads to be kept. In addition, you must make sure that your three threads (one your own and 2 replies to classmates) are submitted by Friday 12 pm. Each week of threads is worth 10 pts. The earlier in the week you can post your discussion threads the better as this will allow the rest of the class ample time to reply to at least 2 other threads by the Friday deadline. If everyone waits till say Friday to post, there may not be enough threads to reply to. The goal is to instigate critical thinking about the many topics in the field of social psychology.

140 pts.

3. 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 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 is due the last day of class (April 28th at 12 pm).

150 pts.

EARNING POINTS

Quizzes (5 x 100)	500 pts.
Discussion threads	140 pts.
<u>Final Paper</u>	<u>150 pts.</u>
Total points	790 pts.

GRADING SYSTEM

Percentage (%)	Letter Grade
100-93	A
92-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
Less than 60	F

COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Jan 10 - 14	Ch. 1	Discussion threads #1 due Jan. 14
Jan 18 - 21	Ch. 2	Discussion threads #2 due Jan. 21
Jan. 24 - 28	Ch. 3	Discussion threads #3 due Jan 28 (Quiz 1 due)
Jan. 31 - Feb 4	Ch. 4	Discussion threads #4 due Feb. 4
Feb. 7 - 11	Ch. 5	Discussion threads #5 due Feb. 11
Feb. 14 - 18	Ch. 6	Discussion threads #6 due Feb. 18 (Quiz 2 due)
Feb. 22 - 25	Ch. 7	Discussion threads #7 due Feb. 25
Feb. 28 - Mar 4	Ch. 8	Discussion threads #8 due Mar 4
Mar 7 - 11	Ch. 9	Discussion threads #9 due Mar 11 (Quiz 3 due)
Mar 21 - 25	Ch. 10	Discussion threads #10 due Mar 25
Mar 28 - Ap 1	Ch. 11	Discussion threads #11 due April 1 (Quiz 4 due)
April 4 - 8	Ch. 12	Discussion threads #12 due April 15
April 11 - 15	Ch. 13	Discussion threads #13 due April 22
April 18 - 22	Ch. 14	Discussion threads #14 due April 28 (Quiz 5 due)
April 25 - 28		

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Note: I would check out the link posted below and make sure to highlight/mark the important dates listed for your records (last day to add/drop). This syllabus will be posted under 'syllabus' under this blackboard section for your convenience.

<http://new.dixie.edu/reg/?page=calendar&sid=201120>

DISCLAIMER

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