

**University of Manitoba**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**Theories in Social Psychology: 77.336 L01**  
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**Textbooks**

Foui, R. (2003). *Sociological Theories in Social Psychology: A 20<sup>th</sup> Century Overview*.  
University of Manitoba: CanCopy

Mead, G. H. (1962). *Mind, Self and Society*. London: University of Chicago Press

**Course Objectives**

This course will offer a review of the development in social psychology within the sociological discipline. The goal is to provide students with the theoretical basis behind which both the perspective and methodology within social psychology has changed during the course of the twentieth century.

## **Grading Scheme**

Three tests will be given throughout the course. They will be composed of a combination of short and long answer questions. Tests will cover lecture material and assigned readings. Each test is worth the following weight: Test #1- 25%, Test #2-25%, Test #3- 20%. Each test will be held in class. Tentative test dates are specified on the outline.

In addition to the three tests, students will contribute to writing one Group essay.

Group Essay: 20%

Group Participation: 10%

Group Work: Group work will be worth 30% of the student's grade. Twenty percent will be for one 12-15 page academic essay and 10% will be based on group participation as judged by the student and the student's group members. Details of the group work will be distributed in class.

## **Policy on Grades and Tests**

The following percentage/letter//GPA/descriptive scale will be used:

90-100	A+	4.5	Exceptional
80-89	A	4.0	Excellent
76-79	B+	3.5	Very Good
70-75	B	3.0	Good
66-69	C+	2.5	Satisfactory
60-65	C	2.0	Adequate
50-59	D	1.0	Marginal
0-49	F	0	Failure

If a test is missed for a health-related reason, the student must get in touch with the professor as soon as possible and present his/her medical certificate in order to arrange a make-up test. Ordinarily, tests must be made-up within one week. Failure to request a make-up test within the expected time frame may result in ineligibility for a make-up test and a mark of zero for the missed test.

The University of Manitoba recognizes the right of all students to observe recognized holidays of their faith, which fall within the academic year. With instructor discretion, necessary arrangements can be made to ensure studies are not jeopardized. The instructor should be notified of a student's intended absence in advance and at least three weeks notice of absence should normally be given where special arrangements are sought.

Students with special learning needs (who for legitimate reasons require extra time to write a test, or who require aids or other supports) should identify themselves to the instructor at the beginning of the term in order to arrange suitable accommodation.

**Note: Make-up tests will follow the same format as regularly scheduled tests.**

### **Student Responsibility and Academic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence, with grave consequences. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Examination: Personations' (p.26) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p.27) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

Last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty is November 16/05.

## Assigned Readings and Requirement Due Dates

- Sept.9      The Two Psychologies  
                 Early Interactionism and Phenomenology  
                 George Herbert Mead  
Test #1      Oct.14
- Oct 17      Symbolic Interactionism: Herbert Blumer and Manford Kuhn  
                 Max Weber  
                 Alfred Schutz  
Test #2      Nov 16  
Nov 11      Select thesis statement
- Nov 18      The Ethnomethodological Challenge  
                 Dramaturgical Theory  
Group Essay Due Date: Nov 25  
Group Discussion of thesis defence: Nov25  
Test #3      Dec 7

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### **Group Work**

#### Group Essay:

In groups of four (identified by a group name), students are required to submit one 12-15 page essay by November 25/05. Two weeks before this date students will be given the choice to select a thesis statement pertaining to the text, *Mind, Self and Society*, by George Herbert Mead and are required to defend it. Students may work on their essay in class on the date immediately preceding the due date. The essay will have a title page, up to 12 pages of text and reference pages. Students are not limited in the number of references used in the essay. The format for referencing is left to the group's discretion, i.e., A.P.A., M.L.A., and Chicago Style. Grading will be based on content, grammar, punctuation, and the use of credible sources of reference. The essay is worth 20% of the student's final grade. Remember, this is a group activity; students within each group will all receive the same grade.

#### Group Participation:

Ten percent of each student's grade will be based on his/her participation within the group. Group members will evaluate each other's and their own contribution toward completing the essay and participating in its defence. This will be done following the completion of the essay and the class discussion of its defence.