Introduction

The reading list and the examination are organized into two major sections, each of which is further subdivided by categories. The first section contains general readings that cover the history, theoretical methods, and orienting strategies (or theoretical frameworks) that characterize sociological social psychology. The morning portion of the exam requires students to answer two questions covering this general knowledge of the field. In addition to the readings in the first section, some of the theoretical readings in the second section should also be useful in preparing for the morning portion of the exam. The second section of the reading list contains readings representing the three major subfields of contemporary sociological social psychology: group processes and social relationships, social structure and the individual, and intrapersonal processes in social interaction. The afternoon portion of the exam requires students to answer one question from the readings on the group processes subfield and one question from the readings on the other two subfields (social structure and the individual, and intrapersonal processes). For both the morning and afternoon portions of the exam, students will have a choice of two or three questions for each question answered (e.g., answer one of two or three group processes questions in the afternoon portion).

The readings under each subheading of the list are organized in a logical order rather than alphabetically. Many topics begin with a review piece that provides an overview of the area, with the remaining readings listed in chronological or topical order. Reading the pieces in the order listed should provide students with a better understanding of the literature in each area.

Students are responsible for all readings on the list. Two edited volumes, John Delamater’s Handbook of Social Psychology (2003) and Peter Burke’s Contemporary Social Psychological Theories (2006), contain many of the review pieces on the reading list. In addition, a number of the readings are drawn from social psychology courses offered regularly in the program. Students are encouraged to obtain current syllabi for Soc. 530 and 533 from faculty; these syllabi will provide a more comprehensive treatment of the organization of the field, and may point the student to supplemental materials that will aid in interpretation of the readings on this list.
GENERAL READINGS ON THE FIELD OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, INCLUDING
HISTORY, THEORETICAL METHODS, AND ORIENTING STRATEGIES
(Morning Portion of the Exam)

Background and History


Theoretical Methods


Orienting Strategies (also see the theoretical pieces for the afternoon areas)

**Social Exchange**


**Symbolic Interaction**


**Psychological Field Theory**


**THE THREE MAJOR SUBFIELDS OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**  
(Ordered Portion of the Exam)

**Group Processes and Social Relationships**

*Equity and Justice*


**Status Organizing Processes**


**Legitimation Processes**


**Power in Exchange Relations and Networks**


**Affect, Trust, and Commitment in Social Exchange**


**Social Dilemmas and Collective Action**


Social Structure and the Individual

Social Structure and Personality


Socialization and the Life Course

Intrapersonal Processes in Social Interaction

Self and Identity


Cognitive Balance and Consistency


**Attribution Processes**


**Affect Control Theory**


**Identity Theory and Social Identity Theory**


**Affect and Emotion**


