

# **COURSE SYLLABUS**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Social psychology is the scientific study of the way people think about, feel, and behave in social situations. It involves understanding behavior as the individual interacts with others in the social environment.

## **COURSE GOALS:**

The primary goal of this course is to introduce you to the theories, research methods, and findings of social psychology. An equally important goal, is to help you understand yourself and your behavior as you interact with others in the social environment. You should be able to apply the lessons of social psychology in your everyday

life. Social psychology is always operating in the real world.

## TEXT USED:

Baron, Robert A., Branscombe, Nyla R. & Byrne, Donn. (2008). Social Psychology (12<sup>th</sup> edition). Boston, MA: Pearson--Allyn & Bacon.

## COURSE GRADING:

Quizzes (12 @ 10 pts.)			120
432-480	A		
Participation	(6 discussion topics @ 20 pts)		
120	384-431	B	
Assignments (6 @ 20 pts.)			120
336-383	C		
Final project			
<u>120</u>	288-335	D	
Total possible points	480		287-below
F			

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

QUIZZES--There will be 12 quizzes to take throughout the semester and they are worth 10 points a piece. All quizzes will be multiple choice and each question will be worth 1 point a piece. Here's how you take your quizzes...

1. Click "Course Documents" in the tool bar on

the left.

2. Take your quiz and send me the results through email. Simply number 1-10 and answer with the correct corresponding letter. **In the "subject" of the email, identify the quiz results you are sending and your course. For example, Chap 1 quiz, Soc Psyc. If you do not properly identify the work you are sending, you will receive a zero. I highly suggest you save a copy of your email. Credit will not be issued without this documentation.**
  
3. I will then post your quiz grade in the gradebook.

PARTICIPATION--This grade will come from your discussion topics. There will be 6 of these throughout the semester and they are worth 20 points a piece. You must answer each assigned topic (with a 3-5 sentence answer). In addition, you must respond (with a 3-5 sentence answer) each time to one other student's answer to the same topic. These discussions are informal and are your opinions. You will receive 10 points for your answer and 10 points for your response to someone else's answer. To participate in the discussion topics, you need to...

1. Click "Discussion Board" in the tool bar on the left.
2. Click on the underlined discussion topic. I will post the discussion topic for the appropriate week.
3. Click "Add New Thread".
4. Fill in forum (discussion) topic in the "Subject" box.
5. Answer/respond to the discussion topic.
6. Click "Submit".
7. Click "OK".

To respond to someone else's answer...

1. Click "Discussion Board" in the tool bar on the left.
2. Click on the underlined discussion topic.
3. Select the student you want to respond to.
4. Click "Reply".
5. Respond

6. Click "Submit".

7. Click "OK".

ASSIGNMENTS--There will be 6 assignments to complete throughout the semester and they are worth 20 points a piece. They must be typed, double-spaced, 12 pitch and  $\frac{1}{2}$  page. These are mini assignments, please do not get lengthy with these. You will send your assignments to me through email. **In the "subject" of the email, identify the assignment you are sending and your course. For example, Chap 3 Assign, Soc Psyc. If you do not properly identify the work you are sending, you will receive a zero. I highly suggest you save a copy of your email. Credit will not be issued without this documentation.** The coursework will then be graded and posted to the gradebook.

FINAL PROJECT--This project will be considered your "final". It is worth 120 points. I will not accept this project until the week it is due on the calendar. You will send your final project through email also. Here's what you need to do for the project...

1. Watch a movie of your choice...rent, theater, etc.
2. Identify 5 social psychology concepts in the movie. The concepts you identify must come from the glossary (pages 459-468) in the back of your

assigned textbook.

