



**Introduction to Social Psychology
PSYB10H3Y (L99)**

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Course Description and Goals

Broadly defined, social psychology is the study of how our minds and behavior shape – and are in turn shaped by – other people. As we will see, the influence is deeper and more far-reaching than we realize. Whether we are shuffling through a crowded mall or sitting alone in the privacy of our living room, our minds – and the thoughts, emotions, and judgments that inhabit them -- appear to be shaped by other minds, real or imagined.

I have three core goals for the course. First, we will aim to understand the key theories and findings within various subdomains of the field, such as self-perception, social influence (e.g., conformity), social cognition, and prosocial behavior. Second, we will aim to strengthen our ability to critically evaluate the rigour of scientific findings, and to generate novel ideas and hypotheses about social processes of our own. Finally, we will discern the significance of social psychology to broader issues outside of the classroom, including politics, environmental change, and personal/professional development.

Reading Material/Textbook(s)

Aronson, E., Wilson, T. D., Fehr, B., & Akert, R. M. (2013). *Social Psychology*, 6th Canadian Edition. Toronto, ON, Canada: Pearson Canada.

This is available online via Revel. An online access code and instructions to purchase this text have been provided on Quercus.

Course Evaluation/Marking Scheme

Midterm Exam I (Date To Be Determined): 34%

Midterm Exam II (Date To Be Determined): 33%

Final Exam (Date To Be Determined): 33%

The midterms and final exam will be online and will consist of multiple choice questions. Exam dates will be announced as soon as they are set by the Registrar.

Course Webpage/Quercus

The website associated with this course is accessible on Quercus via <http://q.utoronto.ca>. The syllabus, lectures, and all relevant course documents will be posted on Quercus.

Course Policies

Lecture Slides

This is a web-based course and all lectures will be pre-recorded and made available online. Lectures will be uploaded on a week-by-week basis and will remain online for the full duration of the term. Prior to each lecture, an outline of the lecture slides will be posted on Quercus to facilitate note-taking during the lecture. For any given week, the lecture will be available online before Friday at 3pm. Although there will be no in-class interaction during lecture, I remain available to help with any questions you may have during online office hours.

Please note that lectures will only partly overlap with assigned readings. That is, lectures will have content that is not contained in chapter readings, and vice versa. I encourage you to make use of office hours (i.e., online meetings with me) to clarify any questions that may arise from both assigned readings and lectures.

Teaching Assistant

Our Teaching Assistant is Stephanie Schwartz (stephanie.schwartz@mail.utoronto.ca), who you may contact for questions relating to academic accommodations, missed tests, and course logistics. **When writing to the TA, please be sure to cc' me (ravi.thiruchselvam@utoronto.ca) on all emails.** Please also write "PSYB10" in your email subject line.

Course Outline

LECTURE	TOPIC	READING
Lecture 1 <i>Week of May 11</i>	Introduction to Social Psychology; Methods	Chapters 1 and 2
Lecture 2 <i>Week of May 18</i>	The Self	Chapter 5
Lecture 3 <i>Week of May 25</i>	Social Cognition	Chapters 3 and 4
Lecture 4 <i>Week of June 1</i>	Interpersonal Attraction	Chapter 9
	Midterm Exam I	None
Lecture 5 <i>Week of June 15</i>	Attitudes	Chapter 6
<i>Week of June 22</i>	No class - Reading week	None
Lecture 6 <i>Week of June 29</i>	Conformity	Chapter 7
Lecture 7 <i>Week of July 6</i>	Group Processes	Chapter 8
Lecture 8 <i>Week of July 13</i>	Aggression	Chapter 11
	Midterm Exam II	None
Lecture 9 <i>Week of July 27</i>	Prejudice & Polarization	Chapter 12
Lecture 10 <i>Week of August 3</i>	Prosocial Behavior	Chapter 10
Lecture 11 <i>Week of August 10</i>	Closing thoughts and Review	No reading

Final Exam: Held during the Final Examination Period; the specific date will be announced later in the course.

Missed Term Work

SUMMER 2020: Missed Term Work due to Medical Illness or Other Emergency

All students citing a documented reason for missed term work must submit their request for accommodations **within three (3) business days** of the deadline for the missed work.

Submit via email to: Keely Hicks, Departmental Assistant, keely.hicks@utoronto.ca

Students must submit **BOTH** of the following:

- (1.) A completed **Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form** (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW>), and
- (2.) **Appropriate documentation** to verify your illness or emergency, as described below.

