

Course Outline

Psychology D16 *Critical Analysis in Social Psychology*

UTSC
Summer 2006

Lectures location and time: University of Toronto at Scarborough
Room: MW262
Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm
<http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/timetable/winter/psy.html>

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and only if the subject line contains your name, student number, and course number. Expect a reply within 2 business days.

Course Description:

The development of social psychology is examined both as a discipline (its phenomena, theory, and methods) and as a profession. The Natural and Human Science approaches to phenomena are contrasted. Students are taught to observe the lived-world, choose a social phenomenon of interest to them, and then interview people who describe episodes from their lives in which these phenomena occurred. The students interpret these episodes and develop theories to account for their phenomena before searching for scholarly research on the topic.

Course Evaluation:

Attendance: 5%
Proposal (1 page) due: May 17th, 2006 – 10%
Presentation (schedule below): 35%
Final Paper due August 2nd, 2006: 50%

Recommended text: Social Psychology, Second Canadian Edition, Myers & Spencer(2004). Study guide to Social Psychology, Second Canadian Edition, Myers & Spencer(2004).