# -Syllabus-

# PSY 444-544 Intergroup Relations

## Semester: 2022-2023 Spring

## Type of Course: PSY

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Class hours: 3 (in class, online, synchronous)\*

Monday 12.40-15.30 FASS 1103

**Course description**

This course provides students with an advanced understanding of intergroup processes and relationships focusing on special topics such as social identities, majority-minority group relationships, prejudice reduction techniques, collective action, and acculturation. Departing from both theoretical and empirical research in social psychology, political psychology, and intergroup processes literatures, the course equips students with extensive knowledge in intergroup relationships and aims to provide students skills and competencies that enable them to critically discuss and generate research ideas in the field of intergroup relationships.

**Grading:**

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| A | 90-100 |
| A- | 85-89.99 |
| B+ | 80-84.99 |
| B | 75-79.99 |
| B- | 70-74.99 |
| C+ | 65-69.99 |
| C | 60-64.99 |
| C- | 55-59.99 |
| D+ | 50-54.99 |
| D | 45-49.99 |
| F | 0-44.99 |

**Grades/Exams**

The breakup of grades is as follows:

Midterm (take-home, essay type) 35%

Final exam (in class, open-ended) 40%

Classroom presentation 25%

**Attendance/Participation**

Attendance and participation to classroom discussions as well as reading papers before class is mandatory.

Consistently attending classes and participating in discussions will be added to your overall grade as bonus points (0 pts for no attendance/participation; 1 pt for 50-60% attendance/participation; 2 pts for 90-100% attendance/participation).

**Course Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Topic** |
| 1 (27th Feb | Introduction: Why studying intergroup relationships? |
| 2 (6th Mar) | Social identity theories I |
| 3 (13th Mar) | Social identity theories II |
| 4 (20th Mar) | Ethnicity and Ethnocentrism |
| 5 (27th Mar) | Ideologies in intergroup relationships |
| 6 (3rd Apr) | Common ingroup identity model |
| 7 (10th Apr) | Diversity studies |
| 8 (17th Apr) | **Midterm** |
| 9 (24th Apr) | Acculturation processes & Minority groups |
| 10 (1st May) | - |
| 11 (8th May) | Collective action and social change |
| 12 (15th May) | Classroom presentation |
| 13 (22nd May) | Classroom presentation |
| 14 (29th May) | Discussion week |

\*\*Readings and materials will be communicated to students on Sucourse.

\*\*\*Lecture slides will be available for students after each lecture. But lectures will not be recorded.

\*\*\*Look for announcement for Midterm and Classroom presentations. Classroom presentation involves a presentation (in groups of two or three, depending on the number of students) on a specific intergroup context from the group processes literature [Choosing a specific minority-majority group relationship and looking at important features of this relationship].

**\*\*\*We may have to revise the course plan according to the reassessment to be made country-wide, regarding higher education, at the beginning of April. The content to be delivered is certain but the method of course delivery, the number and dates of exams, and some other details are subject to change.**