

Texas A&M University - Central Texas
PSYC 4305-110 Social Psychology

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Mode of instruction and course access:

This course uses the Classroom Blended Course instructional format. Course materials and information are available at <https://tamuct.instructure.com>. The class will use Webex meetings for synchronous online class meeting nights. Students are encouraged to use Webex Teams to meet for any out-of-class group work since the university's Technology-Enhanced Learning supports that, but you can use Zoom or other formats if those work better for all group members.

Student-instructor interaction:

The class will be held online, and there will be synchronous online class meetings on eight (8) Monday nights from 6:00-8:45 pm. This means that everyone is online for class at the same time through Webex in Canvas, and attendance is taken (done automatically by Webex based on students logging in). See the Course Calendar below for dates of the synchronous class meetings. Synchronous class meetings will include lectures, class discussions, group work, and student presentations. Absences and lack of participation in synchronous online meetings and for discussion forums will have a negative effect on your overall course grade. If you miss or expect to miss a synchronous class meeting for any reason, email me (or ask someone else to) as soon as possible; for an excused absence, I need you to email or bring me documentation of the reason for your absence. You are expected to find out what you missed when you miss class.

For student-instructor emails, be aware that you need to check your **university email** frequently because that is the way I'll email to individual students and occasionally to the class, and that's the way I expect you to email me. Do **NOT email me from your personal email address** since that is not in line with current university policies. Also, do **NOT use Canvas' internal email** message system (i.e., *Ask your Instructor a Question*) to contact me; those messages go directly to a folder that I don't check often, and I will NOT reply to those emails. Instead, email directly to my tamuct.edu email which I check a few times a day; I'll usually email back within 24 hours (or maybe longer over the weekend), unless you ask a question which requires me to research something that may take longer. To contact classmates, use the A&M Central Texas student email addresses given in the Introduction discussion (Discussion forum 1) or you can ask general questions to classmates using the Classmate Questions discussion forum (Discussion 0).

Students are expected to get all coursework completed by the deadlines indicated. **Late work will NOT be accepted, so plan carefully to get all work in on time.** All work **MUST** be submitted through the **relevant assignment links on Canvas; any coursework submitted by email will be deleted UNLESS I have specifically authorized that beforehand; the same is true for any coursework attached to a Submission Comment for an assignment.** Note that **ONLY WORK SUBMITTED NO LATER** than the end of the semester class meeting timeframe

(May 13 at 11:59 pm) will be counted toward your course grade.

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas (SAFEZONE):

SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides A&M Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts. Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app. You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the [SafeZone](http://www.safezoneapp.com) website at www.safezoneapp.com.

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
 - a. **iPhone/iPad:** <https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756>
 - b. **Android Phone /Tablet:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp>
2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g., {name}@tamuct.edu)
3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

COURSE INFORMATION

Course description:

Learn theory and phenomena of social psychology. Study the effect of social variables upon the behavior of individuals. Examine socialization, language and communication, prejudice, social attitudes, attitude change, aggression, prosocial behavior, and group behavior.

Course objectives (aka Student learning outcomes):

- LO 1.** *Demonstrate factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)*
- LO 2.** *Apply course material to improve thinking, problem-solving, and decisions*
- LO 3.** *Practice skills in working with others as a member of a team*
- LO 4.** *Demonstrate skills in expressing oneself in oral presentations and in writing*

Required Reading – Textbook:

Baumeister, Roy F. and Bushman, Brad J. (2021). *Social psychology and human nature* (5th ed.). Cengage. [ISBN: 978-0-357-12291-4]

Recommended Reading:

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). [ISBN: 978-1433832178]

Academic integrity and classroom conduct policy:

A&M Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

More information can be found at <https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>.

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may submit a report at https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0.

Note that in-class group work assignments are specifically designed to allow collaboration with other students. **All other work must be completed individually, without help from anyone except the course instructor.** If you're unsure whether any assignment allows you to work with others, ask the course instructor. For discussion forum posts and for Webex Chat messages, be respectful of ideas and opinions of all class members; inappropriate language and interactions will lead to being blocked for the rest of the semester from the discussions and the loss of related points or to the loss of access to Webex Chat. To get the most out of this class and all your classes, treat them like a job; come to the class meetings prepared, take responsibility for your own work, and respect other class members and your instructor.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Coursework grading: *(with related learning outcomes)*

