

## PSYC 5800 U – POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND INTERGROUP RELATIONS

<b>Course</b>	PSYC 5800 U: Political Psychology and Intergroup Relations
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This seminar will provide a broad introduction to theoretical debates and empirical developments in political psychology and intergroup relations. Political psychology is an interdisciplinary academic field dedicated to understanding political attitudes, feelings, and behavior from a psychological perspective. Those who study intergroup relations focus on the psychological processes involved with how social identities that stem from group membership shape how we think, feel, and behave toward people in one's own social group (i.e., the ingroup) and other relevant social groups (i.e., outgroups). The course will focus on the relations between social identity and politics, the origins and motives underlying intragroup and intergroup behaviour, as well as contextual factors including majority vs. minority group members, social status, and threat that shape political attitudes and behaviour. We will also discuss how the social psychology of intergroup relations can work to facilitate political discourse that can improve intergroup relations. Topics will include ideology, partisanship, emotions, power, conflict and reconciliation.

### EVALUATION

Lead weekly discussion(s)	15%
Participation and weekly discussion question	15%
Research pre-registration and presentation workshop x 2	40%
Final Research proposal/term paper	30%

### TEXT

Weekly assigned readings (TBA)