3. Write a paper covering these concepts, constructing 5 different paragraphs. Briefly describe in 5-7 sentence paragraphs, the scene and explain how it relates to a particular social psychological concept. For EACH concept, you must- identify the concept in your paragraphs by either **bolding**, **BY PUTTING IT IN ALL CAPS**, or underlining
4. The paper must be typed, double-spaced, 12 pitch, and 1-1 ½ pages in length. No particular style is required, but proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling are expected on your paper.
5. Include a title page with the following:  
Name  
Social Psychology Final Project  
Name of the movie, year the movie was released  
Date

## COURSE CALENDAR

Week	Topic	Course Activity
1/16-1/22/11	Introductions	Email me and share about yourself. Check announcements and with Blackboard. Make personal information when you log into Bl

1/23-1/29/11	Social Psychology	Read chapter 1 Assignment Quiz
1/30-2/5/11	Social Cognition	Read chapter 2 Discussion topic Quiz
2/6-2/12/11	Social Perception	Read chapter 3 Assignment Quiz
2/13-2/19/11	The Self	Read chapter 4 Discussion topic Quiz
2/20-2/26/11		Extra credit—assign be given later in anr
2/27-3/5/11	Attitudes	Read chapter 5 Assignment Quiz
3/6-3/12/11	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination	Read chapter 6 Discussion topic Quiz
3/13-3/19/11	Spring Break	
3/20-3/26/11	Interpersonal Attraction and Close Relationships	Read chapter 7 Assignment Quiz
3/27-4/2/11	Social Influence	Read chapter 8 Discussion topic Quiz
4/3-4/9/11	Prosocial Behavior	Read chapter 9 Assignment Quiz
4/10-4/16/11	Aggression	Read chapter 10 Discussion topic Quiz
4/17-4/23/11	Groups and Individuals	Read chapter 11 Assignment

		Quiz
4/24-4/30-11	Social Psychology	Read chapter 12 Discussion topic Quiz
5/1-5/7/11	Final project	Work on project
5/8-5/14/11	Final exam week	Final project due

## PLEASE READ AND REMEMBER...

2. Make sure you have downloaded the required software for this course.
3. All course activities will be posted and available from 11:00AM Sunday until 11:00 PM Saturday for the appropriate week. Every activity has a due date on which it must be completed. You must follow the calendar and the due date listed. After that date, it will NOT be available. **No late work accepted.** There will be no ongoing prompting from me.
4. Motivation and self-discipline are crucial qualities while taking this course. Your time is your own. However, this is NOT a self-paced course. You will be primarily responsible for your own learning.
5. Not having a working computer is NOT an acceptable reason for not completing course activities on time.



6. **I highly suggest that you keep a copy of all coursework. In the event of any kind of contradiction/problem, I may request you to resubmit emails for documentation.**
7. Check the "Announcements" every time you log into the course.

Anything you type in "Discussion Board" is public-- meaning every student in this class (including myself) will see what you wrote. Please pay attention to the language you use while answering/responding. Also, a sense of humor is great, but please use your good judgment where humor is concerned. While online, I want you to feel free to express your opinion and belief. However, your ideas are expected to be shared in a respectful manner. You don't have to agree with others, but you do have to support other's right to have a different point of view. Disrespect or rudeness will not be accepted. So, be involved--listen to what others have to say, and enjoy the discussion.

3. I encourage you to monitor your own grades in this web course. To check your grades...click "Tools", then click "My Grades".
4. I will not drop students from this course. It is your responsibility to drop from the course if you choose. Simply not completing course activities is

not sufficient. Any student on the roster at the end of the semester will receive a grade. If circumstances arise that an incomplete is requested, Odessa College's policy will be strictly adhered to— "A grade of "Incomplete" may be given only if (1) the student has passed all work completed, and (2) he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of "I" will only be assigned when the conditions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

10. If a student is caught cheating, a zero will be issued the first time. If a second incident occurs, the student will be dropped completely from the course.

5. **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability Services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.
6. Please feel free to call or email me when you have any questions/concerns. Do not hesitate to communicate with me. I'm here to help. I do ask,

however, that you always check your syllabus as your first resource.