Appropriate documentation:

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** or **TERM TESTS** due to **FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS** or **SELF-ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS**:

- Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), and
- **Declare** your absence on **ACORN** (Profile & Settings > Absence Declaration)

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** due to **OTHER ILLNESS**:

- Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), along with the Self-Declaration of Student Illness Form (uoft.me/PSY-self-declare-form).

For missed **TERM TESTS** due to **OTHER ILLNESS**:

- Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), along with a scan/photo of the **original** copy of the official UTSC Verification of Illness Form (uoft.me/UTSC-Verification-Of-Illness-Form) or an **original** copy of the record of visitation to a hospital ER.
- Forms are to be completed in full, clearly indicating the start date, anticipated end date, and severity of illness. The physician's registration # and business stamp are required.
- *Note: If an end date of "ongoing" is specified, the medical note will be assumed to cover a period of **two weeks**. If no end date / an "unknown" end date is*

*specified, the note will be assumed to cover a period of **three business days** (starting from illness start date.)*

For missed **TERM TESTS** due to **ACCESSABILITY REASONS**:

- Meet with your **AccessAbility consultant** and have them email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) detailing accommodations required.

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** due to **ACCESSABILITY REASONS**:

- If your desired accommodation is **within the scope** of your Accommodation Letter (ex. your letter includes “extensions of up to 7 days” and you need 1-7 more days), email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), and attach a **copy of your letter**. Specify how many days extension you are requesting in your email.
- If your desired accommodation is **outside the scope** of your Accommodation Letter (ex. your letter includes “extensions of up to 7 days” but you need more time than that) you will need to meet with your **AccessAbility consultant** and have them email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) detailing the accommodations required.

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** or **TERM TESTS** in **OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES**:

Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW>) form to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), along with:

- For the **death of a family member/friend**, provide a copy of the death certificate.
- For U of T varsity-level or professional **athletic commitments**, an email from your coach or varsity administrator should be sent directly to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **well in advance** of the missed work, detailing the dates and nature of the commitment.
- For **religious accommodations**, please email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **well in advance** of the missed work.
- For circumstances **outside of these guidelines**, please email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **on or before the date of the test / assignment deadline** to describe your circumstances and determine appropriate documentation.

Documents covering the following situations are NOT acceptable: medical prescriptions, personal travel, weddings, personal/work commitments.

As stated above, your documents must be submitted **within three (3) business days** of the deadline for the missed work.

After submitting your documentation:

Within approximately one to five business days, you will receive a response from your instructor detailing the accommodations to be made (if any).

You are responsible for checking your official U of T email and Quercus course announcements daily, as accommodations may be time-critical.

You should continue to work on your assignments to the best of your ability, as extension accommodations may be as short as one business day, depending on the nature of the illness/emergency.

If an accommodation has been granted but you are unable to meet the conditions of the accommodation (ex. you need a longer extension, or you missed a make-up test), you will need to repeat the missed term work procedure and submit additional forms to request further accommodation. Note that in the case of a missed make-up test, an opportunity to write a second make-up test may not be provided.

Completion of this form does NOT guarantee that accommodations will be made. The course instructor reserves the right to decide what accommodations (if any) will be made. Failure to adhere to any aspect of this policy may result in a denial of your request for accommodation.

Missed Accommodations

If an accommodation is granted but a continued illness/emergency prevents you from meeting the requirements of your accommodation, you must repeat the missed term work procedure to request additional accommodations.

(E.g.) If you miss a make-up midterm, you would need to submit another Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form. If your original medical note / documentation included the date of the make-up midterm, then only the Request form is required. If the date of the make-up midterm fell outside of the dates indicated on your original medical note/other documentation, then a new medical note/other appropriate documentation must also be submitted.

Importance of Three Business Day window:

If you are unable to submit your documents within the three business day window, **you must email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) within the three business day window** to explain the nature of the delay, and when you will be able to provide your documents. Exceptions to the documentation deadline will only be made under exceptional circumstances.

NOTE: Assignments due at end of term

Instructors cannot accept term work any later than five business days after the last day of class. Beyond this date, you would need to file a petition with the Registrar's Office (<https://www.utoronto.ca/registrar/term-work>).

NOTE: Final Exams

This policy applies only to missed assignments and term tests. Missed final exams are handled by the Registrar's Office (<http://www.utoronto.ca/registrar/missing-examination>).

Academic Integrity

The University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. Potential offences in papers and assignments include using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement, submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor, making up sources or facts, obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment. On tests and exams cheating includes using or possessing unauthorized aids, looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test, misrepresenting your identity, or falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes.

Note. The schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.