

PSY 257 Tracks and Topics for the Final Project

For the final project and for the upcoming assignments in Module Three and Module Five, you must choose one of two tracks in the study of social psychology. The track you choose determines the studies you will use to review literature, find a research gap, and design a study for your final project.

Do not worry if you are not familiar with the tracks or topics at this point in the course; you will be learning much more about them throughout the term. Choose your track and topic thoughtfully, however, as you will not be able to switch your track and topic once chosen.

Track One of your final project looks at the developmental and mental health disorders that impact social thinking. Track Two examines environmental factors that impact one's social thinking.

Note: In this document, you are provided with three articles for each topic, but you will need to find two additional articles to use for your final project.

Track One: Developmental and Mental Health Disorders That Influence Social Thinking

Track One topics and related articles:

Developmental:

- [Emotion Discourse, Social Cognition, and Social Skills in Children With and Without Developmental Delays](#)
- [Facial Feedback and Social Input: Effects on Laughter and Enjoyment in Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)
- [College Students' Perceptions of Peers With Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

Mental Health:

- [Lessons From Social Psychology on Discrediting Psychiatric Stigma](#)
- ["If Only I Didn't Embarrass Myself in Front of the Class!": Social Anxiety and Upward Counterfactual Thinking](#)
- [Effects of Perinatal Mental Disorders on the Fetus and Child](#)

Track Two: Environmental Factors

Track Two topic and related articles:

Media:

- [Thinking of Others: Effects of Implicit and Explicit Media Cues on Climate of Opinion Perceptions](#)
- [Thinking Through Moving Media](#)
- [Socio-spatial Properties of Online Location-based Social Networks](#)