Quizzes <i>LO1, LO2</i>	(13 @ 3% ea)	39%	(12 pts ea)
Behavioral norms assignment <i>LO2, LO4</i>		10%	(50 pts)
Article review PPT presentation <i>LO1, LO2, LO4</i>		10%	(30 pts)
In-class group work <i>LO1, LO3</i>	(7 @ 2% ea/ 5 @ 3% ea)	29%	(4 pts ea/ 6 pts ea)
Discussion forums <i>LO1, LO4</i>	(3 @ 4% ea)	12%	

Grading scale/Posting of grades: Grades in this course are earned, not given; students earn grades by actively reading course material, by participating in discussion forums and in-class group work, and by applying subject-matter content on discussion forums and all assignments. Grades are determined based on the percentage of points earned on an assignment and the assignment's weight toward the overall course grade. Grades will be posted in Canvas when grading is completed; some work will take longer to grade. Feel free to ask me about any missing grades, but I cannot email specific grade information due to federal privacy rules.

<u>Final Course Grade</u>	<u>University Definition</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	Excellent	90.00+ total points
B	Good	80.00-89.99 points
C	Fair	70.00-79.99 points
D	Poor	60.00-69.99 points
F	Failing	Below 60.00 points

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements: For this course, you need reliable access to a computer and to the Internet. It is recommended that you use a wired (*not wireless*) connection to take quizzes, to access and submit coursework, and for synchronous class meetings; make sure your computer is configured correctly and address issues well in advance of deadlines. Loss of wireless connection or avoidable technology issues while in class or uploading work is not an acceptable reason for absences or late submission of work. **If you use non-Microsoft Office programs for coursework, save your coursework in the comparable Microsoft format for submission through Canvas** (e.g., MS Word or PowerPoint). Also, ALWAYS make sure your submitted coursework has uploaded to Canvas fully and correctly.

This course uses the A&M Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. **The university strongly recommends the latest versions of Firefox or Chrome browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.** Logon to our Canvas system at <https://tamuct.instructure.com> or through MyCT. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT e-mail address **Password:** Your MyCT password

Check the relevant Canvas guide (under the Help link in Canvas) for information about the browsers supported and for computer compatibility in Canvas if you are having issues. If you need more help, the information below lets you know whom to contact.

a) For technology issues, including login problems, students should contact Help Desk Central. HDC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. *When calling for support, make sure to let your support technician know you are an A&M Central Texas student.*

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

Web Chat: <http://hdc.tamu.edu>

b) For anything inside of Canvas (e.g., uploading files, setting up notifications, using the calendar), students should contact Canvas Support, which is available from inside of Canvas by clicking on the Help link on the lefthand menu. Your help options are to select “Chat with Canvas Support,” to submit a support request to “Report a Problem”, or to call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

c) For issues related to specific course content and requirements, contact me by email.

COURSE CALENDAR

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lectures and coursework</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Quiz due dates/ coursework due dates</u>
<u>SCM means a synchronous online class meeting night</u>	<u>Activities during synchronous class meeting</u>	Chapter (Ch) or Application Module (AM)	Coursework is due at 11:59 pm on due dates.
First week of class		Chs 1&2	Discussion Forum 1 due 1/21; Quiz on Ch. 2 due 1/23
SCM on 1/24	Syllabus, Lecture Ch. 2, Group Work 1	Ch 3	Group Work 1 due 1/28; Quiz on Ch. 3 due 1/30
1/31		Ch 5; AM A	Quiz on Ch. 5 due 2/6
SCM on 2/7	Lecture Ch. 3, Group Work 2, Lecture Ch. 5, Group Work 3, Special Topics (S.T.) Lecture	Ch 4	Group Work 2 and 3 due 2/11; Quiz on Ch. 4 due 2/13
2/14		Ch 6; AM B	Quiz on Ch. 6 due 2/20
SCM on 2/21	Lecture Ch. 4, Group Work 4, Lecture Ch. 6, Group Work 5, S.T. Lecture	Ch 7	Group Work 4 and 5 due 2/25; Quiz on Ch. 7 due 2/27
2/28		Ch 8; AM C	Behavioral Norms Assignment due 3/4; Quiz on Ch. 8 due 3/6
SCM on 3/7	Lecture Ch. 7, Group Work 6, Lecture Ch. 8, Group Work 7, S.T. Lecture		Group Work 6 and 7 due 3/11;
3/14 to 3/18	SPRING BREAK		
3/21			Article review PPT due 3/26*
SCM on 3/28	Student Presentations	Ch 9	Quiz on Ch. 9 due 4/3
4/4		Ch 10; AM D	Discussion Forum 2 due 4/8; Quiz on Ch. 10 due 4/10
SCM on 4/11	Lecture Ch. 9, Group Work 8, Lecture Ch. 10, Group Work 9, S.T. Lecture	Ch 11	Group Work 8 and 9 due 4/15; Quiz on Ch. 11 due 4/17
4/18		Ch 12; AM E	Quiz on Ch. 12 due 4/24
SCM on 4/25	Lecture Ch. 11, Group Work 10, Lecture Ch. 12, Group Work 11, S.T. Lecture	Ch 13	Group Work 10 and 11 due 4/29; Quiz on Ch. 13 due 5/1
5/2		Ch 14	Discussion Forum 3 due 5/6; Quiz on Ch. 14 due 5/8
SCM on 5/9	Lecture Ch. 13, Group Work 12, Lecture Ch. 14		Group Work 12 due 5/13

