PSYCH 241A: Social Psychology

3 credits, 16 weeks, 3 hours lecture
People are social beings who interact in a variety of ways. We present ourselves to and evaluate each other, influence the attitudes and behaviour of each other, and engage in relationships such as loving and hating, helping and hurting, cooperating and competing. This course covers these and other topics in the area of social psychology.
Prerequisite: PSYCH 104 and PSYCH 105
Note: PSYCH 241 and SOCY 241 may not both be taken for credit.

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Office Hours

Mon.   02:00 – 03:30
Tues.   10:00 – 12:00
Wed.   02:00 – 03:30

Hours of Instruction

Monday   3:30 – 4:50, Room S218
Wednesday   3:30 – 4:50, Room S218

Required Resources

Social Psychology. Myers, D. G., Spencer, S. J., & Jordan, C. H. 5th Canadian edition. ISBN:

Course Outcomes

- demonstrate knowledge (through tests, assignment and activities) of the major areas of social psychology including group interaction, interpersonal attraction, conformity, attitudes, prejudice and altruistic and aggressive behaviour.
- Have an understanding of the basic terminology, theories and research findings important in the various areas of social psychology, and demonstrate this knowledge (through tests, assignment and activities).
- Comprehend and critically analyze research pertaining to social psychology.

Evaluation

Assignment	20%
TT1	20%
TT2	20%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.

Assignment:
The assignments and their due dates will be handed out in the appropriate classes. Students will be required to participate as experimenters in the data collection phase of assignments outside of the normal classroom times. Details will be handed out in the appropriate class.

Midterms:
There will be two midterms based on in-class materials and chapters within the book.

Final:
There will be one cumulative final exam based on in-class materials and chapters within the book.
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Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
Progression	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
Minimum Pass	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

Proposed Schedule of Topics

Chapters	Topics
1	Introduction to Course and Social Psychology
2	The self in a social world
3	Social beliefs and judgments
4	Behavior and attitudes
5	Persuasion
6	Conformity
7	Group Influence
9	Altruism
10	Aggression: Hurting others
11	Attraction and Intimacy
12	Prejudice

Please Note:

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

Performance Requirements

Student Responsibilities

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College credit calendar.

More specific details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a students' learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and / or notes that may be due.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating)
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications
- The willful distortion of results or data
- Substitution in an examination by another person
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on ilearn.keyano.ca. Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work will not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

Specialized Supports

The Student Academic Support Services (SASS) department: Accessibility Services, Skill Centre and Wellness Services, work together to support student success at Keyano College.

Accessibility Services (CC167) supports student success through group and individualized instruction of learning, study and test taking strategies, and adaptive technologies. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with the Learning Strategists to discuss accommodation of the learning barriers that they may be experiencing. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to visit our office at their earliest opportunity to discuss the availability of accommodations in their current courses. Individual appointments can be made by calling 780-791-8934

Skill Centre (CC119) provides a learning space where students can gather to share ideas, collaborate on projects and get new perspectives on learning from our tutorial staff. Students visiting the centre have access to one-to-one or group tutoring, facilitated study groups, and assistance in academic writing. The Skill Centre's Peer Tutor program provides paid employment opportunities for students who have demonstrated academic success and want to share what they have learned. Tutoring is available free to any students registered at Keyano College on a drop in basis, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Additional evening hours are subject to tutor availability and are posted in the Skill Centre.

Wellness Services (CC260) offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. The Mindfulness Room in CC260 is available as a quiet space for students to relax during regular office hours. Wellness Service welcomes students to participate in any of the group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing such topics as Mindfulness and Test Anxiety. Individual appointments can be made by calling 780-791-8934.

Please watch your Keyano email for workshop announcements from our Student Academic Support Services team.