

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY I
Psychology 245A – Fall 2009

Classes: Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30
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Texts: Myers, Spencer & Jordan, *Social Psychology (4th Canadian Edition)*
Elliot Aronson, *Reading About the Social Animal (10th Edition)*

Website: Moodle

Course Description:

The course will begin a survey of social psychology (continued in PSY 246B). Topics include: Methodology, The Self, Beliefs, Attitudes, Prejudice, Culture, Clinical and Legal applications.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed with two midterm tests, a term paper and a final exam. Midterm tests will be non-cumulative and composed of multiple-choice questions (**20% each**). The final exam will be cumulative and composed of both multiple-choice and short-answer questions (**40%**). Details of the term paper will be discussed in class (**20%**). Students are **REQUIRED** to write all exams and to submit a paper.

Midterm 1: October 7th, 2009

Midterm 2: November 11th, 2009

Final Exam: During the designated exam period.

Please note: Details of this course outline and of the course requirements may be subject to change.

Organization and Required Readings			
Dates:	Topics:	Myers	Aronson
Sept 9 th	Introduction	Ch 1	Dutton & Aron (p.523)
Sept 16 th	The Self	Ch 2	Miller et al. (p.112) Gilbert et al. (p.176)
Sept 23 rd			
Sept 30 th	Beliefs & Judgments	Ch 3	Storms (p.189) Ross et al. (p.164)
Oct 7th	Midterm 1		
Oct 14 th	Behaviours & Attitudes	Ch 4	Dickerson et al. (p.291) Freedman et al. (p.253)
Oct 21 st			
Oct 28 th	Culture & Language	Ch 8	Phillips (p.132) Word et al. (p.379)
Nov 4 th	Prejudice	Ch 12	Aronson et al. (p.410) Cohen et al. (p.304)
Nov 11th	Midterm 2		
Nov 18 th	Clinical Applications	Mod B	Axsom (p.265) Dabbs (p.101)
Nov 25 th	Legal Applications	Mod C	Malamuth (p.373) Aronson et al. (p.279)
Exam Period		FINAL EXAM	

Participant Pool Credit:

- You can earn up to 2% *bonus credit* (0.5% per half-hour) through experimental participation in participating classes with a total maximum of 4% across all courses each semester.
- Sign up via the recruitment forms distributed in participating psychology course
 - *Once is enough.*
- You have the right to withdraw from any experiment at any time and without penalty
- All potential experiments meet university ethical standards.

Policy on Academic Integrity

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 Bishop's University is committed to excellence in scholarship. All members of the university community have a responsibility to ensure that the highest standards of integrity in scholarly research are understood and practiced.
- 1.2 The university takes a serious view of any form of academic dishonesty, such as plagiarism; submission of work for which credit has already been received; cheating; impersonating another student; falsification or fabrication of data; acquisition of confidential materials, e.g. examination papers; misrepresentation of facts; altering transcripts or other official documents.

2. PLAGIARISM

- 2.1 Plagiarism is a kind of academic dishonesty in which an individual uses the work of another without appropriate acknowledgement. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to the following practices:
 - Using another's work without acknowledgement
 - Copying material without quotation marks
 - Paraphrasing too closely the exact words of the originating author
 - Submitting as one's own work written in whole or in part by another individual
- 2.2 The following practices related to plagiarism are also prohibited:
 - Helping another student plagiarize
 - Submitting in whole or in part work for which the student has received credit in another course, unless the permission of the instructor has been obtained
 - Submitting any statement of fact known to be false or providing a fabricated reference to a source

3. PROCEDURE IN ALLEGED CASES OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- 3.1 The instructor will meet with the student and reach a decision concerning the matter. In the event that a sanction beyond a warning is required, the Dean will be informed.
- 3.2 In a repeated or particularly serious case, or if the student disputes the decision of the instructor, the Dean will be informed. If necessary, the Dean will meet with the student and the instructor. Another member of the University community may accompany the student. The Dean will make the final decision in the case, including the assignment of a penalty, if any. If the decision is that the student is guilty of academic dishonesty, the Dean will inform the student in writing, and send a copy of the letter to the instructor and to the Registrar. The student may appeal the decision to the Student Academic Appeals Committee.

4. PENALTIES

The normal penalty for a first offence is a zero grade in the component of the course in which the dishonesty occurred. However, in a case of particular seriousness, or in the case of a repeated offence, penalties may include a zero grade in the course, suspension for one semester or longer, or expulsion from the university.

5. TRANSCRIPT NOTE

A student who is dismissed from the University for a certain time for academic disciplinary reasons may in the last semester before graduation petition the Academic Standing Committee in writing to have the notation "suspended for academic disciplinary reasons" removed from his or her transcript. The decision to remove would be based primarily on the academic performance of the student upon his or her return to the University; it would not be granted automatically.