Course Requirements

Each assignment counts 25% of the course grade:

1. A mid-semester take-home essay exam will be distributed Oct. 19 and due Oct. 26. You will be asked to answer 4 of 6 questions, limiting your answers to 2 double-spaced pages for each.

2. A take-home essay final exam in the same format will be distributed Dec. 2 and will be due at 5:00 PM on Dec. 9, to be submitted electronically.

3. For each class session, there are main readings for the class as a whole. Your assignment is to do the main readings and then turn in comments on them by the day on which the topic is covered. The comments (1 page maximum) should prepare you for class discussion, and should go beyond summarizing the reading to convey your own response. This response can be selective and could include, for instance, the most interesting idea you read or had about the topic, an example of something you have experienced that is relevant to the topic, an idea for a study, or an observation of how the readings interrelate. Participation in class discussion is also part of this assignment. You may take 2 “get out of comments free” days without penalty.

4. In addition, beginning Sept. 21, on each of 2-4 occasions (to be determined by class size) you will select one of the presentation readings to deliver to the class. You should prepare a one-page paper summarizing that reading for the class, and give a short presentation in class to overview the reading and relate it to the main readings.

Outline and Readings

Sept. 7  Organizational Meeting

Sept. 14  The Classic Experiments  (sign up for presentation dates)

Main Readings:


Background:


**Sept. 21 Social Psychological Methods**

Main Readings:


Presentations:


Background:


Sept. 28  Emotions

Main Readings:


Presentations:


Background:


Oct. 5  Self-Understanding

Main Readings:


Presentations:


Background:


**Oct. 12  Consciousness, Automaticity, and Priming**

Main Readings:


Presentations:


Background:


**Oct. 19 Social Neuroscience**  (mid-semester exam distributed)

Main readings:


http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQjgsQ5G8ug

Presentations:


**Background:**


**Oct. 26  Mid-Semester Exam Due**

**Nov. 2  Mind Perception**

**Main Readings:**


**Presentations:**


**Background:**


**Nov. 9 Social Cognition and Stereotyping**

**Main Readings:**


**Presentations:**


Background:


Nov. 16  Social Evolution

Main Readings:


Presentations:


Background:


**Nov. 23  Morality**

**Main Readings:**


**Presentations:**


**Background:**

Nov. 30  Relationships and Cooperation

Main Readings:


Presentations:


Background:


Dec. 2  Concluding Discussion  (Final Exam Distributed)

Dec. 9  Final Exam Due