Current Issues in Social Psychology

Room: TBA **Time**: Tuesday 10:15–13:00

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Course objectives:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the basic ideas and research topics of social psychology.
2. Explain specific and/or daily instances from the perspective of social psychology.
3. Apply principles of social psychology in real or simulated contexts.

Required text:

Myers, D. G., & Twenge, J. M. (2020). *Social Psychology* (13th ed.). McGraw-Hill.

Course Overview:

At the beginning of each class, lectures will be given, or visual materials may be provided to better understand the topic of the day. Then, students have a presentation about the assigned research article and discuss about the implications of the research findings, relating them to their daily lives (e.g., what, how, why?). Two papers, in general, will be assigned per week. Students must come to class prepared to discuss the reading material.

Discussion Leader:

Students will act as a discussion leader at least once during the semester and lead a discussion about an assigned topic. Other students will prepare at least 2 questions or comments about the assigned readings, which will be shared to facilitate the discussion(s) in the class.

Oral Presentation:

Students will make an oral presentation of a journal article with social psychological topics in class. They should outline the paper, rather than explaining it word for word.

***Mid-term Examination*:**

Mid-term may be required or waived depending on the performances in weekly discussion.

Final Proposal:

As a final proposal, students will make a research plan or report the preliminary result about the data that is supposed to be collected in the class.

Grades:

Discussion Leader 20%; Class Attendance and Participation 25%; Presentation 15%; Mid-term exam. 20%; Final proposal. 20%

Tentative Course Outline

Week	Topic	
1	Introduction	
2	Introducing Social Psychology	Chap. 1
3	The Self in a Social World	Chap. 2
4	Social Beliefs and Judgments	Chap. 3
5	Behavior and Attitudes	Chap. 4
6	Genes, Culture, and Gender	Chap. 5
7	Conformity and Obedience	Chap. 6
8	Persuasion	Chap. 7
9	**Mid-term**	
10	Group Influence	Chap. 8
11	Prejudice	Chap. 9
12	Aggression	Chap. 10
13	Attraction and Intimacy:	Chap. 11
14	Helping	Chap. 12
15	Conflict and Peacemaking	Chap. 13
16	Course review	
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