**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course offers a broad introduction to social psychology, the scientific study of human social influence and interaction. We will explore the various ways people think about, affect, and relate to one another. The course will cover topics such as the social self-concept, social judgment, attitudes, persuasion, conformity, aggression, helping behavior, prejudice, and interpersonal relationships.

The goals of this course are to:

improve your understanding of social psychological explanations for social influence and interaction and to

improve your understanding of the research methodologies commonly used to understand social influence and interaction.

Course Schedule

Topic Reading material covered

**Week 1: Course Introduction and Syllabus**

**Week 2: Foundations Of Social Psychology Chpt 1**

**Week 3: Methods in Social Psychology Chpt 2:**

**Week 3: The Social Self Chpt 3 pp 54-68; S1: Fryberg paper**

**Week 5: Self-Esteem and Self-Serving Biases Chpt 3: pp 69-91; S2: Solomon paper**

**Week 6: Attributions About Others Chpt 4: pp 95-116**

**Week 7: Social Judgments Chpt 4: pp 116-129**

**Week 8: Midterm Exam**

**Week 9: Attitudes and Behavior Chpt 6: pp 185-194; S3: Rudman paper Persuasion Ch 6:**

**Week 10: Behavioral influences on attitudes Chpt 6: pp 213 –223; S4: Aronson paper**

**Week 11: Conformity and Compliance Chpt 7: pp 227-248; S5: Cialdini paper**

**Week 12: Obedience To Authority Chpt 7: pp 248-259**

**Week 12: Aggression Chpt 11**

**Week 13: Stereotyping Chpt 5: pp. 133-150; S6: Stone paper**

**Week 13: Prejudice Chpt 5: pp. 150-157; S7: Fiske paper**

**Discrimination Chpt 5: pp. 157-170**

**Stigma Chpt 5: pp. 171-176; S8: Johns paper**

**Reducing Intergroup Conflict Chpt 5: pp 176-180**

**Midterm Exam 3 Review!**

**Week 14: Group Processe Chpt 8: pp 263-280; 294-302**

**Attraction to Others Chpt 9: pp. 307-328**

**Love and Close Relationships Chpt 9: pp. 328-347; S9: Mehl paper**

**Week 15: Thanksgiving—No Class Helping Behavior Chpt 10**

**Applications to Health & Law Chpt 12: pp443-466 Chpt 14: pp513-545**

**Course Summary & Evaluations**

**Cumulative Final Exam 11am-1pm Review!**

\*\*Review sessions for the exams will be scheduled as space and time permits

**Required Text:**

Sanderson, C.A. & Safdar, S. (2012). Social psychology. Mississauga: John Wiley & Sons Canada.

***Social Psychology*** by Brehm, Kassin & Fein (6th edition)