Laboratory in Social Behavior and Interpersonal Processes:
Psychology 257 Syllabus (Winter 2014)

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Updated syllabus and other course materials available on Moodle

Organization and Requirements:
Psychology 257 is intended to introduce you to general issues in research in social psychology and to selected examples of the phenomena social psychologists study, the research questions they pose, and the research methods they employ. Its means is to give you hands-on experience designing, executing, and reporting experimental studies in social psychology. The list of topics and readings below indicates what in social psychology we will be exploring. The requirements for this two-credit course include the following: attendance at laboratory sessions, completion of assigned readings in a timely manner, participation as researchers in the design and execution of course projects, submission of two (short) research reports, and construction of one (informative and engaging) research poster.

Course Topic and Reading Schedule:

- T 1/7 or Th 1/9. Research, design, and ethical issues in social psychology.

- T 1/14 or Th 1/16. Studying social influence laboratory.

- T 1/21 or Th 1/23. Social influence laboratory design and preparation of materials; Writing a research report.

- T 1/28 or Th 1/30. Social influence project data analysis and paper preparation.

- T 2/4 or Th 2/6. Studying helping behavior.


- T 2/18 or Th 2/20. Studying attraction and social relationships.

- T 2/25 or Th 2/27. Studying social loafing and social exclusion.


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