

Social Psychology 220

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Course Methods and Resources

Online Materials:

MyPsychLab for Social Psychology (access code required) Purchase at bookstore or on-line.

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General Expectations

This course requires that you approach the material in an organized and disciplined manner. You should read three chapters each week and use the online resources that are provided in order to learn and understand the materials. The following resources include content and media related information as well resources that can help enhance your learning and provide opportunities for self-assessment before you take the exams.

Description of Course

This course examines personality, attitudes, motivations, and behavior at both an explicit and implicit level in individuals or groups within a social context. The topics are interesting and of great importance in understanding our behaviors and interactions in our everyday lives.

Course Prerequisites: Psy 110 or equivalent.

Course Objectives:

- a. provide an understanding of everyday social behavior based on the social and behavioral sciences.
- b. clarify the contributions and limitations of the scientific method as applied to social behavior
- c. learn about research methods in social psychology and how to read and interpret a journal article.
- d. encourage the student to develop his own perspective on social behavior, drawing on theory, research, and individual experience
- e. introduce the student to a wide range of applications of social psychology.
- f. learn about the social nature of individuals.
- g. learn about how the individual relates to others and groups, and how the individual is influenced by others and groups.
- h. learn about the individual's thoughts, feelings, attitudes, motives, emotions, and behaviors affect other people and how other people affect them.
- i. learn about such concepts as social perception, beliefs, stereotypes and prejudice, attitudes and persuasion, conformity and obedience, group processes and cooperation, how people are attracted to each other and form close relationships, helping others, aggression, and applying social psychology in law, business and health.

Student Learning Outcomes:

You should be able to:

- a. Define the purpose and scope of social psychology
- b. Understand and discuss a selection of key topics from social psychology
- c. Identify the relations between these topics in terms of some basic psychological principles and theories
- d. Specify and discuss the relative merits of these principle and theories
- e. Effectively express themselves in written and oral form.
- f. Demonstrate the ability to think critically.
- g. Locate and use relevant information.
- h. Comprehend the implication of experimental research, including limitations in interpreting research results.
- i. Demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and ideas in a coherent and meaningful manner.
- j. Appreciate different theoretical perspectives.

An asterisk * means that you are responsible for the chapter

*Chapter 1	
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Introducing Social Psychology What Is Social Psychology? Summary	
*Chapter 2 Methodology: How Social Psychologists Do Research Summary	
*Chapter 3 Social Cognition: How We Think about the Social World Summary	
*Chapter 4 Social Perception: How We Come to Understand Other People Summary	
Chapter 5 The Self: Understanding Ourselves in a Social Context Critical Thinking: How Could You Use This? Summary	
Chapter 6 The Need to Justify Our Actions Summary	
*Chapter 7 Attitudes and Attitude Change: Influencing Thoughts and Feelings The Nature and Origin of Attitudes Summary	
Chapter 8 Conformity: Influencing Behavior Conformity: When And Why Informational Social Influence: The Need To Know What's "Right" Summary	
*Chapter 9 Group Processes: Influence in Social Groups Critical Thinking: How Could You Use This? Summary	
*Chapter 10 Interpersonal Attraction: From First Impressions to Close Relationships What Causes Attraction?	

<p>Summary</p> <p>Chapter 11 Prosocial Behavior: Why Do People Help? Basic Motives Underlying Prosocial Behavior: Why Do People Help? Summary</p> <p>*Chapter 12 Aggression: Why Do We Hurt Other People? Can We Prevent It? Summary</p> <p>*Chapter 13 Prejudice: Causes and Cures Prejudice: The Ubiquitous Prejudice: the ubiquitous Social Phenomenon Summary</p> <p>Chapter 14 Social Psychology in Action 1 Making a Difference with Social Psychology: Attaining a Sustainable Future Summary</p> <p>Chapter 15 Social Psychology in Action Social Psychology and Health Stress and Human Health Summary</p> <p>Chapter 16 Social Psychology in Action, Social Psychology and the Law Summary</p>	
<p>Class Attendance: Attendance will be taken by tracking your visits to BB.</p> <p>7. Overview of Grading There will be NO make-up exams. If there are technical problems let me know and let the publisher representative know...Immediately Grades are based on percentages: 90% = A 80% = B 70% = C 60% = D Three chapters per exam...exam will be deployed each week. Exam I: 33%:</p>	

Exam II: 33%: Exam III: 33%	
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