

PSYCHOLOGY D16

CRITICAL ANALYSIS IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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Evaluation: There will be midterm and final exams as well as a 15 page term paper. The exams and term paper are of equal value (i.e., 1/3 of your grade). I will grade all materials myself.

Each exam will consist of two questions that will be given out two weeks prior to the exam. You are to prepare a five page single spaced (maximum) answer along with a plan. The exam will be written in class from memory.

The term paper will be based on a problem of interest to you in the area of EMOTION and will be developed under my supervision.

Text: There is no text but readings will be assigned under three hour reserve in the library.

Goals: Skills will be developed in three areas. First, the history of social psychology will be examined from a critical perspective. Second, students will learn to critically evaluate experiments in the literature. This term an emphasis will be placed on research conducted in the area of emotions. Third, students will learn to observe the social world in a reflective manner and this will provide a basis for the term paper project.