

Social Psychology (2700): Spring 2012 Syllabus

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Class Days/Times: Distance Learning Class. No required class meetings

Course Description

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.

Prerequisite: Psychology 1010

Required Reading Material

Aronson, Wilson, & Akert. Social Psychology. (7th ed.). Addison Wesley Longman Inc.: New York (ISBN number: 0-13-814478-8). If you cannot afford to buy the textbook, a copy is on reserve in the University of Toledo Carson library. The 6th edition of this book can be found cheaper at some book vendors and provides most of the same material (although there are differences between editions—the books are about 90% the same). Importantly, all exams are

Tour of Our Class Home Page

These are the areas on our home page that you need to visit and learn to use:

- How To Log On to Our Class Home Page: <https://blackboard.utdl.edu/>. Once you are there, you will see the following areas/icons in our home page:

•Start Here – This is where you are right now! 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 – This is where you are right now!
- Syllabus – This link takes you to our course syllabus.

•Email Messages – This is where you can go to contact me. I will also send out emails periodically to individual students as well as to the entire class.

•Grade Book – This is where course grades will be given

•Help – This link will take you to other pages for assistance.

Academic Honesty and Integrity: Please be aware that any instances of cheating will result in an automatic "F" for the course. You will also be referred to the college Dean with the possible
[redacted]

Professional Conduct: It is my expectation that you will act lawfully and conduct yourself as a
[redacted]

Total Points:
280

Letter
Points

A
280-260

A-
259-251

B+
250-243

B
242-232

B-
231-222

C+
221-216

C
215-204

C-
203-196

D+
195-189

D
188-178

D-
177-169

F
168 & below

Grades will not be curved.

Discussion: To stimulate engagement of the course material, I will post 4 discussion topics throughout the semester (see calendar for posted due dates) in the Discussion Board. You are

responsible to respond by posting at least one thoughtful, academic-style, response for each of the four topics. Your responses to the topics will be graded. Responses can be made any time between the posting of the discussion topic and the due date. Thus, you do not have to wait until the last day to post a response. Each response is worth up to 10 points (for a maximum of 40 points). To receive full credit, responses must be insightful, relevant to the topic, and be a minimum of 5 sentences in length. Thus, a response of "I agree" or something of that nature will