* PPTs must be uploaded to Canvas prior to the day of presentation and are due on a Saturday.

Dates and other policies listed may be changed as needed, usually with class member input, and if changes are made, they will be announced through the Announcements section of Canvas and the online syllabus will be edited to show them. **Students are responsible for being aware of ALL changes made, so make sure your Canvas Notifications are set correctly.**

APA format: Although some students may not be familiar with APA format, it is critical to know for reading and writing in psychology, so I want to help you practice using it. This course requires ALL WORK to meet standards of the 7th edition, published in October 2019 (not the 6th edition); all relevant grading rubrics include an APA format component.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Drop Policy: If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a Drop Request Form through Warrior Web, available at:

<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.aspx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612> .

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar by which the form must be completed. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show up as enrolled, FOLLOW UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you could receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Accommodations: At A&M Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the University's programs, services, and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion by calling (254) 501-5836 or visiting in person at Warrior Hall 212. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such. For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion for Students Canvas Community page (log-in required) at <https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717> or, when logged into Canvas, click on Courses on the blue lefthand menu, then choose Access and Inclusion for Students.

Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students: A&M Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as

early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the Student Affairs webpage at <https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html>. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the relevant government website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>. Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender which includes pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodations to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator; see more information at <https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html>.

Tutoring: Tutoring is available to all A&M Central Texas students, on a remote online basis. Student success coaching is available online upon request. If you are interested in success coaching or in becoming a tutor or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success in Warrior Hall, Room 212F, or email WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu. To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit [Tutor Matching Services](#) or visit the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Room 111.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through the lefthand menu in our Canvas class page.

Online Proctored Testing: A&M Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in. The Proctorio system should not be needed for our class this semester.

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at A&M Central Texas is a free service open to all A&M Central Texas students. For the Spring 2022 semester, the hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday in Warrior Hall 416 (with online tutoring available every hour as well) with satellite hours available online only Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading,

understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WOnline at <https://tamuct.mywconline.com>. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

University Library: The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 400,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 96,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams, or in-person at the library. [Schedule an appointment here](#). Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group workspaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, visit our library webpage at <http://tamuct.libguides.com/index>.

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at A&M Central Texas, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through the Student Counseling Center (254-501-5955) located in Warrior Hall 207L. Note that, as of September 1, 2019, faculty and other university employees other than designated confidential counselors are required to report any instance of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking that they witness or are told about to the university's Title IX office.

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and to tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional

information on campus policy and resources visit the university's Title IX webpage at <https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html> .

Behavioral Intervention: A&M Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals about whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the referral online at https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2 .

Anonymous referrals are accepted. For more information, please see the Behavioral Intervention Team website at <https://www.tamuct.edu/bit>. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or the A&M Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

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Important University Dates are available on the Academic Calendar at the link below (click on the relevant line for 2021 – 2022 Academic Calendar):

<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

Students are encouraged to attend the In-Person Career Fair for the College of Education and Human Development on March 30, 2022, from 10 am to 1 pm. See the Career and Professional Development webpage for more info at <https://www.tamuct.edu/cpd/career-fairs.html>.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about the class or problems with the coursework or course materials, please contact me by email or in person. I'll reply to emails as soon as I can. The only exception to this is if you have technology issues when using Canvas. For those, please let me know what's going on, but ask for help from Help Desk Central or Canvas Support. Contact info for both is given above. You can also discuss issues with and ask question to your classmates in the relevant discussion forum (Discussion Forum 0).