

Social Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY 206

Imperial Valley College

Instructor: R. Wyatt

Semester: Winter 2019

Class Times: M, T, W, TH – 04:30PM to 7:40PM

Required Textbook: Social Psychology and Human Nature, Comprehensive Edition, 4th Edition
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Course Description:

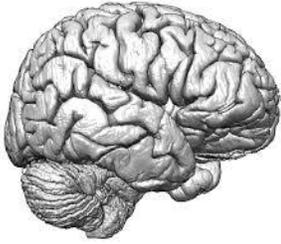


This course is designed to introduce you to the main concepts, theories and perspectives of social psychology. This course surveys social psychology as both a science and an applied discipline. This course will examine human behavior and thinking in the social world. Topics to be covered include research 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 Outcomes:

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 & 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.

Thought Papers: (2 x 50 pts)



There will be a total of two thought papers throughout the semester. This is a 2 page paper based on the readings and class material. Thought papers should address an interesting idea regarding a learned behavior from the text and/or class discussion. The idea you choose to write about should be compared to an article, movie, song **or** television show from your point of view to measure how they correlate. Please do not provide a review of the assigned reading but your own thoughts regarding the topic of choice. The main focus of this assignment is for you to think critically about psychology and to begin exploring your own 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.

NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Tests: (2 x 100 pts)

There will be a total of three tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be true/false. All tests are worth 100 points.



Grading:



Thought Papers - 2 x 50 points - 100 points

Tests - 3 x 100 points - 300 points

Total = 400 Points

A : 400 – 360 points

B : 359 – 320 points

C : 319 – 280 points

D : 279 – 240 points

F : 240 – 000 points

CLASS AGENDA



Day of the Week	DAY	CHAPT.	TOPIC
Wednesday	01/02/19	xxxxx	Introduction - Syllabus
Thursday	01/03/19	1	Mission & Method
Monday	01/07/19	2	Culture & Nature
Tuesday	01/08/19	3	The Self
Wednesday	01/09/19	4	Behavior Control
Thursday	01/10/19	xxxxx	Test #1 and VIDEO
Monday	01/14/19	5	Social Cognition
Tuesday	01/15/19	6	Emotion and Effect
Wednesday	01/16/19	7	Attitudes, Beliefs, & Consistency
Thursday	01/17/19	8	Social Influence and Persuasion
Monday	01/21/19	xxxxx	Test #2 and VIDEO Thought Paper #1 DUE
Tuesday	01/22/19	9	Prosocial Behavior
Wednesday	01/23/19	10	Aggression & Antisocial Behavior
Thursday	01/24/19	11	Attraction and Exclusion
Monday	01/28/19	xxxxx	VIDEO
Tuesday	01/29/19	12	Close Relationships
Wednesday	01/30/19	13	Prejudice and Intergroup Relations

Thursday	01/31/19	14	Groups
Monday	02/04/19	xxxxx	REVIEW and VIDEO Thought Paper #2 DUE
Tuesday	02/05/19	xxxxx	FINAL