

**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**  
**The University of Toledo**  
**Department of Psychology**  
**College of Arts and Letters**  
**43597 - PSY 2700 – 901**  
**Fall, 2021**

**Course Information**

Offered: Fall term, 2021

\*This is a completely on-line course

Course Website: [Blackboard Learn](#)

Class Location: [Blackboard Learn](#)

Credit Hours: 3 credits

**Prerequisite:** Psychology 1010, with a minimum grade of D-

**Instructor Information**

Instructor: Dr. Andrew Geers

Instructor Office Location: 6524 University Hall--please know that Dr. Geers will not be on campus this fall term.

Instructor Office Phone: 419-530-8530

Instructor Email: Use the email function on our class home page

Office Hours: *\*I will be available for virtual office hrs. Wednesday from noon to 4PM, or by appointment.\**

**Teaching Assistant Information**

Teaching Assistant: Kelly Clemens: [kclemen4@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:kclemen4@rockets.utoledo.edu)

Office Hours: Kelly will hold virtual office hours on Thursdays from noon to 2:00 PM, or by appointment.

**Catalog/Course Description**

Theoretical and empirical treatment of socially-based perception and cognition, interpersonal influence, small group processes and interpersonal relations.

**Course Overview**

Course Goals: The first goal of this course is to introduce students to classic and contemporary research in social psychology. An underlying theme to this work is that, in most cases, people do not fully appreciate the influence of situational forces on behavior. A second goal is to help students apply social psychology to their everyday lives and to see the world from a social psychological perspective. Thus, when the course has

ended, I hope that it will be impossible for you to view your social world in the same way as when the course began.

### **Teaching Methodology**

Class Days/Times: THIS is a **HYBRID** Distance Learning Class. It is designed to stimulate student learning through web-based delivery or readings, videos, and audio activities. All of the course will take place on-line.

### **Technology Requirements, Skills, and Privacy Policies**

Please view the [technology considerations](#) for this course, including technical skills needed, general technology requirements, and technology privacy policies.

- **Course News** This is basically the homepage to our course. It should provide a calendar of events, announcements, etc. I will often post links and stories for you regarding social psychology in the current news and media.
- **Start Here (and Study tips!)** This link provides information in starting the course and my suggestions for studying for our exams.
- **Syllabus** This link takes your to our course syllabus.
- **Lectures**



- It is expected that you will plan appropriately so as to have your assignments and exams completed by the designated deadlines

**Absenteeism:** This is NOT a self-paced, self-timed course. This course is designed to be a successive progression from one chapter to the next. If you have an illness that interferes with your ability to participate or meet deadlines in this class, notify me ASAP. Such events may necessitate your dropping the course. This is particularly the case with an on-line course like this which is not self-paced. I have found that, in such situations, it can work better for a student to drop a course and take it again at a later time than to miss several days and then try to catch up the rest of the semester. If you have a medical emergency, documentation is required for extra accommodations and this documentation needs to be presented to me within two weeks of the date of the missed assignment.

*\*Late assignments and missed exams due to COVID-19 quarantine or isolation requirements are considered excused absences. Students should notify the instructor and these missed assignments and exams may not require instructor approval.*

## Grading

There will be a total of 280 points available for the class. Exams and Assignment Quizzes will be the basis for your grade.

Grading:	Points
Exams	240
Assignment Quizzes	40
Total Points:	

