



PSYC-207 – Social Psychology

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2023

Course Outline Review Date: 2028-04-01

Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

Social psychology is the subfield of psychology that explores the many ways in which our thoughts, feelings, and behaviours are influenced by the real or implied presence of others. Topics include social thinking (e.g., non-verbal communication, attitudes & persuasion), social influence (e.g., conformity obedience & group influence), and social relations (e.g., altruism, aggression, attraction & prejudice). This course provides a broad overview of important theories and research findings on these and other related topics.

Program Information:

This course can be used as an elective in several programs. Refer to the College Program Guide for additional information.

Delivery Methods: On-campus (Face-to-Face)

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 3

Course type/s: Social Sciences

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45

Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	45

Course Requisites:

- Earned a minimum grade of C- (55%) in each of the following:
 - **PSYC101** – Introduction to Psychology 1 (3)
 - **PSYC102** – Introduction to Psychology 2 (3)

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

Textbook Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Aronson, E., Wilson, T., Fehr, B., & Sommers, S. (2022). *Social Psychology* (7th Canadian ed). Pearson.

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator

<https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/>

for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Discuss the major theories, concepts, and topics in social psychology;
- Evaluate research methods and findings in social psychological research;
- Apply social psychological theories to explain human behavior and real-world issues;
- Examine diverse perspectives on concepts related to social psychology; and
- Apply social psychology principles to facilitate effective communication and collaboration.

Course Topics:

- Introduction to social psychology
- Methodology: How social psychologists do research
- Social cognition: How we think about the social world
- Social perception: How we come to understand other people
- The self: Understanding ourselves in a social context
- Attitudes and attitude change: Influencing thoughts, feelings, and behavior
- Conformity: Influencing others
- Group processes: Influence in social groups
- Interpersonal attraction: From first impressions to close relationships
- Prosocial behaviour: Why we help other people
- Aggression: Why we hurt other people
- Prejudice: Causes and cures

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

Evaluation and Assessments

Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face)

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Class Participation	10%
Assignments	30%
Midterms (2 @ 20% each)	40%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

Evaluation Notes: A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.