Course Outline

Psychology C11 H3
Social Psychology Laboratory

Winter 2007

Lectures location and time:	**University of Toronto in Scarborough** **Tuesdays BV516; 5-7 pm**
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Course Description:

This course introduces the student to the world of research methods in social psychology. The course is geared towards teaching you 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.

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

Email:

For security purposes, and time considerations, student emails will be answered if and only if the subject line contains your name, student number, and course number. Please be advised that email attachments from students will not be opened for security reasons.

Attendance and Participation: Because the lectures will cover material that is not contained in the readings, class attendance is absolutely essential. Repeated late arrivals to class, or talking while the instructor or other students are speaking, are disrespectful to the instructor and other class members. Please be punctual and do not talk in class while others are speaking.

Cell Phones: Please respect others in the class by turning off all cell phones and pagers before entering the auditorium.

Special Needs: If you have a disability or other special needs, please notify me and the Dean's Office during the first week of the semester, and I will do my best to accommodate them.

Course Evaluation:

2 Classroom projects (TBA): 15% first, 20% second.
Midterm test (TBA): 30%
Final exam(TBA): 30%
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. Midterm and final exams include materials from lectures, required text and readings. 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.

Each exams consists of between 40-50 multiple choice (MC) questions. The exams cover as representatively as possible the contents of lectures, the assigned readings, and the assigned readings in the textbook (you should not assume that the material covered in lectures is more important than that covered in the textbook -- the textbook actually contains more information than lectures, a fact that will be reflected in exams). The exams are <u>not</u> cumulative. The names of specific researchers are not of critical importance since questions will provide sufficient information for the identification of research. You must, however, familiarize yourself with the names of important theorists.

Exam and tests penalties: Students who miss the mid-term must notify the instructor within 24 hours of the test date. A make up for the midterm will be allowed, only, and only if a UTSC medical certificate will be provided and the information can be verified with the medical professional who issued the note. No other circumstances will be considered for requests to write a make up exam.

Required text and readings

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

2. Required readings as posted on the intranet.

Outline of topics to be covered

Date	*Lecture Topic*	*Readings*

Jan.9   Introduction to course/overview   (Chapters 1 and 2 – optional)

Jan.16 Fundamentals and Models of measurement   Chapters 4 and 5 (begin project 1)

Jan.23 Single and Multiple Item measures   Chapters 6 and 7

Jan.30 Ethics in research   Chapter 3

Feb. 6 Data management and exploration   Chapter 17

Feb.13 Project 1 Due (15%) class discussion and presentation

Feb. 20 *Reading week no class*

Feb27 Mid-term test (30%)

Mar.6 Fundamentals of sampling/ Probability Sampling
       Methods - begin Project 2   Chapters 8 and 9

Mar.13 Experience Sampling   Chapter 10 and 11

Mar.20 Laboratory Settings (non randomized designs)   Chapter 12 and 13

Mar.27 Applied Research (observational and archival
       Research)   Chapters 14 and 15

Apr3   Final assignment due (20%) – class discussion and
       presentation

<u>MID-TERM EXAM</u>   <u>**3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 17**</u>

<u>FINAL EXAM</u>   <u>**8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.**</u>