Exams: There will be two exams. These exams will be in the form of short answer and essay questions.

Grading: Midterm Exam (20%)

Final Exam (30 %)
First Essay (12%)
Second Essay (12%)
First Debate (10%)
Second Debate (10%)
Participation (6%)

Course Outline

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Week 1: (Sept. 11, 13)	Introduction To Attitudes and Persuasion Definitions/Types Functions Structure Measurement Methods for studying persuasion	Ch. 1
Week 2: (Sept. 18, 20)	Impact of Attitudes on Behavior and Cognition Original Conceptualizations Criticisms Methodological Issues Attitude Strength	Ch. 1
Week 3: (Sept. 25, 27)	Conditioning and Modeling Approaches Classical Conditioning Operant Conditioning Social Learning Mere Exposure	Ch. 2
Week 4: (Oct. 2, 4)	Debates Evaluating the MODE Debate Meta-attitudinal and Operative Measures Debate	Supplementary
Week 5: (Oct. 9, 11)	The Message Learning Approach Source Effects Message Effects Recipient Effects Channel Effects Attitude Persistence	Ch. 3
Week 6: (Oct. 16, 18)	Judgmental/Motivational Approaches/Midterm Social Judgment Theory Perspective Theory Balance Theory Midterm Exam (Oct.18)	Ch. 4 & 5
Week 7: (Oct. 23, 25)	Debates Explicit and Implicit Attitudes Non-Cognitive Attitude Formation/Change	Supplementary

<u>Topic</u> <u>Readings</u>

Week 8: Dissonance Theory Ch. 5

Supplementary Readings

Week 4:

Topic 1 (Evaluating the MODE Theory of Attitude-Behaviour Consistency):

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Week 10:

Topic 1 (Aronson's Self-Consistency Model of Dissonance Versus the World):

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- Steele, C. M., Spencer, S. J., & Lynch, M. (1993). Self-image resilience and dissonance: The role of affirmational resources. *Journal of*

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- Allen, M., & Reynolds, R. (1993). The Elaboration Likelihood Model and the sleeper effect: An assessment of attitude change over time. *Communication Theory*, *3*, 73-82.
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- Mongeau, P. A., & Stiff, J. B. (1993). Specifying causal relationships in the Elaboration Likelihood Model. *Communication Theory*, *3*, 65-72.

Week 12:

Topic 1 (Evaluating the Unimodel):

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