

PSYC 2100 B : INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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Course Delivery	This course is being delivered in person. Exams will be conducted in person.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Welcome to the fascinating world of Social Psychology! In our course, we will be exploring the way people think, feel, and behave (this is psychology) – but specifically, we will examine the way people's thoughts, emotions, and behaviours are influenced by the real or imagined presence of others – the social situation (this is social psychology). We will be addressing questions such as:

How and what do people think about one another?

How, and how much, do people influence one another?

What shapes the way we relate to one another?

The field of Social Psychology is vast, encompassing the study of a wide range of influences on behaviour. This second-year course is designed to explore many of the topics within Social Psychology – in order to give you a solid foundation for upper-year courses as well as get you thinking about thesis projects and a future career working in this area. For those of us who are not continuing in this area, the goal of the course is to help us develop practical and interesting ways of understanding human social behaviour – which at the very least, should give you some wicked insights into your friends, co-workers, significant others, and your children.

EVALUATION

Evaluation Component	Weight
Midterm One	25%
Midterm Two	30%
Final Exam	45%
Total = 100%	

TEXT

Myers, D., Jordan, C., Smith, S., & Twenge, J. (2024). Social Psychology. Ninth Canadian Edition. McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd. ISBN: 9781264841882

You don't need anything other than just the textbook (a printed book, or an eBook – either is fine).

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