COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of social psychology is a fascinating field, certainly one that readily applies to our lives. In this course, I will provide you with a general overview of research and theory in social psychology, based on classic and contemporary findings from the social psychological literature. This course is research-oriented. You will also learn about the scientific methods used by researchers in social psychology to conduct valid research.

Prerequisites: PSYC 100

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing PSYC 241, students will:

1. Explain the scientific theories underlying phenomena such as social judgment, prejudice, group influence, altruism, and aggression.

2. Explain how individual difference variables and situational factors interact to predict cognition and behavior.

3. Draw connections between social psychological theories and everyday life, applying these theories to real-world problems.
We will use the following textbook which is available at the Campus Bookstore (http://www.campusbookstore.com):


**Please note:** This textbook has an “e-version” as well, which you can purchase instead of the hard copy. Either option is fine. Also, this book has a number of 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 (i.e., they are optional). If you choose to buy an older edition of this textbook, please note that (1) you are responsible for all of the information in the 8th edition, and (2) you may be unable to access any of the optional online resources.

### Timeline

The Course Timeline shows all relevant course dates, including assessments, as well as links to other important course information. As dates may change, you should consult the Timeline each time you log in to the course.

Please note, some students may see an onQ Calendar for their course. However, the onQ calendar does not display all dates associated with your course assignments. For complete information all of your assignments in this course and the start and close dates, please refer to the Course Timeline.

If there are discrepancies between dates in the course onQ site, the Timeline will be considered accurate.

All times are in Kingston time (Eastern Time).

### Suggested Time Commitment

Students can expect to spend approximately 10 hours a week (120 hours per term) in study/practice and online activity for this course.

### Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Statement

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Queen's University recognizes that the values of equity and diversity are vital to and in harmony with its educational mission and standards of excellence. It acknowledges that direct, indirect, and systemic discrimination exists within our institutional structures, policies, and practices and in our community. These take many forms and work to differentially advantage and disadvantage persons across social identities such as race, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, faith, and socioeconomic status, among other examples.

**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Queen's University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize its longer history, one predating the establishment of the earliest European colonies. It is also to acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it – people whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today. The Kingston Indigenous community continues to reflect the area’s Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee roots. There is also a significant Métis community and there are First Peoples from other Nations across Turtle Island present here today.

**WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENTS**

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**Location and Timing of Final Examinations**

As noted in Academic Regulation 8.2.1, “the final examination in any class offered in a term or session (including Summer Term) must be written on the campus on which it was taken, at the end of the appropriate term or session at the time scheduled by the Examinations Office.” The exam period is listed in the key dates prior to the start of the academic year in the Faculty of Arts and Science Academic Calendar and on the Office of the University Registrar’s webpage.
The final exam is cumulative and will cover lecture material, assigned readings, and labs. 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. Students should delay finalizing any travel plans until after the examination schedule has been posted. Exams will not be moved or deferred to accommodate employment, travel/holiday plans or flight reservations. See https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/undergraduate/current-students/departmental-policies for departmental policies regarding missed final exams.

ASSESSMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION

All assignments and learning activities will be graded by the teaching team, using detailed marking rubrics in line with established marking practice.

Interactive Discussion Forums
Each week, you will be responsible for completing an interactive video lesson. There are check-point questions within these videos, they are designed to check your understanding of course material but are not graded. You are responsible for knowing the information within these lessons as it may appear on your midterm and/or final exam. During weeks 2, 5, 7, 9, and 11; you will participate in a small group discussion related to the interactive lessons and readings and these discussions are marked. There will be 5 discussion questions, and you will be graded on your best 4 out of 5. Therefore, (in the interest of Universal Design for Learning) you are able to “miss” one discussion question without it negatively impacting your grade on this component of the course. Please note that discussions not submitted for any reason, regardless of documentation, will be graded as “0.”

Written Application Assignments
You will be assigned two papers that will give you the opportunity to apply what you have learned in the course. Each written assignment is worth 15%. Detailed information is available under “assignments” and will be discussed during zoom Q & A sessions.

