Psychology C11H3 Social Psychology Laboratory Fall, 2012

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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. There is an examination during the final exam period.

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 format for 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 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 16 Paper for Lab Exercise 2: Due November 27 Examination: During the final exam period

Please check your e-mail regularly for any course-related updates or announcements. Email correspondence from you concerning this course should be sent from your University of Toronto e-mail address, using either your UTSCID or your UTORID.

Required Reading Assignments and Class Schedule for Psy C11H3 (Fall; 2012)

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

Assignment: Course overview	Class Schedule: September 11
Chapter 4 (Fundamentals of measurement) and Chapter 5 (Modes of measurement) Start Lab Exercise 1	September 18
Chapter 6 (Single-item measures in questionnaires) and Chapter 7 (Scaling and multiple-item measure	-
Chapter 17 (Data management and exploration)	October 2
Chapter 2 (Evaluating social science theories and research)	October 9
Paper due for Lab Exercise 1 Discuss Lab Exercise 1 in class	October 16
Chapter 3 (Ethical principles) and Chapter 16 (Qualitative research)	October 23
Chapter 8 (Fundamentals of sampling) and Chapter 9 (Probability sampling methods) Start Lab Exercise 2	October 30
Chapter 10 (Experience sampling) and Chapter 11 (Randomized experiments)	November 6
Chapter 12 (The laboratory setting) and Chapter 13 (Nonrandomized designs)	November 13
Chapter 14 (Applied research) and Chapter 15 (Observational and archival research)	November 20
Paper due for Lab Exercise 2	November 27