Intermediate Social Psychology II
(FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS)

This is an intensive lecture and discussion course surveying social psychology with an emphasis on the interrelations of individuals, groups and society. It is intended for graduate students with some background in social psychology who desire a more in-depth exposure to the major issues in the field.

The topics to be covered include: social structure and personality, including roles, gender roles, occupational roles, social networks, and alienation; small groups, including interdependence, cohesion, influence, and performance; collective behavior, social movements; and cross-cultural social psychology. Throughout the course, the emphasis is on processes of social interaction.

I have assigned several hours of reading per week. Lectures and discussions will be based on the assumption that the required readings have been done first. Where possible, readings within each subsection should be read in the order listed in the syllabus. Additional readings are recommended for delving deeper into a topic and preparing for prelims. All required readings are on electronic reserve except the readings in the required book. Readings can be accessed on line or through the Social Science Reference room, 8432 Sewell Social Science.

Class time will be about equally divided between lecture and discussion. Each student will be asked to submit questions based on assigned readings. These questions will provide a starting point for the weekly discussions.

Enough copies of the following books have been ordered so that each person in the class can purchase one. It is strongly recommended that you do so, or that you arrange to buy it jointly with one other person.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

RECOMMENDED BOOK:
READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week of January 25: History, paradigms

Required:


Recommended:


SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND PERSONALITY
The Question of Fit, or Where'd you learn that?

Week of February 1: Roles

Required:


Recommended:

Week of February 8: Gender Roles

Required:


Recommended:

Week of February 15: Occupational roles

Required:


Recommended:


Week of February 22: Balancing Work and Family

Required:


**Recommended:**

SOCIAL INTERACTION
or, I get high with a little help from my friends.

Week of March 1: Interaction: Interdependence, Exchange, and Equity

Required:


Recommended:


Week of March 8: Relationships, Social Networks, and Social Support

Required:


Recommended:

Week of March 15: Alienation and Distress

Required:


Recommended:


Week of March 22: Overview

Required:


Continuing Week of March 22: Group Structure and Group Cohesion

Required:


**Recommended:**


**Week of March 29: Spring Recess**

**Week of April 5: Norms, Influence, Group Decision Making**

**Required:**


**Week of April 12: Group Performance, Productivity**

**Required:**


**INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETAL CONTEXT**

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happenin'

**Week of April 19: Collective Behavior**

**Required:**


Tierney, Kathleen. (2007). From the margins to the mainstream? Disaster research at the


**Recommended:**


**Week of April 26: Social Movements**

**Required:**


**Recommended:**


**Week of May 3: Cross-Cultural Social Psychology**

**Required:**


**Recommended:**

As noted at the outset, this course is focused on the interrelations between the person and group/social phenomena and processes. This course has not touched on those areas of social psychology which emphasize the individual. Thus, the following topics have been omitted:

- Social constructionism
- History, biology, and culture
- Social perception and cognition
- Psychology and social influence
- Socialization
- Deviance
- Symbolic interactionism
- Intergroup conflict: Race and ethnic relations
- Gender
- Methodological issues: Surveys, experiments
- Emotions and affect
- Interaction order
- Conversation analysis
- Ethnomethodology

These topics are covered in Sociology 730 (Intermediate Social Psychology I). A reading list for that course may be obtained from Doug Maynard, 8101 Social Science.