

**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 200.133**  
**MWF: 11:00 - 11:50 am**  
**Hodson 110**

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Textbook: Aronson, E. (2008). The Social Animal. Worth: New York

**Introduction:** The course is designed as an introductory study of basic issues in social psychology, ranging from experimental design to interpersonal relationships; from attribution theory to aggression. As an introductory course, the primary goal is to impart knowledge of the fundamentals within the science that is social psychology - while at the same time sparking interest in the field. It is my responsibility to lecture, lead discussions, and make sure that you walk away from the course with a basic knowledge of social psychology. It is your responsibility to make my (and thus your) life easier by completing readings on time, attending classes, and participating in discussions.

**Requirements:** There will be four exams - three during the course of the semester, and a cumulative final. All four will include multiple choice, identify, and essay items. There will also be a short paper (3-4 pages) concerning a social psychology topic (yet to be announced). Class attendance is not required but is strongly recommended - while the book is good in some areas it is not in others. Therefore exams are based not only on the book but on what is discussed in class as well. If you do not attend it should affect how you do.

<b>Grading:</b>	Exams - 100 pts	A 465 +	B+ 435-449	C+ 385-399
	Paper - 100 pts	A- 450-464	B 415-434	C 365-384
	Final - 100 pts		B- 400-414	C- 350-364
			D+ 335-349	F < 300
	<b>Total - 500 pts</b>		D 315-334	
			D- 300-314	

**Assorted Policies:**

- Attendance is mandatory for all exams. No makeup exams will be given unless an emergency arises. If one does, please try to contact me before the exam and explain the situation. Makeup exams will be all essay question in nature, and scheduled at my convenience.

- No extensions will be given for the paper assignment except in cases of emergency. Late papers will be penalized 10 pts per day.

**Extra Credit:** It will be possible to earn extra credit for participating in psychology experiments during the term. You can earn one research credit for each unit of research participation you

complete, up to four credits maximum. (A credit of research participation usually requires about 30-60 minutes of your time.) The sliding scale for total points in the class are 1 credit = 1 point, 2 credits = 3 points, 3 credits = 6 points, and 4 credits = the movement up 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a grade (e.g.: B to B+). Go to the website listed below and click on “read me” for details about how to sign up for experiments. Students not wanting to participate in research may complete an alternative writing assignment (details to follow). The URL for the website is: [www.experimetrix.com/jhu](http://www.experimetrix.com/jhu)

**Course Schedule: \*\*\*\* = Paper due during class.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jan 28 (M)	Introduction to course and discipline: What exactly is social psychology and why are we studying it?	-----
Jan 30 (W)	Theoretical Approaches to Social Psychology	Chapter 1
Feb 1 (F)	Social Psychology Research	Chapter 9
Feb 4 (M)		
Feb 6 (W)		
Feb 8 (F)	Social Cognition	Chapter 4
Feb 11 (M)		
Feb 13 (W)	Social Cognition Errors	
Feb 15 (F)	Attribution	
Feb 18 (M)		
Feb 20 (W)	The Self	
Feb 22 (F)	Review for Exam I	
Feb 25 (M)	<b>EXAM I</b>	
Feb 27 (W)	Attitudes: structure & measurement	Chapter 3
Feb 29 (F)	Attitudes and Behavior & Attitude Change	Chapter 3
Mar 3 (M)	Attitude Change	Chapter 5
Mar 5 (W)	<b>No Class: Jury Duty</b>	
**** Mar 7 (F)	Social Power & Influence	Chapter 2
Mar 10 (M)	Social Power & Influence	Chapter 2

Mar 12 (W)

Mar 14 (F) Intragroup Behavior

Mar 17-21 **No Class Spring Break**

Mar 24 (M) Intragroup Behavior Chapter 2

Mar 26 (W) **EXAM II**

Mar 28 (F) Social Dilemmas

Mar 31 (M) Mob Behavior

Apr 2 (W) Intergroup Behavior

Apr 4 (F) Stereotyping and Racism

Apr 7 (M) Interpersonal Attraction Chapter 8

Apr 9 (W) Interpersonal Attraction

Apr 11 (F) Close Relationships

Apr 14 (M) Close Relationships

Apr 16 (W) Theories of Love

Apr 18 (F) **EXAM III**

Apr 21 (M) Aggression Chapter 6

Apr 23 (W) Helping Behavior Chapter 2

Apr 25 (F)

Apr 28 (M) Social Psychology and the Law

Apr 30 (W) Social Aspects of Health

May 2 (F) Review and Evaluations

**Final:** May 14 (W) 2:00 – 5:00 pm