



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

PS908 Social Psychology

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Term:	May 27-June 27, 2019	Credits:	4 units
Classroom:	TBD	Teaching Assistant(s):	TBD
Class Hours:	Monday through Thursday, 120 mins per teaching day		
Discussion Sessions:	2 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours:	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts (with ISBN):	Branscombe, N. R. & Baron, R.A. (2016). <i>Social Psychology (14th ed.)</i> . Publisher: Pearson. ISBN: 978-0134410968		
Prerequisite:	None		



Course Overview

The goal of this course is to help you develop an understanding of your social world (including yourself and others). This includes how social context (i.e., other individuals, groups, and cultural contexts) can shape your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, but also how your thoughts, feelings and behaviors shape your social context and your own perceptions of your social world (e.g., cultural awareness).

Course Goals

After completing this course, you will:

- Be familiar with classic and contemporary issues in social psychology.
- Understand the major theories driving social psychological research.
- Appreciate the methodological strategies common to social psychology
- Understand how social psychological methods and theories answer questions across the fields of psychology and in the real world
- Have honed your critical thinking skills regarding research, methods, and social problems.

Grading Policy

Students will take three exams (2 midterms and a final).

Students will also write two short (2-pages, double-spaced, 12-point font) papers applying principles learned in the course to real life events. Topics will be assigned one week before the papers are due.

Exams: 3 (2 midterms and a final) @ 25 points each	75%
Reflection papers: 2 @ 12.5 points each	25%

The grading scale is as follows:

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2
62-64	C-	1.7



60-61	D	1
≤ 59	F (Failure)	0

No plagiarism or cheating will be tolerated. This means among other things that you will not submit someone else's work as your own, copy someone else's work, or cheat in any other way. When you draw on others' work, you must cite that work properly.



Class Schedule (Subject to Change)

Day	Topic	Chapter
Day 1	Introduction and Course Overview	1
Day 2	Social Psychology Theory and Methods	
Day 3	Social Cognition	2
Day 4	Social Perception	3
Day 5	The Self (Part I)	4
Day 6	The Self (Part II)	
Day 7	First Midterm Exam	
Day 8	Attitudes	5 First paper due
Day 9	Stereotyping and Prejudice	6
Day 10	Attraction and Close Relationships (Part I)	7
Day 11	Attraction and Close Relationships (Part II)	
Day 12	Social Influence	8
Day 13	Second Midterm Exam	
Day 14	Prosocial Behavior (Part I)	9
Day 15	Prosocial Behavior (Part II)	
Day 16	Aggression	10 Second paper due
Day 17	Groups and Individuals	11
Day 18	Dealing with Adversity/Achieving Happiness	12
Day 19	Course Review	
Day 20	Final Exam	