Midterm Test covered in weeks 1-5
There is no makeup midterm exam in this course. Failure to write an exam as scheduled (or rescheduled under extraordinary circumstances) will result in a "0" for that exam, barring exceptional circumstances which must be approved by the instructor prior to the scheduled exam date when possible. Exceptional circumstances are limited to serious illness or on compassionate grounds. The instructor may request material evidence in such cases. Students will not be excused from assessments on the basis of work schedule or other activities, including travel plans. In all cases, students must notify their instructor in advance when possible, and submit documentation with 48 hours of the missed exam. If the circumstances meet the above guidelines, and with the approval of the professor, the course grade will be reweighted as follows: midterm exam = 0%, discussions = 10%, 2 assignments = 40%, final exam = 50%.

Final Exam
The Final Exam will cover course material including readings, interactive lessons, chapter videos, and discussions from Modules 1-12.

The marking for the Final Exam is as follows
2 hours

PARTICIPANT POOL INFORMATION

Students in this course have the option of volunteering in psychological research conducted by faculty and advanced students in the Psychology Department. For every half hour of research completed, you can increase your final mark in this course by 0.5% up to a maximum of 2%. If you are enrolled in more than one eligible course, you will select the course toward which your research participation will be credited when you sign up for a study. You can complete studies toward each course. You cannot apply the same study credit to more than one course, and research credit cannot be used to improve a failing mark to a passing mark. The last day to participate in research for bonus credit is the last day of classes. For more details, please see the Psychology Participant Pool page on the Department website.

Although participation is not a requirement, we do consider it to be an integral part of the course and encourage students to participate. Students gain valuable direct experience in methods of psychological investigation and contribute to research.
Each study has been reviewed in detail and cleared by the Department’s Ethics Review Committee. Nevertheless, you may decline to participate, for any reason at all, in any study for which you sign up. You may also direct any ethical concerns to the researcher or Participant Pool Officer.

At the conclusion of each study in which you participate, you should be provided with information about the purpose of the study and other relevant details. The idea is to ensure that your participation will benefit your education, as well as add to the fund of knowledge in psychology. You are encouraged to ask questions about the research in order that you understand fully why the study is being conducted, and what your role is, as a participant.

**How to sign up for studies**

We use the website Sona for the participant pool. All students will be activated in the participant pool by the 3rd week of the term. If you have previously used the participant pool, you will use the same userid and password that you used previously. If you are new to the participant pool, you will receive an email with your login information by the 3rd week of class.

During the first week of the semester, you will be emailed a link to an online prescreening questionnaire that will be due by the end of the Add/Drop period (second Friday of the term). If you complete the larger prescreening questionnaire online, you may become eligible for additional studies, and those researchers will contact you directly to find a time to participate.

Signing up for studies is done through the Sona site directly: [CLICK HERE](https://sona-system.com/)

**What if I don't want to participate?**

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. If you want to earn credit but don’t want to participate in a particular study, you can complete an alternative assignment instead. For the alternative assignment, researchers either will offer a walkthrough of their experiment, or they will have you to read an article or blog post, listen to a short podcast, or watch a short video and then answer questions about it. To complete an alternative assignment, you must contact the principal investigator of a particular study (see the study’s contact information on SONA for their email) before the last week of classes for the semester to complete the alternative assignment.
option. Although the length of studies will vary, all alternative assignments will last approximately 30 minutes, so you will earn 0.5% for each alternative assignment that you complete.

**Off-Campus Students**

Off-campus students: please note that you can participate in online studies and researchers who offer these studies also offer online alternative assignments.

**What if I can’t make a research appointment?**

Please note: we understand that life happens and you may be unable to attend the session you sign up for as a result of extenuating circumstances. If you are unable to attend your scheduled session due to an extenuating circumstance, please contact the researcher directly to reschedule the session and/or receive an “excused no-show” notation. An “excused no-show” is guaranteed if you contact researchers 3 or more hours in advance of your appointment.

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—for example, booking a 1 hour session in the fMRI facility costs $400). We thank you in advance for ensuring that you attend your scheduled sessions, and that you follow up with the researcher as soon as possible if you miss a session due to extenuating circumstances. However, if you reach 2 unexcused no-shows in a given semester, you will not be able to sign up for additional studies/alternative assignments that semester. You will be automatically granted the ability to sign up for studies to earn research credit the following academic semester.

