

**CAMOSUN COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT**  
**PSYCHOLOGY 203**  
**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

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**TEXT** Aronson, E., Wilson, T. & Fehr, B. (2001). *Social Psychology*. Toronto: Prentice Hall.  
You may use either the first or second edition.

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION**

In this course, students will achieve knowledge of their own and others' integration into society; the ways in which behaviour is and was influenced by groups, stratification, roles, and stereotypes; how and to what extent behaviour is influenced by language, morality, attitudes, prejudices, propaganda, and various leadership roles.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The students will be familiar with the basic vocabulary, concepts, principles and research in the field of social psychology. They will learn to communicate in both written and oral formats about these ideas. They will develop basic library and internet research skills. They will be familiar with thinking in psychological terms and be able to apply those ideas to the self and their social world.

**FORMAT**

There will be one 2 hour class and one 1 hour class per week in both lecture and seminar style. Some use of the computer for communicating and internet research will be required. Students are expected to attend consistently because new material will be presented in class. Students are also expected to take responsibility for their own learning by doing the assigned reading prior to class. The instructor reserves the right to refuse late assignments or to apply a penalty to them.

**EVALUATION**

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Concepts exam        | 20        |
| Midterm exam         | 20        |
| Final exam           | 20        |
| Term paper           | 20        |
| Presentation         | 15        |
| In-class assignments | 5         |
| Total                | <hr/> 100 |

**GRADING**

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|----|--------|--------------------------------|
| A+ | 95-100 | Superior levels of achievement |
| A  | 90-94  |                                |
| A- | 85-89  |                                |
| B+ | 80-84  | High levels of achievement     |
| B  | 75-79  |                                |
| B- | 70-74  |                                |
| C+ | 65-69  | Satisfactory level             |
| C  | 60-64  | Sufficient level               |
| D  | 50-59  | Minimum level of achievement   |
| F  | <50    | Minimum level not achieved     |

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME.**

### SCHEDULE WINTER 2005

| <b>WEEK</b> | <b>TUESDAY DATES</b> | <b>TOPIC AND READING</b>                                 | <b>ASSIGNMENTS EXAMS</b>                   |
|-------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 1           | JAN. 11              | INTRODUCTION<br>CH 1 & 2                                 |  |
| 2           | JAN. 18              | SOCIAL PERCEPTION/COGNITION<br>CH 3 & 4                  |  |
| 3           | JAN. 25              | SOCIAL SELF<br>CH 5 & 6                                  |  |
| 4           | FEB 1                | CONFORMITY & OBEDIENCE<br>CH 8 & 9                       |  |
| 5           | FEB. 8               | ATTITUDE CHANGE<br>THE MEDIA<br>NO CLASS THURSDAY FEB 10 | <b>CONCEPTS EXAM<br/>TUESDAY. FEB 8</b>    |
| 6           | FEB. 15              | ATTITUDE CHANGE<br>THE MEDIA<br>CH 7                     |  |
| 7           | FEB. 22              | ATTITUDE CHANGE<br>THERAPY, HYPNOSIS                     |  |
| 8           | MAR 1                | GROUPS<br>CULTS  |  |
| 9           | MAR. 8               | GROUPS<br>MASS HYSTERIA,<br>COLLECTIVE DELUSIONS         |  |
| 10          | MAR. 15              | PREJUDICE<br>CH 13                                       | <b>MIDTERM EXAM<br/>THUR. MARCH 17</b>     |
| 11          | MAR. 22              | AGGRESSION<br>SERIAL KILLERS<br>CH 12                    |  |
| 12          | MAR. 29              | CONFLICT<br>GENOCIDE                                     |  |
| 13          | APR 5                | PROSOCIAL BEHAVIOUR<br>ALTRUISM, EQUITY THEORY<br>CH 11  |  |
| 14          | APR. 12              | LOVE AND ATTRACTION<br>CH 10                             | <b>TERM PAPER DUE<br/>THURSDAY APR. 14</b> |
| 15          | APR. 19              | FINAL EXAM   | <b>FINAL EXAM<br/>TBA</b>                  |

This schedule may be subject to change.