

**McDaniel College Budapest**  
**Social Psychology**  
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**Professor Information**

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**Course Meeting Times:**

MW 4-5:30

**Course Overview**

This course will explore the history and main theories of Social Psychology, a discipline concerned with how the perceived or real behaviours and mental process of one person or group affect the behaviours and mental process of another group..

**Student Learning Outcomes**

- develop a foundation knowledge of the basic debates and theories in Social Psychology
- develop critical thinking concerning research methods and their shortcomings
- develop competency reading, evaluating, and discussing primary literature in Social Psych.
- develop a sensitivity for the relevance and imperatives of ethics in conducting research

**Course–Specific Learning Objectives**

- a) understand how people are influenced by their surroundings
- b) become aware of automatic and deliberate modes of social thinking
- c) gain insight into social theories that explain group dynamics

**Course Readings**

Text book: **Social Psychology and Human Nature** by  
Roy F. Baumeister and Brad J. Bushman,  
Thomson & Wadsworth

Additional: For certain weeks, there will be some additional articles for you to read in preparation for class discussion. I will make these articles available to you beforehand through email.

**COURSE GRADING**

Class participation – 10%  
Ten best out of 12 quizzes - 25 %  
Midterm test – 20 %  
Final test – 30 %  
Oral presentation – 8 %

Final project – 7 %

### DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

**Exams:** The format of exams will include multiple choice questions as well as short answer questions.

**Participation:** This course is formatted as a lecture, with integrated student discussion. You are encouraged to ask questions. You should take good notes as most lectures begin with a quiz of the material covered in the past session.

### COURSE POLICIES

**Honor code:** As a member of the McDaniel College community, you are expected to abide by the Honor Code on all of your assignments. All work should be submitted with the signed honor pledge, *“I have neither given or received unauthorized aid on this piece of work, nor have I knowingly tolerated any violation of the Honor Code.”* We will discuss exactly what constitute plagiarism later in the semester.

### COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS & ASSIGNMENT

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1) Introduction to Social Psychology – the importance of Society, the importance of situation, Social Attribution, autism	Chapter 1
History and Methodology of Social Psychology. Mirror neurons and the social brain. Evolution and the expression of emotions.	Chapter 2
2) Self, self-perception, self-concept, self- esteem, self-presentation	Chapter 3
3) Social Cognition, automatic and deliberate thinking, heuristics	Chapter 5
4) Attitudes, Beliefs, Consistency	Chapter 7
5) Social Influence and Persuasion	Chapter 8
<b>EXAM 1</b> ( <i>Through social cognition</i> )	
6) Prosocial behaviour vs Agression, <i>“Being Sane in Insane Places”</i> ,	Ch. 9 and Ch. 10
7) Attraction and Exclusion	Chapter 11
8) Passion, Intimacy, Sexuality	Chapter 12

9) Prejudice and intergroup relations

Chapter 13

10) Group, de-individuation, group think, polarization, leadership

Chapter 14