



PSYU2234

Social and Personality Psychology

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School of Psychological Sciences

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Prerequisites

((PSYC104 or PSYU1104 or PSYX104 or PSYX1104) and (PSYC105 or PSYU1105 or PSYX105 or PSYX1105)) OR ((PSYU1101 or PSYX1101) and (PSYU1102 or PSYX1102) and (STAT1103 or STAX1103))

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This is an introduction to theory, research and applications in the scientific study of social and personality psychology. The personality section of the unit provides an in-depth background to the prominent theories of personality and examines recent developments in personality research. The section on social psychology covers foundational scientific research in social psychology, focusing on developments in the three general domains of social thinking, social influence and social relations. The objectives of this unit involve acquiring a basic understanding of the principal theories, key empirical research, and basic issues in the fields of social and personality psychology. Overall, the following specific knowledge and skills are expected to be acquired from this unit:- an understanding of how the scientific approach to personality and social psychology differs from common sense or lay understanding;- an awareness of research methods used in personality and social psychology research; an ability to construct an overall critical evaluation of current scientific knowledge within personality or social psychology;- an understanding of the principal personality theories, research, and the controversies that arise in this field; and- an understanding of the key theories and research in the domains of social cognition, social influence and social relations.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Conduct an analysis of a research topic within personality or social psychology.

ULO2: Demonstrate an understanding of the key theories and research in social and personality psychology.

ULO3: Discuss the concepts attained in the lectures and readings in a small class forum

General Assessment Information

Late submissions will receive a 5% per day penalty including weekends and public holidays, unless an extension has been granted through special consideration. No late submissions will be accepted more than 5 days after the submission deadline, unless special consideration has been granted. No further submissions will be accepted after the marked assignments are returned and feedback is released to students.

All extensions need to be formally requested in line with the special consideration policy.

The final exam for this unit is currently scheduled to occur on Macquarie University campus. Students are expected to make themselves available for the final exam, at the date and time set by the University, in line with the Assessment Policy and Procedure.

Word count penalty: 5% of the possible mark will be deducted per 100 words over the word limit

for the assessment task. An additional 99 words beyond the limit can be written without penalty.

Sitting the final exam is compulsory in order to be eligible to pass the unit. Any student who does not attempt the final exam will be granted a Fail Absent grade.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Class participation	0%	No	Ongoing
Mid-session Examination	30%	No	Week 7
Assignment	20%	No	Week 8
Final Examination	50%	No	University Examination Period

Class participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 0 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **0%**

Tutorial Participation and engagement with activities

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Discuss the concepts attained in the lectures and readings in a small class forum

Mid-session Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **30%**

Online multiple choice mid-session exam, testing unit content.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the key theories and research in social and personality psychology.

Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Qualitative analysis task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **20%**

Four short-answer questions of between 50 and 300 words each, based on a set journal article.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Conduct an analysis of a research topic within personality or social psychology.

Final Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **University Examination Period**

Weighting: **50%**

Final examination held within the University's formal exam period, in accordance with relevant requirements.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the key theories and research in social and personality psychology.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Lectures: Live and recorded

Tutorial Attendance: One 2-hour tutorial per fortnight; tutorial attendance/online participation is compulsory.

Prescribed text: Gilovich et al. (2019). Social Psychology (5th ed.). NY: Norton.

Suggested text: Feist, J., Feist, G., & Roberts, T. (2018). Theories of Personality (9th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill. Note that the 6th edition onwards is also acceptable.

This version of the unit is “In person / online scheduled weekday”. This offering has some online tutorial/practical classes and some on-campus classes, although these options are limited. Online tutorial/practical class options are intended to be reserved for students with genuine need to study online (for example, those who are studying offshore, or those who have other exceptional circumstances that prevent on-campus attendance for the entire semester). The online tutorials should not be attended by students who simply prefer to study online. Class availability can be seen via eStudent class enrolment: the location of the class indicates if it is an online class or an on-campus class. Note that enrolment in online classes does not mean that the entire unit will be taken online. Certain assessment tasks (for example, final exams) can still be scheduled to have compulsory on-campus attendance.

For general information on unit versions, see this website <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/enrolling/choosing-units>

Online class options are intended to be reserved for students with genuine need to study online (for example, those who are studying offshore, or those who have other exceptional circumstances that prevent on-campus attendance for the entire semester). If this applies to you, please send an email request directly to the unit convenor (trevor.case@mq.edu.au).

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Grading

Macquarie University follow standards-based assessment of student performance. All individual assessment tasks are subject to moderation, consistent with the Assessment Policy and Procedure. A student's final mark for this unit, and associated grade, must reflect their attainment of the unit learning outcomes, and isn't necessarily a simple summation of their individual assessment items.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.