

Psychology C11H3
Social Psychology Laboratory
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Textbook: *Research Methods in Social Relations* (7th edition)
Authors: R. H. Hoyle, M. J. Harris & C. M. Judd
Publisher: Wadsworth

Course Overview

This course covers research methodology in social psychology, including learning about specific techniques and also, more general principles of design and methodology. There will be two lab exercises, intended to give you experience with research techniques/approaches used in social psychological research.

Please note that for two classes, we meet in one of the Computer labs (BV 471). See the list of assignments for the specific dates when the class meets in BV 471. For these classes in the Computer Lab, you need a UTSC student account (same one as you would need to access the UTSC intranet). Make sure your account is active before the first session in BV 471.

Evaluation

For each of the two lab exercises, there is a paper based on the lab exercise. You will receive detailed information about each lab exercise and the paper for each one during the term.

In addition, there will be one examination, covering the required reading in your text throughout the entire term, as well as material presented in class during the entire term. This examination will take place during the final exam period. The format for the final exam is identification of concepts/terms and essay questions.

Each of the three components listed below is worth one third of the final course grade.

Paper for Lab Exercise 1: Due October 19
Paper for Lab Exercise 2: Due November 30
Examination: During the final exam period

Please check your e-mail regularly for any course-related updates or announcements. E-mail correspondence from you concerning this course should be sent from your University of Toronto e-mail address.

Required Reading Assignments and Class Schedule for Psy C11H3 (Fall, 2010)

Required reading assignments listed below are from your text: Hoyle, Harris & Judd's, *Research Methods in Social Relations* (7th edition)

Assignment:	Class Schedule:
Course overview	September 14
Chapter 4 (Fundamentals of measurement) and Chapter 5 (Modes of measurement) Start Lab Exercise 1	September 21
Chapter 6 (Single-item measures in questionnaires); and Chapter 7 (Scaling and multiple-item measures)	September 28
Chapter 17 (Data management and exploration) Class meets in Computer Lab (BV 471)	October 5
Chapter 2 (Evaluating social science theories and research) Class meets in Computer Lab (BV 471)	October 12
Paper due for Lab Exercise 1 Discuss Lab Exercise 1 in class	October 19
Chapter 3 (Ethical principles) and Chapter 16 (Qualitative research)	October 26
Chapter 8 (Fundamentals of sampling) and Chapter 9 (Probability sampling methods) Start Lab Exercise 2	November 2
Chapter 10 (Experience sampling) and Chapter 11 (Randomized experiments)	November 9
Chapter 12 (The laboratory setting) and Chapter 13 (Nonrandomized designs)	November 16
Chapter 14 (Applied research) and Chapter 15 (Observational and archival research)	November 23
Paper due for Lab Exercise 2	November 30