

**Social Psychology (PSY4200)**  
**Spring 2008**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-4:45 pm – Psychology 120

**General Information:**

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**Text:**

Kassin, S., Markus, H.R., & Fein, S. (2007). *Social Psychology* (7<sup>th</sup> ed).

**Course Description & Goals**

This course offers a survey of theory and empirical research in social psychology. The main purpose of this course is to introduce you to the field of social psychology. By becoming familiar with a wide variety of findings in social psychology, you will gain tools to analyze experiences in your everyday life using social psychological principles. In lectures, we will review social psychological theory and research. It is my expectation that you have read *before* you come to class. In lab, you will get hands-on experience with social psychological research under the direction of your TA.

**Course Policies**

*Attendance:* Regular class attendance is strongly recommended, but is not mandatory and will not figure directly into your grade. You are responsible for all material from class, as well as the material in your textbook. If you should miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining any information covered. (Get to know a classmate who will share notes with you.) The lab attendance policy will be specified at the first lab meeting.

*Make-up Policy:* There is a strict **NO MAKE-UP** policy on examinations. If any of these are missed, you will receive a zero. Illnesses are the only exception, but only with a note from your physician.

*Academic honesty:* All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

**Course Requirements and Grading:**

Your grade will be based on four examinations, and your grade from lab.

*Examinations:* A total of five exams will be offered covering information presented in class as well as the material from your textbook. There will be four non-comprehensive exams and a final comprehensive exam. Each exam will be comprised of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and short answer/essay. Your final grade will only consist of your four highest exam scores. As such, your final may be optional if you are

pleased with your exam grades throughout the semester. The final exam will only be offered during the time officially scheduled by the university. **You must take four out of the five exams to pass the course.** If you do not take at least 4 exams, you will receive an F. **(4 exams, 800 points total)**

**Lab:** Your lab will give you an opportunity to learn more about social psychological methods and research. You will receive a separate syllabus outlining lab policies and assignments. All questions about lab should be directed to your TA first (you can ask me if you want, but I'm just going to refer you to Steve...so why not just start there ☺). **(200 points total)**

**Grading Scale:** The grading scale for the course is as follows. Your final course grade will be based on a total of 1000 points.

A	=	94-100%	C+	=	77-79%
A-	=	90-93%	C	=	74-76%
B+	=	87-89%	C-	=	70-73%
B	=	84-86%	D	=	60-69%
B-	=	80-83%	F	=	59% and below

**Important Dates:**

Drop/Add ends – Thursday January 10, 2008  
No Class – Thursday February 7, 2008 (SPSP in Albuquerque, NM)  
Midpoint Withdrawal Deadline – Tuesday March 4, 2008  
Spring Break – March 10-14, 2008  
Classes End – Monday April 28, 2008

**General Topics and Approximate Order:** (textbook chapter)

Introduction to Social Psychology (1-2)  
The Self (3)  
**Exam 1 – Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Perceiving Persons (4)  
Stereotypes and Discrimination (5)  
**Exam 2 – Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Attitudes (6)  
Conformity (7)  
Group Processes (8)  
**Exam 3 – Tuesday Mar 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Attraction and Close Relationships (9)  
Helping Others (10)  
Aggression (11)  
**Exam 4 – Apr 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Applying Social Psychology  
**Cumulative Final Exam – Tuesday May 6, 2008**  
**3:30 – 6:30 pm**

*\*\*Please note: The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the course by the instructor may be necessary.\*\**