UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AT SCARBOROUGH DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC11 – Social Psychology Laboratory Spring/Summer, 2006 Tuesdays 10–12 p.m.

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Course Description:

This course covers research methodology in social psychology, including learning about specific techniques, such as attitude measurement, and also, more general principles of design and methodology. There will be two class projects, intended to give you first-hand experience with research approaches used in social psychological research.

Please note that for some classes, we meet in one of the computer labs. You will need a UTSC student account (same one as you would need to access the UTSC intranet). Please be sure that your account is active at the start of the term.

Textbook:

Hoyle, R.H., Harris, M.J., & Judd, C.M. (2002). Research methods in social relations (7th edition). Wadsworth.

Course Requirements:

There will be a mid-term (20%) and final (25%) exam, two term projects (20% and 30%, respectively), and some small in-class/lab work (5%). Students must complete all components of the course in order to receive a passing grade. You will need to attend all classes and laboratory sessions, and complete both the readings and assignments according to the class schedule, below. Although we will discuss some of the assigned reading material in the class, you are responsible for the majority of this material yourself; class/lab time will instead be based on discussions, demonstrations and case studies which illustrate the key topics in the course.

Course Schedule C11 – Summer, 2006

Data	Readings	
<u>Date:</u>	Lecture Topic	Reautigs
May 9 th	Introduction to course/overview `	
May 16 th	Fundamentals and Models of measurement Start of Project 1	Chapter 4 & 5
May 23 rd	Single- and Multiple-Item Measures	Chapter 6 & 7
May 30 th	Data management and exploration – Lab meeting	Chapter 17
June 6 th	Ethics in research	Chapter 3
June 13 th	Project 1 Due 20% - class discussion/presentation	
June 20 th	Mid-term test – 20%	
June 27 th	Fundamentals of sampling – Lab meeting Probability Sampling Methods	Chapter 8 & 9
July 4 th	Reading Week	
July 11 th	Experience Sampling – Lab meeting Randomized Experiments	Chapter 10 & 11
July 18 th	Laboratory Settings – Lab meeting Non-randomized designs	Chapter 12 & 13
July 25 th	Applied Research – Lab meeting Observational and Archival Research	Chapter 14 & 15
August 1 st	Final Assignment due (30%) – discussion/presentation	

To do well in this course, you need to come to class prepared to think about and discuss the topics we cover. Any concerns regarding your grades on the assignment or a particular exam should be presented to me - in writing - as soon as possible after the evaluation. If you find you are having difficulties, please come and talk about it with me early, rather than after the course when it is too late to do anything about it - I will do my best to assist with suggestions for time management, alternate ways of studying the material, and so on.