Psychology 2500
Advanced Social Psychology

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Tuesdays 1:30-3:45p
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Course Requirements

Each assignment counts for 25% of the course grade:

1. A mid-semester take-home essay exam will be distributed Oct. 18 and due Oct. 25 at 5 PM (as a single Word file with all answers attached to an email to both instructors). You will be asked to answer 4 of 6 questions, limiting your answers to 2 double-spaced pages for each.

2. A take-home essay final exam in the same format will be distributed electronically Dec. 6 and will be due electronically by 5 PM on Dec. 13.

3. For each class session, there are main readings for the class as a whole. Your assignment is to do the main readings and then turn in comments on them by the day on which the topic is covered. The comments (1 page maximum, emailed as a Word file to both instructors by class time) should prepare you for class discussion, and should go beyond summarizing the reading to convey your own response. This response can be selective and could include, for instance, the most interesting idea you read or had about the topic, an example of something you have experienced that is relevant to the topic, an idea for a study, or an observation of how the readings interrelate. Participation in class discussion is also part of this assignment. You may take two “get out of comments free” days without penalty.

4. In addition, beginning Sept. 20, on each of 2-4 occasions (to be determined by class size) you will select one of the presentation readings to deliver to the class. You should prepare a one-page paper summarizing that reading for the class, and give a short presentation in class to overview the reading and relate it to the main readings.

Outline and Readings

September 6  Organizational Meeting

September 13  The Classic Experiments  (sign up for presentation dates)

Main Readings


**Background**


**September 20 Social Psychological Methods**

**Main Reading**


**Presentations**


**Background**


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**September 27**

**Emotions**

**Main Readings**


**Presentations**


**Background**


**October 4**  
**Self-Understanding**

*Main Readings*


*Presentations*


*Background*


October 11     Automaticity and Control

Main Readings


Presentations


Background


October 18  Social Neuroscience  (mid-semester exam distributed)

Main readings

Presentations

Background

October 25  Mid-Semester Exam Due  (no class meeting)

November 1  Mind Perception and Attribution
**Main Readings**


**Presentations**


**Background**


**November 8 Social Cognition and Stereotyping**

**Main Readings**


**Presentations**


**Background**


**November 15 Social Evolution**

**Main Readings**


**Presentations**


**Background**


**November 22 Morality**

**Main Readings**


Presentations


Background


November 29  Relationships and Cooperation

Main Readings


Presentations


Background


**December 6** (Final Exam Distributed)

**December 13** Final Exam Due