

FYSM 1310 E : THE PSYCHOLOGY OF US (VERSUS THEM)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

In this full-year course (i.e., Fall and Winter terms), we embark on a journey to explore the origins of 'Us'—the part of the self that is derived by our membership in social groups (e.g., national, cultural, religious). Hold on tight as we navigate through the dynamic landscape where diverse understandings often collide with 'Them', sparking anger, hate, and conflicts. But fear not, we won't just explore the negative side of the Us vs Them dynamic. We'll also discover ways to advance intergroup harmony through, among other things, inclusive identities, apologies, and discourse.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Course Evaluation of Grade	
First Term	
Thought paper x 2 (15% each)	30%
Data Blitz - Empirical Article Presentations	5%
Class Participation Involvement in class discussions Exercises: 1. Thought Journal 2. Incentive program 5% deducted for every exercise missed or for failing to hand in at least 3 Journal entries a month)	10%
Second Term	

Paired-seminar presentation Instructor evaluation (15%) Peer evaluation (5%)	20%
Thought paper	10%
Final Essay	15%
Class Participation Involvement in class discussions 1% deducted for every peer evaluation not completed	10%

TEXT

No textbook. However, there will be assigned readings that one can download from the Carleton Library.