**Who should I contact for help?**

Note that your course instructor is not involved in the administration of studies and alternative assignments. If you have questions about studies, please contact the researchers listed on SONA. Questions about the pool (e.g., credits, prescreening) should be directed to the participant pool coordinator at participant.pool@queensu.ca.

**LATE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION POLICY**

All assignments are submitted through the course onQ in .doc(x) format. Emailed assignments are not accepted and will not be graded. Students may access MS word via Microsoft 365:
https://onq.queensu.ca/d2l/le/content/551270/viewContent/3156107/View

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Unreadable/corrupt/empty/incomplete files or files that are not in the required format will be considered late and penalized accordingly until the assignment is properly submitted. Students are not permitted to revise their submissions in any manner once the deadline is passed. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that their document is (1) readable and (2) in the correct format.

In the interest of Universal Design for Learning, students are allotted a 48-hour grace-period for submission of all assignments (except the midterm and final exam). Submissions after these deadlines will be subject to a 15% penalty per day and will not be accepted or eligible for credit after 3 days.

GRADING

All components of this course will receive numerical percentage marks. The final grade you receive for the course will be derived by converting your numerical course average to a letter grade according to Queen’s Official Grade Conversion Scale:

Queen’s Official Grade Conversion Scale

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CONTACTING THE TEACHING TEAM

The teaching team contact information is located on the Homepage of the course (see “Teaching Team”).

For general questions about the course, please post to the Questions discussion forum topic, (located in the upper right corner of the homepage of the course). Feel free to help answer your peers’ questions on this forum. Most questions are answered within 24 hours.

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Please use your Queen's email for inquires that are more personal in nature, or for issues such as academic accommodations or marking. If you need to have a more detailed conversation, please contact your instructor.

COURSE FEEDBACK

At various points during the course, students may be asked to take part in a variety of feedback activities (such as questionnaires and exit tickets).

This feedback enables the team to make any adjustments necessary to improve the online learning environment. Additional student feedback will be sought throughout the course. All surveys are anonymous, and directly related to activities, assessments, and other course material.

NETIQUETTE

In any course you often communicate with your peers and teaching team through electronic communication. You are expected to use the utmost respect in your dealings with your colleagues or when participating in activities, discussions, and online communication.

Here is a list of netiquette guidelines. Please read them carefully and use them to guide your communication in this course and beyond.

1. Make a personal commitment to learn about, understand, and support your peers.
2. Assume the best of others and expect the best of them.
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3. Acknowledge the impact of oppression on the lives of other people and make sure your writing is respectful and inclusive.

4. Recognize and value the experiences, abilities, and knowledge each person brings.

5. Pay close attention to what your peers write before you respond. Think through and re-read your writings before you post or send them to others.

6. It’s ok to disagree with ideas, but do not make personal attacks.

7. Be open to being challenged or confronted on your ideas and to challenging others with the intent of facilitating growth. Do not demean or embarrass others.

8. Encourage others to develop and share their ideas.

QUEEN'S EMAIL

The university communicates with students via Queen’s email. Please check your email regularly to ensure you do not miss important information related to your course.

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ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Queen’s University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with
disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities.

The Senate Policy for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities was approved at Senate in November 2016. If you are a student with a disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Queen’s Student Accessibility Services (QSAS) and register as early as possible. For more information, please visit the QSAS website.

**Students with course accommodations should send their accommodation requests to ASO and their instructor as soon as possible to make the appropriate arrangements, using the widget located on the course homepage.**

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### ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Assignments and midterms exam in this course have been designed with flexibility for academic consideration for all students. 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 will be handled on a case-by-case basis if needed.

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Queen's students, faculty, administrators and staff all have responsibilities for upholding the fundamental values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage. These values are central to the building, nurturing and sustaining of an academic community in which all members of the community will thrive. Adherence to the values expressed through academic integrity forms a foundation for the "freedom of inquiry and exchange of ideas" essential to the intellectual life of the University (see the Senate Report on Principles and Priorities).

