



## Hunan University PSY 310: Social Psychology

**Professor:** To be announced  
**Total contact hours:** 54 hours  
**Credit:** 4

### ***Course Description***

In this class we will explore several major and overlapping areas of social psychology. Social psychology is the scientific study of how people's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by the actual, imagined, or implied presence of others. In this course, we will deal with the research, theory, and methodology of social psychology as well as classic and contemporary approaches. This course puts emphasis on the social relations, behaviors and connections to the related fields of psychology. Besides that, the course will primarily be based on discussion, although you can sometimes get further information about research findings whenever you want.

### ***Required Material***

Textbook: *Advanced social psychology: The state of science*  
Editor: Roy F. Baumeister and Eli J. Finkel  
Publisher: Oxford University Press, New York  
Publication Date: 2010

### ***Grading***

- Discussion 10%
- Report 10%
- Research Proposal 10%
- Midterm Exam 20%
- Proposal Presentation 10%
- Final Exam 40%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	



## ***Course Schedule***

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 hours and 15 minutes in length.  
Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction of the course and textbook

Chapter 1: Social Psychologists and Thinking about People

Class 2:

Chapter 2: How We Got Here from There: A Brief History of Social Psychology

Class 3:

Chapter 3: Social Cognition

Class 4:

Chapter 4: Social Psychology of Emotion

Class 5:

Chapter 5: The Self

Discussion

Class 6:

Chapter 6 Attitude Structure

Class 7:

Chapter 7 Attitude Change

Research Proposal

Class 8:

Chapter 8: Prosocial Behavior

Class 9:

Chapter 9: Aggression

Class 10:

Chapter 10: Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Discrimination

Class 11:

Chapter 11: Social Influence

Report

Class 12:



Chapter 12: Attraction and Rejection

Class 13:

Chapter 13: Intimate Relationships

Class 14:

Review and Midterm

Class 15:

Chapter 14: Group Process

Class 16:

Chapter 15: Intergroup Relations

Class 17:

Chapter 16: Social Neuroscience

Class 18:

Chapter 17: Evolutionary Social Psychology

Class 19:

Chapter 18: Cultural Psychology

Class 20:

Chapter 19: Health Psychology

Class 21:

Chapter 20: Judgment and Decision Making

Class 22:

Chapter 21: Personality

Class 23:

Proposal Presentation

Overall review

Class 24:

Final Exam

***Attending Policy***

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving



late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

### ***Policy on “Late Withdrawals”***

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

### ***Academic Honesty***

Hunan University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

### ***General Expectations:***

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

### ***Special Needs or Assistance***

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.