

## Psychology 250 :: Introduction to Social Psychology Fall 2007

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### CLASS

Time: Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:45 pm  
Location: Physical Sciences 217

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Gilovich, T., Keltner, D., & Nisbett, R.E. (2006). *Social psychology*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.

### COURSE WEBSITE

The website for the course is located at: <http://www.debralieberman.com/html/courses.html>  
The website will post the following information:

#### 1. Syllabus

#### 2. Lecture Notes

I will try and post the lecture notes for the week by the preceding Sunday. Though the notes will be posted, you should come to lecture. This is because most times, the notes are not complete. In the past, attendance has correlated with performance in this class. I only offer notes so that you can think about the material and ask questions rather than copying notes all class long. Information presented in lecture is fair game for the exams and may not be mentioned in the on-line notes.

#### 3. Concept Sheets for Exams

#### 4. Research Alternate Assignments – see below

#### 5. Extra Materials

### COURSE GRADE: EXAMS & RESEARCH CREDIT

#### EXAMS (90% of grade)

**Three mid-term exams:** Three midterms will be given throughout the semester. Each exam will cover the material discussed in lecture and the chapters assigned for those weeks. Midterm exams are NOT cumulative. Each exam will have approximately 50-60 questions. Questions will be mainly multiple choice and True/False though short fill-ins might also be used to test your knowledge. Only scores from your 2 highest midterms will count towards your final grade. This means you may drop your lowest midterm score. **YOU MAY NOT DROP THE FINAL. THE FINAL IS MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS.** Each midterm is worth 30% of your grade. The dates for the mid-term exams are: **September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 20<sup>th</sup>.** If you cannot make one of these exam dates either due to a sporting event or other legitimate reason, **YOU MUST NOTIFY ME BY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>** to arrange a make-up. No make-ups will be arranged after this date.

**Final exam:** The final exam is worth 30% of your grade and is cumulative. The final will have approximately 80 questions and will be mainly multiple choice and True/False though short fill-ins may also be used to test your knowledge. **You may not drop the final** even if you have taken all the mid-term exams. Again, **YOU MAY NOT DROP THE FINAL!**

The date of the final exam is: **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 9:45-11:45pm**. If you cannot make the final either due to a sporting event or other legitimate reason, **YOU MUST NOTIFY ME BY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>** to arrange a make-up. No make-ups will be arranged after this date.

**Material for the exams:** Approximately 65% of the material on the exam will come from lecture and the remaining 35% from the chapter readings. There are set readings for each week and the exams will test your knowledge of the concepts discussed in lectures as well as in the assigned chapters.

**Make-up exam policy:** **There will be no make-up exams.** If you miss a mid-term exam, you can have the other 2 count towards your final grade. Students on athletic teams should see me no later than September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss their schedules only if they will be missing class or an exam for an event.

**Cheating policy: If you are caught cheating on an exam, your exam will be taken from you and you will receive a zero for the exam. You have been warned.**

### **RESEARCH CREDIT (10% of grade)**

A component of your grade will be based on fulfillment of a research requirement. The research requirement can be fulfilled in two different ways:

**1. Participation in on-going research.** You must complete 3 research credits. A credit can be earned by participating in a research experiment or completing an alternate assignment. You will be able to sign up for experiments on the bulletin board across from Prof. Lieberman's office (Gartley 210B). If there is an experiment offered that you do not want to participate in, you may complete an equivalent alternate assignment to earn your research credit. There will be at least 3 experiments/alternate assignments during the semester. **You may either do an experiment or its associated alternate assignment to earn credit, not both. To earn your 10% you must complete 3 experiments or alternate assignments. Otherwise, you will earn 0% for your final grade.**

**Example:**

<b>Experiment</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>Alternate Assignment</b>
<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>

**2. Research paper.** If you do not want to participate in research to fulfill this class requirement, you may instead write a five page paper on a current topic in social psychology. This will require researching recent studies in journals publishing research in social psychology (e.g., Journal of Social and Personality Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology). You must make an appointment with Danielle, the TA to have your topic approved before you write your paper. If you have any questions about this option, come to office hours.

### **EXTRA CREDIT**

Each experiment (or alternate assignment) over the amount required to fulfill your research participation will be considered extra credit. Therefore, if you do 4 experiments, 3 will count towards your research credit and 1 towards extra credit. **Each experiment for extra credit will be worth 2 points!!**

### **GRADING**

Your grade for the class will be computed using your **two highest** midterm scores (30% each for a total of 60%), your final exam (30%), and your research participation (10%). In the event extra credit is offered, extra credit points will be applied **after** the final grades have been calculated.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS

- Week 1: August 21: Introduction to social psychology  
August 23: Organizing principles I
- Week 2: August 28: Organizing principles II  
August 30: Studying behavior: Methods and ethical issues Chapter 1
- Week 3: September 4: Theory of Mind/Attribution I Chapter 8, 9  
September 6: Theory of Mind/ Attribution II Chapter 10
- Week 4: September 11: Prosocial behavior: Kin selection I pages 535-549  
September 13: Prosocial behavior: Kin selection II
- Week 5: September 18: **Exam 1 – Chapters 1, 8, 9, 10, pages 535-549, and lecture notes**  
September 20: Prosocial behavior: Reciprocal Altruism I
- Week 6: September 25: Prosocial behavior: Reciprocal Altruism II pages 576-585  
September 27: Close relationships
- Week 7: October 2: Friendships I Chapter 4  
October 4: Friendships II Chapter 5
- Week 8: October 9: Parental Investment and Sexual Selection Chapter 3  
October 11: Mating Psychology: What do females want?
- Week 9: October 16: Mating Psychology: What do males want?  
October 18: **Exam 2 – Chapters 3, 4, 5, 14 and lectures notes**
- Week 10: October 23: Film: Quiet Rage: The Stanford Prison Experiment  
October 25: Social Categorization Chapter 2
- Week 11: October 30: Film: Milgram Experiment  
November 1: Social Influence and Conformity Chapter 6
- Week 12: November 6: Prejudice, Stereotyping & Discrimination Chapter 11  
November 8: Stigma
- Week 13: November 13: Aggression and Violence I pages 512-535  
November 15: Aggression and Violence II
- Week 14: November 20: **Exam 3 – Chapters 2, 6, 11, pages 512-535 and lecture notes**  
November 22: Thanksgiving Holiday: No class
- Week 15: November 27: Film: The Human Face  
November 29: Emotions I Chapter 12
- Week 16: December 4: Emotions II  
December 6: Social Psychology and the Law/Review pages 553-576

**FINAL EXAM: Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 9:45-11:45am Physical Science 217**