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the regulations concerning academic integrity and for ensuring that their assignments and their behaviour conform to the principles of academic integrity. Information on academic integrity is available in the Arts and Science Calendar (see Academic Regulation 1), on the Arts and Science website, and from the instructor of this course. Departures from academic integrity...
include plagiarism, use of unauthorized materials, facilitation, forgery and falsification, and are antithetical to the development of an academic community at Queen’s. Given the seriousness of these matters, actions which contravene the regulation on academic integrity carry sanctions that can range from a warning or the loss of grades on an assignment to the failure of a course to a requirement to withdraw from the university.

**TURNITIN STATEMENT**

This course makes use of Turnitin, a third-party application that helps maintain standards of excellence in academic integrity. Normally, students will be required to submit their course assignments through onQ to Turnitin. In doing so, students' work will be included as source documents in the Turnitin reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism.

Turnitin is a suite of tools that provide instructors with information about the authenticity of submitted work and facilitates the process of grading. Turnitin compares submitted files against its extensive database of content, and produces a similarity report and a similarity score for each assignment. A similarity score is the percentage of a document that is similar to content held within the database. Turnitin does not determine if an instance of plagiarism has occurred. Instead, it gives instructors the information they need to determine the authenticity of work as a part of a larger process.

Please read Turnitin's Privacy Pledge, Privacy Policy, and Terms of Service, which governs users’ relationship with Turnitin. Also, please note that Turnitin uses cookies and other tracking technologies; however, in its service contract with Queen’s Turnitin has agreed that neither Turnitin nor its third-party partners will use data collected through cookies or other tracking technologies for marketing or advertising purposes. For further information about how you can exercise control over cookies, see Turnitin's Privacy Policy.

Turnitin may provide other services that are not connected to the purpose for which Queen's University has engaged Turnitin. Your independent use of Turnitin’s other services is subject solely to Turnitin’s Terms of Service and Privacy Policy, and Queen’s University has no liability for any independent interaction you choose to have with Turnitin.

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https://onq.queensu.ca/d2l/le/content/551270/viewContent/3156107/View
As a student, you have the right to opt out of Turnitin. You must notify the instructor by the end of Week 3 of the term, and make arrangements for additional work or alternative strategies to ensure the integrity of the work. In such instances, the instructor is still expected to ensure the integrity of your work.

THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE

This course makes use of https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/ for Assignment 2. Be aware that by logging into the site, you will be leaving onQ, and accessing Project Implicit’s website. Your independent use of that site, beyond what is required for the course (for example, purchasing the company’s products), is subject to the company’s terms of use and privacy policy. You are encouraged to review the applicable privacy statements before using the site: https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/privacy.html

NOTICE OF RECORDING

Synchronous (live) classes will be delivered in this course through Zoom and/or Teams, video conferencing platforms supported by the University. Steps have been taken by the University to configure these platforms in a secure manner. Classes will be recorded with video and audio (and, in some cases, transcription) and will be made available to students in the course for the duration of the term. The recordings may capture your name, image or voice through the video and audio recordings. By attending these live classes, you are consenting to the collection of this information for the purposes of administering the class and associated coursework. If you are concerned about the collection of your name and other personal information in the class, please contact the course instructor to identify possible alternatives.

To learn more about how your personal information is collected, used and disclosed by Queen’s University, please see the Notice of Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Please note that mobile devices are not recommended for the course as they cause several known issues in onQ.
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STUDENTS STUDYING OR TRAVELLING ABROAD

If you plan to travel, we strongly recommend that you confirm Internet availability in your host country prior to departure. In the past, students in other countries have been blocked from accessing certain websites relevant to their courses, as well as onQ. It is the responsibility of all students to book travel around course work, as we cannot change the format or timing on assessments or assignments as a result of travel plans.

- Windows 8.1 or newer
- OS X 10.13 (High Sierra) or newer
- Dual Core 2 GHz processor
- 4 GB RAM
- Soundcard
- USB headset
- Webcam
- Chrome (preferred - latest version)
- Firefox (latest version)
- Safari is not recommended as it causes several known issues in onQ
- Edge is not recommended as it causes several known issues in onQ
- Wired high speed access: Cable or better
- Wifi is not recommended

Java
- Latest version

Media Player
- HTML5 compatible

Adobe Reader
- Latest Version