

Imperial Valley College
PSY 206/SOC 206 Social Psychology
Fall 2015

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Required Textbook: Social Psychology, 11th Edition, David Myers

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce you to the main concepts, theories and perspectives of social psychology. This course surveys social psychology as both a science and an applied discipline. This course will examine human behavior and thinking in the social world. Topics to be covered include research methods, the self, social cognition, person perception, attitudes, genes, culture & gender, conformity, persuasion, group influence, prejudice, aggression, attraction & intimacy, altruism, and conflict, peacemaking.

Student Learning Outcome (IVC): 1. Demonstrate an understanding of how social thinking (beliefs, judgements and attitudes) develops through interaction in the social world (ILO1); (ILO2); (ILO3); (ILO5), 2. Demonstrate an understanding of social influence on conformity, obedience and persuasion (ILO1); (ILO2); (ILO3); (ILO5), 3. Demonstrate an understanding of how interaction in the social world affects social relationships in regards to prejudice; aggression; and attraction (ILO1);(ILO2); (ILO3); (ILO5), 4. Demonstrate an understanding of how you and your self have developed from interaction in the social world by choosing two theories and describing how those theories apply to your life today (ILO1);(ILO2); (ILO3); (ILO5)

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation

Attendance is a crucial part of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned readings by actively participating in class discussion. Please schedule all appointments outside of class time. If for some reason you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. Additionally, if you decide not to continue the course, it is **your** responsibility to drop the course on WEBSTAR by or before the drop date.

Thought Papers (3 @ 25 pts)

There will be a total of three thought papers throughout the semester. This is a 1-2 page paper based on the readings and class material. Thought papers should address an interesting idea regarding a learned behavior from the text, class discussion, an article from the internet or magazine, movie and/or television show from your point of view. Please do not provide a review of the assigned reading but your own thoughts regarding the topic. The main focus of this assignment is for you to think critically about psychology and to begin exploring your ideas. You do not have to write what you think I would agree with, you just need to justify your ideas and statements with explanations.

Each paper is worth twenty-five points. All thought papers must be typed, in twelve point font, and double spaced. All papers are due at the beginning of class. **No late papers will be accepted nor will they be accepted via e-mail.**

Tests (3 @ 50 pts)

There will be a total of three tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be multiple choice and are worth fifty points each. **Please make sure to bring a #2 pencil and scantron with you to class. No make-up exams will be given.**

**A make-up exam will only be allowed with a 48-hour prior notification and/or a documented proof of the emergency.

In-Class/Homework Assignments (5 @ 15pts)

In class assignments and/or homework will be given for each chapter we cover. Further information will be given as the semester transpires.

Grading:

Thought Papers	(3 x 25pts)	75pts
Tests	(3 x 50pts)	150pts
In-Class/HW Assignments	(5 x 15pts)	75pts

*****Total of 300pts*****

300-250 points = **A**

249-200 points = **B**

199-150 points = **C**

149-100points = **D**

99 & below = **F**

Classroom Etiquette:

Please turn your cell phones off or to "vibrate". Texting and answering your phone will not be allowed in class. Laptops and tablets will be allowed for note taking purposes only.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S):

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Contact Info: (760) 355-6312, Room 2117

Student Counseling and Health Services

Mental health counseling and health services are available to students provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. Counseling services are provided by licensed clinicians and interns at IVC Student Health Center located inside of the Health Science building.
Contact Info: (760) 355-6310

Class Agenda

Date	Topic	Homework
Week 1 8/17-8/21	Introductions/Syllabus Chapter 1	Buy book for class! Read Chapter 2
Week 2 8/24-8/28	Chapter 2 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 3
Week 3 8/31-9/4	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 4
Week 4 9/7-9/11	Chapter 4 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #1 Study for Test (Ch. 1-4) Please, be on time!
Week 5 9/14-9/18	TEST #1 (Ch. 1-4) Turn in Thought Paper #1	Read Chapter 5
Week 6 9/21-9/25	Chapter 5 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 6
Week 7 9/28-10/2	Chapter 6 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 7
Week 8 10/5-10/9	Chapter 7 In Class Assignemnt	Read Chapter 8
Week 9 10/12-10/16	Chapter 8 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #2 Study for Test (Ch. 4-8) Please, be on time!
Week 10 10/19-10/23	TEST #2 (Ch. 4-8) Turn in Thought Paper #2	Read Chapter 9
Week 11 10/26-10/30	Chapter 9 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 10
Week 12 11/2-11/6	Chapter 10 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 11
Week 13 11/9-11/13	Chapter 11 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 12

Week 14 11/16-11/20	Chapter 12 In Class Assignment	
Week 15 11/23-11/27	NO CLASS! Thanksgiving Break	Read Chapter 13
Week 16 11/30-12/4	Chapter 13 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #3 Study for Test (Ch. 10, 12 & 13)
Week 17 12/7-12/11	Test #3/Final (Ch. 9-13) Turn in Thought Paper #3	Have a wonderful Break!! ☺