

**CAPILANO UNIVERSITY
COURSE OUTLINE**

TERM:	FALL 2017	COURSE NO:	PSYCHOLOGY 200
INSTRUCTOR:	TBA	COURSE NAME:	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
OFFICE:	LOCAL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3

COURSE FORMAT:

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

PSYC 100 or 101.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Social psychology is the scientific study of the way people think about, feel, and behave in social situations. It involves understanding how people influence, and are influenced by, others around them. The lectures, activities, and readings will examine such topics as: (a) attitudes and persuasion, (b) self-knowledge and evaluation, (c) interpersonal attraction and relationships, (d) conformity, (e) helping behaviour, (f) aggression, (g) and prejudice. We will also look at the application of these processes to the social world.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:

- 1) Describe the psychological concepts, theories, and principles explaining social cognition, self-perception, self-presentation, attitude formation, decision-making, group processes, pro-social behavior, aggression, conformity, obedience, stereotyping, and prejudice.
- 2) Apply knowledge of social psychology to situations in everyday life such as interpersonal and group relations.
- 3) Explain how behavior is influenced by social factors such as groups, authority figures, in-group bias, gender roles, cognitive dissonance, etc.
- 4) Collaborate effectively with classmates in student-led discussions.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Sanderson, C.A., and S.F. Safdar. Social Psychology. Canadian ed. Mississauga, ON: John Wiley & Sons Canada, Ltd., 2012.

COURSE CONTENT:

Note: Approximately equal time will be given to various topics, which will include but not be restricted to the following topics. Content to be included from the chapters will be at the instructor’s discretion. The specific order in which they occur will be determined by each instructor.

<u>Content</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Introduction to Social Psychology	Chapter 1
Self-Presentation	Chapter 3
Perceiving Others: Attribution	Chapter 4
Social Cognition.....	Chapter 5
Attitude Formation & Change	Chapter 6
Persuasion	Chapter 7
Social Influence.....	Chapter 8
Group Processes.....	Chapter 9
Intergroup Relations.....	Chapter 10
Stereotypes and Prejudice	Chapter 11
Aggression	Chapter 12
Altruism	Chapter 13
Interpersonal Relationships.....	Chapter 14

EVALUATION PROFILE:

The evaluation profile may resemble the following:

Midterm exam	30%
Final exam	30%
Critical thinking paper	20%
Chapter quizzes (1% x 12)	12%
Group Presentation	<u>8%</u>
TOTAL	100%

GRADING PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89%	B = 73 - 76%	C = 63 - 66%	F = 0 - 49%
A- = 80 - 84%	B- = 70 - 72%	C- = 60 - 62%	

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments may consist of a combination of essays, research papers, projects, quizzes and/or exams. A detailed handout will be provided by the instructor.

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Attendance: Students are expected to maintain regular class attendance. Students are responsible for all announcements made in class, online to students’ my.capilanou.ca email account or course website, and for all material on the course outline.

Although instructors may discuss only portions of a chapter in class, students are responsible for studying all of each chapter listed on the course outline.

Appropriate university level behaviour is expected (see the University Calendar).

Missed Exams: Exams must be written as scheduled unless in exceptional circumstances, with prior notice, at the instructor’s discretion, and with appropriate documentation.

- Incomplete Grades: Incomplete grades will be given only in exceptional circumstances – see <https://www.capilanou.ca/current/policies/Academic-Policies-Procedures/>
- Late Assignments: Late papers will only be accepted at the discretion of the instructor. See your instructor for details.
- Cheating and Plagiarism: The Psychology Department adheres to the definition of cheating and plagiarism found on line at: <https://capilanou.ca/current/policies/Cheating-and-Plagiarism-Policy/> Cheating and plagiarism may result in a grade of zero, either for the assignment or the entire course.
- English Usage: University level writing skills are required in all assignments. American Psychology Association (APA) writing guidelines, including the use of respectful language, must be followed. All assignments must be original and must be used for this course only.
- Electronic Devices: The use of personal technology permitted in the classroom for note-taking purposes only, and as long as it is not distracting to others. During an exam, all personal technology must be turned off and removed from the desk.
- Emergency Procedures: Please read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.