

ADVANCED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

3 Hours of Academic Credit
 AB4 313 T/Th 2:00 - 3:30

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TEXT: Baumeister, R. F., & Bushman, B. J. (2008). *Social psychology & human nature*. Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth. ISBN: 978-0-534-63832-0.

The course will undertake a critical analysis of human social behavior from the perspective of social psychological theory and research..

COURSE OUTLINE:

<u>TOPICS</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Exams</u>
Introduction	1	
Culture and Nature	2	
The Self	3	
Social Cognition	5	1 (Sept 30)
Behavior Control	4	
Attitudes, Belief, and Consistency	7	
Prejudice	12	
Social Influence and Persuasion	13	2 (Nov 4)
Aggression	9	
Attraction and Exclusion	10	
Close Relationships	11	
Groups	14	3 (Dec 18)

These readings will be supplemented by assignments of original sources described on additional pages.

Class Policies

Class attendance is not required, but I hope you'll find it foolish to miss class, as interesting, testworthy things that are not in the book will come up in every meeting. Grades will be based on three essay exams and, in borderline cases, on class participation.

The Small Print:

SHSU proudly adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may adversely affect your work in this class, I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. Your disclosure of any disability will be kept strictly confidential, of course; however, no accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.

The University Code of Student Conduct and Discipline, Section 5.3, states that you are expected "to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity both in and out" of the classroom. Disciplinary action that will involve failure of, and expulsion from, our course will be initiated against any student accused of any form of academic dishonesty.

If you miss an exam in order to observe a religious holy day, I will happily provide you the exam on the following Monday at 4:45. However, University policy requires you to notify me in writing of your wish to be absent due to religious holy days.

Please plan ahead, and, for more info on this and the other policies mentioned above, feel free to check out our official University guidelines at www.shsu.edu/syllabus.

Decorum-wise: Please manage your cell phone with grace and consideration for the rest of us.

You'll be asked to provide a formal evaluation of me and my course near the end of the semester.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1) You'll become familiar with scientific approaches to, and the major social psychological theories explaining, social behavior.
- 2) You'll understand the extent to which social behavior is shaped by both personal and situational influences.
- 3) You'll be introduced to each of the major areas of investigation in social psychology.

Initial Readings

this list is forthcoming