

Social Psychology
Psyc 3315 Section 002
Spring 2008
Thursdays 5:30 – 8:20pm

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Required text: *Social Psychology and Human Nature* (1st Ed.;2008) by Roy F. Baumeister and Brad J. Bushman. Publisher: Thomson Wadsworth. ISBN: 0534638325 or 9780534638320

Course Descriptions and Goals:

The focal point of this course will be centered on theories dealing with the individual in their culture and social environments. This course is a general survey of topics within social psychology including: social influence processes, interpersonal attraction, group behavior, social cognition, conformity, and attitude formation and change. An emphasis will be placed on the development of these theories as well as how they can be applied in real world contexts. Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will have content-specific knowledge of the basic theories and principles associated with interpersonal social psychological processes. The student will be encouraged to apply these principles to daily life. A major goal of this course is to make the student aware that social psychology is a discipline that can be applied to daily interactions with others. Course content will be covered through assigned text reading, lectures, videos, classroom discussions, and group activities.

Attendance:

Not mandatory. However, regular class attendance is expected in this course. Attendance will be taken sporadically throughout the course and if you are present those days I take attendance than you will receive 2 additional points on your final letter grade. Students will be accountable for all lecture material, and each examination will contain questions from the class readings and classroom lectures, therefore it will be imperative that you not miss class.

Exams and Grading Policy:

Three exams will be given throughout the semester. Each exam will be worth 100 points. The exams will be structured with a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions. Exam questions will be taken from class lectures and assigned readings. Make-up exams will only be administered if the student provides a **University approved excuse** (see Catalog).

There is a total of 300 points to be earned during this course:

A = 300-270 points 100%-90%

B = 269-240 points 89%-80%

C = 239-210 points 79%-70%

D = 209-180 points 69%-60%

F = 59-0 points 59% and below

Drop for non-payment of tuition:

If you are dropped from this class for non-payment of tuition, you may secure an Enrollment Loan through the Bursar's Office. You may not continue to attend class until your Enrollment Loan has been applied to outstanding tuition fees.

Academic Resources: Resources are available for students who need extra help with study skills, time management, or note taking. The UTA Counseling Services (272-3671) and SOAR (272-3684) not only offer seminars to improve note taking and study skills but also to develop time management skills.

Academic Dishonesty:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. Any form of academic dishonesty will be reported. "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or material that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts." (Regents Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22) All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

If you are a student who requires accommodations in compliance with the ADA, please consult with me at the beginning of the semester. As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide *reasonable accommodation* to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Your responsibility is to inform me of documentation authorizing the specific accommodation. Student services at UTA include the Office for Students with Disabilities (located in the lower level of the University Center), which is responsible for verifying and implementing accommodations to ensure equal opportunity in all programs and activities.

Student Support Services:

The University supports a variety of student success programs to help you connect with the University and achieve academic success. They include learning assistance, developmental education, advising and mentoring, admission and transition, and federally funded programs. Students requiring assistance academically, personally, or socially should contact the Office of Student Success Programs at 817-272-6107 for more information and appropriate referrals.

Bomb Threats:

If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA will attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by the bomb threat. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

Tentative Lecture/Topic Schedule:

Chapter 1-Introduction

Chapter 2-Culture & Nature

Chapter 3-The Self

Chapter 4-Self in Action

Chapter 5-Social Cognition

TEST: February 21st

Chapter 6-Emotion & Affect

Chapter 7-Attitudes & Beliefs

Chapter 8-Prosocial Behavior

Chapter 9-Aggression

Chapter 10-Attraction

TEST: April 3rd

Chapter 11-Close Relationships

Chapter 12-Prejudice/Intergroup

Chapter 13-Social Influence/Persuasion

Chapter 14-Groups

FINAL: May 8th

****Spring Break is March 20th ☺****

