

**Psychology 241: Social Psychology
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Classroom: [Monday Teams](#); [Wednesday Teams](#) (first half) / Biosci 1102 (second half)
Class meets: Monday 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm; Wednesday 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
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What are office hours?: <https://vimeo.com/270014784>
Jan – Feb office hours: [Teams link here](#)
March – April office hours: in person (Craine 320)

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Textbook:

Myers, D. G., Twenge, J. M., Jordan, C. H., & Smith, S. (2021). *Social Psychology (8th Canadian Edition)*. McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

**Note, this textbook has an “e-version” as well, which you can purchase instead of the hard copy. See <https://www.mheducation.ca/social-psychology-9781260327014-can-group> . Either option is fine. Also, this book has several online resources associated with it. You are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of these resources but they are not formally part of the course content (tl;dr – they are optional).

If you choose to buy an older edition of this textbook, please note that you are responsible for all of the information in the 2021 version. I do not think older vs newer editions dramatically vary in content, but I am not 100% confident in that. Use an older edition at your own risk.

Course Description:

Social psychology is a fascinating field that applies to our everyday lives. In this course, I will provide you with a general overview of research and influential theories in social psychology, based on classic

and contemporary findings from the literature. This course is research-oriented. You will also learn about the scientific methods used by researchers in social psychology to conduct valid research.

Because of the size of the class, it is largely lecture-based. I do, however, encourage (and welcome!) class participation. If you have a question, please feel free to ask it! I will also incorporate class

to one student's grade I must also add to all students' grades. So, if I bump up a 79.6 to an A-, I effectively add .4 to that student's grade, which I must then add to all students' grades. After that, someone else will be on the cusp, and bumping them will put someone else on the cusp, etc, etc. Rinse and repeat and everyone has A+s. For these reasons, final grades receive no rounding up.

Assignment details:

Midterm and final exams

There will be two exams. These exams will be a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. The midterm will include material covered in the first half of the term while the final will concentrate on material covered in the second half. The emphasis of exam questions will be on material covered in lecture but some questions will be drawn exclusively from the readings or in-class videos. The exams will be weighted such that your best exam mark will count for 50% of the total course mark and your lowest exam mark will count for 30% of the total course mark. It is expected that students will write both exams. Students receiving permission to write a deferred midterm or final exam will be expected to do so during one of the Psychology Department's centrally-administered deferred exam dates (usually on a weekend within a week or two of the exam). Requests for individualized deferred exam dates cannot be accommodated.

Location and Timing of Exams

The midterm will occur in class on March 2nd.

The exam dates for each Term are listed on the Faculty of Arts and Science webpage under [Important Dates](#). Student exam schedules for the Fall Term are posted via SOLUS immediately prior to the Thanksgiving holiday; they are posted on the Friday before Reading Week for the Winter Term and for the summer term, they are individually noted on the Arts and Science Online syllabi. **Students should after the exami not be moved or deferred to accommodate employment, travel/holiday plans or flight**

Papers

There will be two paper assignments for this course, each worth 10% of the course mark. Paper 1 will focus upon examining both sides of a controversy within social psychology while Paper 2 will focus upon connecting constructs within social psychology to everyday life. Assignments will be posted in onQ at least 3 weeks prior to their due date and will be submitted via onQ.

Late submission grace period for papers

There may be a time when you are unable to complete a paper by the due date for personal reasons. This course has been designed with accommodations and considerations for extenuating circumstances in mind. This means that "Short term Requests for Academic Consideration" (submitted through the Faculty of Arts and Science portal without documentation) are not needed and long term requests submitted through the portal will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

There is a 72 hour grace period for papers, such that extensions can be requested for extending the due date for papers for up to 72 hours. **Let Carina Pham (cp136@queensu.ca) know in advance of the paper deadline if you are taking the grace period.** Requests must arri

Regrading policy for papers and exams

Sometimes, the TAs and I, but usually me, make mistakes in grading. If either of us made a clerical error in grading your assignment (e.g., we added up your paper score incorrectly or we deducted points for the wrong font being used when the right font was used), please reach out to me and I'll be happy to correct it. Aside from those circumstances, all grades assigned by TAs and myself are final. The TAs and I are happy to discuss graded assignments and provide additional feedback to students in office hours as long as those meetings take the form of discussions about how to improve on future assignments and do not take the form of debates about why more points should have been awarded on a particular assignment. If you wish to get more feedback on your assessment, please contact the TA who graded it to set up a meeting.

Research is an important activity that directly impacts science and society, and that also impacts a larger system (e.g., time in lab space is very limited and can be costly)

(e.g., uploading material to a commercial third-party website) can lead to a violation of Copyright law. Find out more about copyright here: <http://library.queensu.ca/copyright>.

Changes to the syllabus:

In extreme circumstances, the syllabus and/or course schedule may be modified at my discretion. I will announce all changes via onQ.

Late policy:

Two and a half points (which translates to 25 percentage points) per day will be subtracted from late paper assignments.

