

Current issues in Social Psychology

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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 topics of the day. Also, in-class experiments may be conducted. Then, students have a group discussion about the implications of the research findings, relating them to their daily lives (e.g., what, how, why?). At the end of the class, students will present what they have discussed. Students should come to class prepared to answer questions and discuss the reading material.

Discussion Leader:

Students will act as a discussion leader at least once during the semester and assist the class by leading a group discussion about an assigned topic. Other students will prepare at least 2 questions or comments from the assigned readings to facilitate the discussions in the class, which will be shared with the discussion leader before the class. The discussion leader should organize, elaborate, and expand the questions and comments to manage their discussion.

Mid-term Examination:

Students will take a quiz on key concepts about the topics that students discussed (i.e., the topics in Week 2–8).

Final Examination:

Students will take a quiz on key concepts about the topics that students discussed after the mid-term (i.e., the topics in Week 10–16).

Oral Presentation:

Students will make an oral presentation of a journal article with prosocial topics in class.

Grades:

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

Tentative Course Outline

Week	Topic	
1	Introduction	
2	The Self in a Social World	Chap. 2
3	Social Beliefs and Judgments	Chap. 3
4	Behavior and Attitudes	Chap. 4
5	Genes, Culture, and Gender	Chap. 5
6	Conformity and Obedience	Chap. 6
7	Persuasion	Chap. 7
8	Group Influence	Chap. 8
9	<u>Mid-term</u>	
10	Prejudice	Chap. 9
11	Aggression	Chap. 10
12	Attraction and Intimacy:	Chap. 11
13	Helping	Chap. 12
14	Conflict and Peacemaking	Chap. 13
15	Social Psychology in Court	Chap. 15
16	Social Psychology and the Sustainable Future	Chap. 16
17	Oral Presentations	
18	Oral Presentations <u>Final exam.</u>	