

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PSYC-203: Social Psychology
CLASS SECTION: 001
TERM: 2025W
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lecture

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on the way in which peoples thoughts, feelings, and behaviours are influenced by the presence of other people. It may include such topics as attitude change, propaganda, prejudice, cults, conformity, obedience, group influence, altruism, aggression, love, and attribution theory.

PREREQUISITE(S):

All of:

- C in PSYC 110

And one of:

- C in PSYC 120; C in PSYC 130; C in PSYC 164; C in PSYC 171

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Explain the basic concepts, principles, and terminology used in social psychology.
2. Analyze real life situations using the concepts of social psychology.
3. Communicate the concepts of social psychology effectively in both oral and written modes.
4. Demonstrate understanding of basic social psychology library research, including using APA format in writing papers.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Social Psychology 11th Edition by Kassin et al. Cengage/Nelson

Or if you prefer you can get a Digital versions at:

https://www.campusbookstore.com/integration/AccessCodes/default.aspx?bookseller_id=290&Course=PSYC+203&frame=YES&t=permalink

Course website available on D2L

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Note: some of the content in this course is very serious and may be unsettling for some.

Weeks	Lecture topic	Readings	Due dates	Sections <u>not</u> required
1 – 3	Foundations Social Psychology Science Perceiving (and presenting) ourselves Perceiving others	Chapters 1 2 3 4 135pp	1st Paper Jan 23rd Test 1 Jan 30th	7 Social Psychology questions and applications 8 The power of social context 52 Is the self represented in the brain? 52-53 Do non-human animals show self-recognition? 83-84 Ironic mental processes 109-110 Mind perception 122-124 Counterfactual thinking 132-135 information integration, perceiver characteristics, priming effects. 139-140 moral character
4 - 9	Social influence Attitudes and persuasion Conformity, compliance, & obedience Social influence technology Resisting social influence Groups processes	6 Pages 551-553 7 8 130pp	Feb 17-21 no classes Test 2 March 11th	211-214 How attitudes are measured 240-242 subliminal messages 246-247 Culture and persuasion 258-260 Ethical dissonance and culture influences on cognitive dissonance 282-283 Processes and outcomes of minority influence 283-285 Cultural and conformity 315-316 What is a group? Why join? 328 Moving from personal to social identity 328-329 losses and gains in groups 340-341 Culture and Diversity
10 - 14	Social relations Stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination Aggression Helping Attraction/Relationships Course conclusion	5 11 10 9 175pp	2nd Paper Apr 11th Test 3 During the final exam period	494-497 Pornography 426-430 Altruism or egoism: The great debate 443-449 Personal influences: Who is likely to help? 359-361 The Agony of Loneliness 381-387 Mate selection: The evolution of desire 399-406 culture..., sexuality, sexual orientation Do not arrange to travel before the end of the final exam period.

3, 4, 4.5 3, 4.5, 4.5 (6, 8/9,10) Sept 7 Oct 8 Nov 7 Dec 2

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

Grading system

Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade
90-100	A+	70-72	B-
85-89	A	65-69	C+
80-84	A-	60-64	C
77-79	B+	50-59	D

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
<p>Tests</p> <p>Students will complete three tests. They will be composed of multiple choice and short answer questions. The third test will be scheduled during the final exam period.</p> <p>Tests are not cumulative.</p>	75% (22, 23, 30)
<p>In-class and between class assignments</p> <p>In class and homework assignments requiring personal reflection or illustrating various theories and concepts will be assigned and completed throughout the course. In class activities can only be completed in class, therefore attendance is extremely important.</p>	13%
<p>Application Papers (2)</p> <p>Students will reflect on, analyze, and describe their own social environment. Students will also apply course content and skills to their lives. Complete details will be provided in class and posted on D2L. APA format. Late papers are penalized 5% per day. No papers will be accepted 2 or more weeks after their due date. Submit papers via D2L drop box unless otherwise specified. See last page for details</p>	12%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Lecture Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and be on time. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to acquire all information given during that class, including notes, hand-outs, changed exam dates, announcements, etc.

Technology

Exams:

No electronic devices are allowed during exams. This includes but is not limited to; computers, electronic dictionaries, electronic translators, cell phones, tablets, and other personal electronic devices.

Class:

Student's use of laptops/tablets in class is restricted to note taking. Students using their laptops/tablets for other purposes will have their laptop privileges revoked.

All cell phones must be turned off and put away during class. Exceptions for emergency purposes only must be discussed with the instructor ahead of time.

Students may not use recording devices in the classroom without prior permission of the instructor. Should permission for recordings be granted, these recordings are for the student's personal use only, and distribution of recorded material is prohibited.

Exam procedures

All exams must be written at the scheduled times with the exception of students requiring an accommodation by CAL (Centre for Accessible Learning). It is understood that emergency circumstances do occur (e.g. severe illness or family emergency); for such circumstances accommodation may be offered at the discretion of the instructor, provided the student: a) notifies the instructor in advance of the exam (not after), and b) provides documented evidence of the circumstance (e.g. medical certificate).

If an exam is missed with an excused absence, it is up to the instructor's discretion as to how the mark will be made up.

Be sure not to make travel plans for the end of semester until the final exam schedules are finalized and posted. Please ask any family members who might make travel plans on your behalf to consult you before booking tickets.

Studying

You should plan on a weekly minimum of 6 hours outside of scheduled class time for the completion of readings, assignments and for general studying.

Reviewing, filling out, and editing your lecture notes right after class is recommended.

Contact the instructor to clarify any confusing concepts.

Distributed studying has been proven to be far more effective than massed practice (cramming).

Testing yourself on the material (answering questions) is far superior to simply rereading notes/textbook.

