

## **PSY 317: Social Psychology Summer 2014 Syllabus**

**Monday-Thursday 12:30-2:30pm  
Science Hall 283**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Ways in which people are influenced by the behavior of others are analyzed. Includes aggression, altruism, conformity, attraction, sexual behavior, prejudice, and nonverbal behavior.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students who participate in this course will

- Demonstrate an understanding of psychological theories and concepts
- Use psychological principles to explain and predict thoughts and behavior
- Apply the concepts from psychology to their own lives and experience
- Practice critical thinking skills

### **TEXTBOOK:**

Kenrick, D.T., Neuberg, S.L., & Cialdini, R.B. (2008). *Social psychology: Goals in interaction* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon.

This text is required for the course as lectures and tests will be developed from it. There are two ways of accessing this text: Hardback (from campus bookstore or online retailer) or online access (from [www.mypsychlab.com](http://www.mypsychlab.com))

### **ADDITIONAL READINGS:**

Throughout the semester, you may be assigned additional reading material, such as journal articles. Any additional readings will be posted on Canvas.

### **COURSE CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Canvas:** Canvas will be used regularly throughout this course. Students will be responsible for regularly checking Canvas for announcements regarding the class. Canvas can be accessed through [www.my.nmsu.edu](http://www.my.nmsu.edu) or through mobile applications from Instructure:

Website: [www.learn.nmsu.edu](http://www.learn.nmsu.edu)

Mobile: Android – <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instructure.candroid>  
iOS – <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/canvas-for-ios/id480883488?mt=8>

**NMSU Email:** All official correspondence will be addressed to your .nmsu email address. Students will be responsible for any information sent to their email, so I would recommend checking it regularly. Additionally, all emails from you should be sent to my NMSU email ([mbp03c@nmsu.edu](mailto:mbp03c@nmsu.edu)).

## GRADING:

<u>Assignment</u>		<u>Grade %</u>
8 writing assignments (2 lowest grades dropped)		40%
4 exams		40% (10% each)
1 final exam		20%

### Grading Scale

A+	97-100	A	93-96	A-	90-92
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72
D+	67-69	D	63-66	D-	60-62
F	59-				

**Writing Assignments:** Writing assignments will be assigned throughout the course. Typically, these assignments will be assigned on a Thursday and due the following Thursday. The purpose of these writing assignments is to develop arguments and provide support in an academic fashion. Students will receive feedback, as well as a grade, for each assignment submitted. Taking note of, and applying, feedback to future assignments will increase your writing assignment grades over the course. Additionally, to encourage utilizing the university's writing center, 5 points will be added to each assignment if a writing center receipt is turned in on the day the assignment is due. You may visit the Writing Center's website, <http://english.nmsu.edu/resources/writingcenter/>, for information on how to schedule an appointment.

The requirements for these assignments are as follows:

- 1) The writing assignment must be electronically submitted through Canvas **BEFORE** class begins on the day it is due. **NO PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OTHERWISE.** If you miss a writing assignment, it can take the place of one of your two dropped papers.
- 2) Papers will follow the format of the template posted into Canvas. That is:
  - a. No title page. Name, date and writing assignment number will go in the header.
  - b. 2.0 line spacing.
  - c. Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.
- 3) No less than one and no more than two pages.
- 4) Two outside, peer reviewed sources. Sources should be cited in text and following the paper according to APA guidelines.

**Exams:** Exams will consist of multiple choice questions from textbook chapters, assigned readings, and class lectures prior to the exam. These exams WILL NOT be comprehensive. That is, the material covered for the first exam will not be tested on the second exam. Be sure to come to class on time on test days. Once the first exam is completed and turned in, no more tests will be handed out. That is, if you do not arrive by the time the first student turns in his or her test, you will not be allowed to take the exam and will receive a zero.

**Final Exam:** The final exam will consist of multiple choice questions covering all material from the course. This includes, but may not be limited to, textbook chapters, assigned readings, and class lectures.

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit will be offered the last week of the semester. An assignment will open during the last week of the course for you to upload the submission. Up to 5 points total, added onto your final grade, can be gained for receiving maximum points for each submission.

For instance, a 1 page paper addressing prejudice in the Star Trek Original Series episode “Let That Be Your Last Battlefield” may earn up to 1 point. A 2 page paper on social status as it relates to American Psycho may earn up to 2 points. Any combination of papers may be turned in, up to 5 pages. That is, Five 1 page papers, one 5 page paper, or any combination in-between may be submitted.

The formatting for the extra credit papers will be the same as the writing assignments with the following information included:

- 1) Name of show/movie and episode
- 2) Where media was accessed (Netflix, Amazon Prime, DVD, other...)

## **COURSE ENHANCEMENTS:**

### **Socrative: psy317nmsu**

Socrative is instant polling software that will be used occasionally to gauge the class's understanding of concepts. Students may be asked to respond to multiple choice, short answer, or true/false questions, all of which are submitted **anonymously**. Once initiated by the instructor, students will enter room number **psy317nmsu** and answer questions as presented. Obtaining this software and participating in these surveys is not required, however, it will help me understand which concepts are, or are not, being communicated clearly. If you do not have access to a device with which you can access Socrative, a pen and paper will work just as well. There are a number ways to access Socrative software:

Website: [www.m.socrative.com](http://www.m.socrative.com)

Mobile: Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.socrative.student&hl=en>

iOS - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/student-clicker-socrative/id477618130>

Writing Assignments					
Week	Date	Chapter	DOW	Due (12:30PM)	Assigned (2:30pm)
1	22-May	Ch1,3	Thu		WA1
2	26-May	No Class	Mon	WA1	WA2
	27-May	Ch2	Tue		
	28-May	Ch4	Wed		
	29-May	Test 1	Thu	WA2	WA3
3	2-Jun	Ch5	Mon	WA3	WA4
	3-Jun	Ch6	Tue		
	4-Jun	Ch7	Wed		
	5-Jun	Test 2	Thu	WA4	WA5
4	9-Jun	Ch8	Mon	WA5	WA6
	10-Jun	Ch8	Tue		
	11-Jun	Ch9	Wed		
	12-Jun	Test 3	Thu	WA6	WA7
5	16-Jun	Ch10	Mon	WA7	WA8
	17-Jun	Ch11	Tue		
	18-Jun	Ch12	Wed		
	19-Jun	Test 4	Thu	WA8	
6	23-Jun	TBA	Mon		
	24-Jun	TBA	Tue		
	25-Jun	TBA	Wed		
	26-Jun	Final Exam	Thu		

Media  
Paper  
Extra Credit

## GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES

**Disability:** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) covers issues relating to disability and accommodations. If a student has questions or needs an accommodation in the classroom (all medical information is treated confidentially), contact:

Trudy Luken, Director  
Student Accessibility Services (SAS)  
Corbett Center 244  
**Phone:** (575) 646-6840  
**E-mail:** [sas@nmsu.edu](mailto:sas@nmsu.edu)  
**Website:** [www.nmsu.edu/~ssd/](http://www.nmsu.edu/~ssd/)

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Gerard Nevarez, Executive Director or Agustin Diaz, Associate Director  
Office of Institutional Equity (OIE)  
O'Loughlin House  
**Phone:** (575) 646-3635  
**E-mail:** [equity@nmsu.edu](mailto:equity@nmsu.edu)  
**Website:** <http://www.nmsu.edu/~eeo/>

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