textbook, lecture

*Optional exam:* From time-to-time, students miss scheduled exams or score much lower on an exam than they anticipate. In the past when students missed an exam or scored very poorly on an exam, I did not allow any make-up exams or extra credit points. I now do something different. Specifically, all students will be given the opportunity to take near the end of the course. The optional exam can be used to *replace* one prior exam. Thus, the optional exam will be worth the same points as our main exams (60 points) and should be taken if you missed an exam or scored lower than you anticipated on one of our 4 main exams. The optional exam cannot be taken to earn additional/ extra credit points rather, it is just an opportunity to replace one existing poor or missing exam grade. The optional exam will cover chapters not previously covered in the class (noted on the schedule below). Also, there is no possible way to lose points by taking the optional exam. If you score lower than on a different exam, the optional exam grade will be the grade that is dropped. I strongly encourage all students to study hard for and take each of our four main exams thus making it so the optional exam is unnecessary. That is, I do not recommend skipping exams and relying in the optional exam. But, if unexpected event occurs, the optional exam is there to help (e.g., if you have an unexpected emergency). You should consider the optional exam your safety-net. Because of the optional exam, I rarely give make-up exams. Finally, like the main four exams, the Optional Exam will be taken on-line in the Assessment Room in our course page and have the same 65 minute time limit. Please note that there are only two days for taking the Optional Exam.

*Make-up exam policy:* Missed exams will result in the grade of "0"--and as noted above this "0" can be replaced by taking the Optional Exam. Under unusual circumstances, make-up exams may be given. Please contact me in advance to request a make-up and please provide documentation for the make-up. Make-up exams must be taken within two weeks of the original exam. There are no make-ups for the Optional Exam and make-up exams are not given during finals week.

*Exam Review Guides.* I will provide an exam study review video for the required exams in our class. By having them recorded, they will be available to all students anytime (re)-2(c)4(orde)7(d, the)2 579.67



# **COURSE SCHEDULE**

**SESSION 1 – CHAPTERS 1-4: Introduction, research methodology, social cognition, social perception**

**Assignment 1-** Will be posted on August 30 and due September 10.

**Exam 1** This exam covers chapters 1-

numbers are listed on the top of our syllabus. Technical problems with your computer are not a legitimate reason for failing to complete assignments or exams by posted deadlines. There are many computer options available to you, such as the many University of Toledo computer labs and the computers at public libraries. To find out the hours of the University of Toledo computer labs, you can call this number: 419-530-4636. Each student is responsible for finding their own alternative methods or locations to complete assignments by the given deadlines.

### **Collegiate Policies**

All students at the University of Toledo are expected to read, understand, and follow the academic policies that govern their attendance at the University. These policies include, but are not limited to, academic dishonesty, academic forgiveness, adding and dropping a course,

**RESOURCES RELATED TO SEXUAL OR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND HARRASSMENT**

The University of Toledo cares greatly about the health and well-being of our students, staff,

staff such as in the Office of Student Advocacy and Support, The Office of Residence Life, and/or the Office of Accessibility and Disability Resources to coordinate supportive measures and meet contact tracing requirements.

### **FACE COVERINGS**

Face coverings are required while on campus, except while eating, alone in an enclosed space, or outdoors practicing social distancing. Students will not be permitted in class without a face covering. If you have a medical reason preventing you from wearing a face covering due to a health condition deemed high-risk by the CDC, submit an [online application](#) to request an accommodation through the Office of Accessibility and Disability Resources. Students will need to provide documentation that verifies their health condition or disability and supports the need for accommodations. Students already affiliated with the Office of Accessibility and Disability Resources who would like to request additional accommodations due to the impact of COVID-19, should contact their accessibility specialist to discuss their specific needs. You may connect with the office by calling 419.530.4981 or sending an email to [StudentDisability@utoledo.edu](mailto:StudentDisability@utoledo.edu).

### **VACCINATION**

Doctors and other health care professionals agree that the best way to protect ourselves and each other is to get vaccinated. Case data clearly show that vaccines remain highly effective at preventing COVID-19. If you have not yet received your COVID vaccine, the University encourages you do so as soon as possible. No appointment is needed to get the shot at the UTMC Outpatient Pharmacy, University Health Clinic or Main Campus Pharmacy. Once you receive the COVID vaccination, please register on the COVID Vaccine Registry site at: <https://utvaccinereg.utoledo.edu/>.