Class PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded to the class website.

FAQ

If I get a grade on an assignment or test I don't like can I redo it? No

Can I do the in-class assignment on my own at home? No

Can I do extra work to improve my grade? No

Can I just have more marks/percentage points to bump up my grade? No

Will the instructor remind of us of due dates for upcoming assignments and tests throughout the semester? No

Can I hand in work late without receiving a penalty? No. Late work is penalized 5% per day

Will you tell us what's on the test? No

If I complete an assignment and hand it in on time am I guaranteed to receive 100%? No

Can I use somebody else's words or ideas and claim they are mine? No, absolutely not. This is plagiarism and you will receive an F on the assignment, or an F in the course, or expulsion from the college, or all three.

Do I have to email/inform my instructor if I am going to miss a class? No, this is not required. But you may want to contact the instructor just to make sure there wasn't any important announcements about or changes to the course. Otherwise it is your responsibility to find out what happened in that class from another student or the instructor.

Do I have to share personal information about myself if I'm uncomfortable doing so? No

What is your expectation about sharing information in class? Students are encouraged to share information about themselves as relevant to the course. The expectation is that students will not share personal information learned about other people/students. As well, students must be aware that this is a public venue and confidentiality cannot be assured.

Can I ask questions and share thoughts/examples in class? Yes, absolutely

Will you be covering material in class that is not in the textbook? Yes

Can I use somebody else's words or ideas if I properly quote or cite the source? Yes

If I ask, will the instructor help me with the course requirements? Yes (but he won't do them for you)

Can I get feedback on written work from the instructor before I hand it in? Yes (general review. Submit at least 48 hrs before due date)

Can I get accommodation if I'm sick or experienced an emergency? Yes, if you have proper documentation.
 If I choose to, can I withdraw from the course or switch to audit? Yes – prior to the change/audit date
 If I am not clear on why I got the grade I did can I talk to the instructor? Yes, please do.
 Can I talk to my instructor if I am unclear on what is expected for an assignment or course requirement? Yes
 I missed last class. Did I miss anything important? Yes (It is your responsibility to ask a classmate to photocopy their notes)

Please come and see me during office hours if you need extra clarification and help.

No work will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Apr 16th

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Important Dates

See <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/registration/important-dates-and-deadlines>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support

Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines: <https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence Policy:

<https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education.

To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.

Social Psychology written assignments

The purpose of the written assignments is for the student to apply course concepts to their own life.

Grading

Written reports will be graded on:

Accuracy: Does the paper address the requirements of the assignment? Does it use the course concepts correctly?

Insight: Does the paper show original and important insights, ideas, realizations, connections, analysis?

Writing mechanics: It is well organized. Sentences/thoughts naturally flow from one to the next. There are no spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, grammar, etc. errors.

Writing coherence: This must be a coherent piece of writing. Do not simply give one sentence answers to each of the questions provided below. The questions are designed to stimulate your thinking. Use them as a starting point. If you have little to say on a particular question do not include it. Write in complete, coherent paragraphs.

Avoid:

Citing your textbook. Cite original sources (Second paper only)

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Obvious, generic, general comments.

Strings of scattered disconnected ideas/sentences.

Grammar, spelling, punctuation, wording, capitalization, sentence structure errors.

Tangents (the course concept must be the main focus of the paragraph).

Only including personal experiences, address the concept as well.

Raising an idea then immediately abandoning it.

Analysing other people.

Describing past research.

APA format: 12 pt font, double spaced, title page, references section (2nd assignment only), etc.

<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/paper-format/student-annotated.pdf>

650-700 words each paper. Include a word count at the end. There are penalties for falling short of and exceeding the limit.

All of the above applies to each paper below.

1. Social needs

In class we outlined the most important social needs. In this paper you will explore and discuss the three most important of these operating in your life. What is the need and how is this need being met or not? How does that feel? What actions do you take to meet the need? What actions could be taken? What values/beliefs are impacted and how? Etc. These questions are to stimulate your thinking/analysis. Do not simply answer each one. What you need to express should drive the paper.

Include;

1-2 sentence intro paragraph

Each subsequent paragraph will address a separate social need as described above.

Optional: a concluding paragraph (a few sentences) providing an overall view of your social needs.

2. Social psychology in my (your) life

Select 3 course concepts/theories/models/principles/ideas that are most important to you. Examples can be found in the 'social study terms' documents on D2L. Do not select 'social needs' discussed in the first week.

Do not use concepts that are too broad like: attitudes, happiness, aggression, relationships, conformity, prejudice and discrimination, etc. These are too big. Focus at the level of subheadings within the chapters. If in doubt, ask.

Include;

1-2 sentence intro paragraph

Each paragraph:

Name and explanation of concept (with citation) (no more than 2 sentences).

Personal experience/examples (with specific concrete examples).

Original Insights, observations, connections, realizations (especially about the concept), critiques.

Brief concluding paragraph (only if you have room)

References section at the end. Format – APA

Questions to stimulate original Insights, observations, connections, realizations:

How does the idea operate in your life? (your job/career, family, friends, marriage, community).

Where do you see it? How does it affect your actions and/or feelings?

What have you learned about yourself as a result. What have you realized about the concept as a result?

Are other factors operating along with this main concept?

What seems to be lacking in the concept?

How have things changed or might change over time, etc.

Is this healthy or unhealthy? Good bad? Right wrong? Both? Some of each? Why?

How does this impact your mood, emotions, motives?

Describe how you'd like the situation to be. What would you change to improve it?

Do not simply answer some of these questions. Write a coherent paper. What you need to express should drive the paper.

Please reread the 'Grading' section above.