

Course Syllabus –Social Psychology

Basic Course Information

Semester	Spring 2023	Instructor	Robert Wyatt, MA., CADC
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CRN #	PSY (20512) & SOC (20513)	Webpage	www.imperial.edu
Classroom	Online - CANVAS	Office	1714
Class Dates	02/14/2023 - 06/10/2023	Office Hours:	Mon. & Wed. (9:30 – 11:30am)
Class Days	ONLINE	Office Phone:	760 – 355 - 6491
Class Time	ONLINE	Emergency:	760 – 355 -6411 (Elvia Camillo)

Course Description

Social Psychology is the study of how personality and individual behavior are influenced by the social environment. This course surveys social psychology as both a science and an applied discipline. The conceptual and research focus is on the individual and society. Students will learn the main concepts, theories and perspectives of social psychology by exploring topics such as: self-concept and social identity, group behavior and group membership. (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

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

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, you, the student, will be able to:

1. List the social psychological theories of human behavior along with their major tenets.
2. Analyze elements of a scientific approach to understanding human behavior in a psychological context.
3. Identify the major concepts involved in the social psychological construction of meaning
4. Distinguish the process of the development of self-concept and the importance of social identity.
5. Describe the group structure, dynamics, communication, and leadership roles that evolve from group membership
6. Recognize differing techniques of persuasion and propaganda, as well as, social psychological influences of attitude change
7. Identify forces of conformity, cooperation and social control, both internal and external.
8. List factors of interpersonal attraction and affiliation both formal and informal.
9. Describe social processes leading to personal and social respect, prestige and status.
10. Explain social psychological influences on aggression, prejudice and scapegoating.
11. Describe research findings in social psychology and will recognize areas of conceptual interest
12. Apply models of intervention into social behavior designed to address social problems (e.g. those based on gender, ethnic, racial, or cultural differences and those based on disability)

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Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required Texts:

Myers, D.G., & Twenge, J.M. (2013). *Social Psychology*. New York, NY: McGraw Hill

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Students must actively connect and engage ONLINE via CANVAS. Learning material consists of a combination of textbook reading assignments, online lectures, written and video weekly discussions, weekly quizzes and online course examinations. Learning materials are scheduled, packaged in modules and made available weekly according to the *Anticipated Course Schedule/Calendar*.

Lecture: All lectures will be available via IVC Canvas LMS.

Discussions: There will be 13 class discussions that will be worth 10 points each. There are no makeups for the discussion questions. You must not only respond by giving your response, but you will be required to respond to one of your classmates' response as well to the same discussion question. Total points is 130.

Exams: There will be (8) exams that will assess understanding of course material and learning via CANVAS. These will consist of multiple choice; fill in the blank, and True/false, from the textbook, lectures and videos. NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. The exams will cover 2 chapters at a time.

Individual Paper: You will be required to write a 3 page paper on a topic that is covered in the textbook. The topic is completely up to you. You must include a works cited page. Failure to cite your work will result in a zero.

Attendance and Participation. Log in to Canvas and complete weekly assignments per specified due dates for full participation credit. Engaging in weekly class discussions will be part of your participation grade.

Weekly Discussions: Discussion boards will address the following: 1) A provocative or interesting idea regarding social psychology from the text, class discussion, Ted Talk video, an article from the internet or magazine, and/or a television program, from your point of view. Do not provide a review of the reading/program, but your own thoughts regarding the topic. The focus of thought papers is for you to learn to think critically about social psychology. The intention of the assignment is to get some ideas down and then begin exploring your ideas. You do not have to write what you think I would agree with or what is necessarily true, you just need to justify your ideas and statements with explanations.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

What if I need to borrow technology or access to WIFI?

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>
2. If you would like access the WIFI at the IVC campus, you can park in parking lots "I & J". Students must log into the IVC student WIFI by using their IVC email and password. The parking lots will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines for using parking WIFI:

- Park in every other space (empty space BETWEEN vehicles) -Must have facemask available
- For best reception park near buildings -
- Only park at marked student spaces
- Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled parking spaces -Only members of the same household in each vehicle
- Occupants **MUST** remain in vehicles
- Restrooms and other on-campus services not available -
- College campus safety will monitor the parking lot
- Student code of conduct and all other parking guidelines are in effect -Please do not leave any trash behind

-No parking permit required

If you have any questions about using parking WIFI, please call Student Affairs at 760- 355-6455.

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Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Student Grade Evaluation

Discussions	130 points
Exam (8 total)	800 points
Individual Paper	<u>100 points</u>
Total Points	1030 pts

The grade distribution is based on the following percentage points:

A	927-1030	90%
B	824 - 926	80%
C	721 - 823	70%
D	618 - 720	60%
F	Under 618	59% or less

Attendance

Your attendance and participation is key. Log in CANVAS regularly every week to complete scheduled assignments. Students who do not log into Canvas and complete weekly assignments may be dropped from course. In addition, failure to complete assignments on time may result with reduction in class points.

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.

Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped

Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

What does it mean to "attend?"

Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:

- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam

- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference

- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction via modules

- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor

- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters

- An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.

Logging onto Canvas alone is NOT adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.

Classroom Etiquette

Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).

How do I act differently if I have an on-ground class during COVID?

DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS OR ATTEND AN OFF-CAMPUS CLASS IF YOU FEEL SICK, HAVE A FEVER, OR HAVE A COUGH

- Even if your symptoms are mild, stay home.
- Email your instructor to explain why you are missing class.
- [If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have COVID-19](#), provides CDC guidance.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must self-quarantine for 14 days and then be without symptoms for at least 72 hours. Clearance is required prior to returning to any face-to-face interaction. It is recommended that you undergo a final COVID-19 test to confirm that you are no longer infected.
- If you are exposed through direct contact with a person known to be COVID-19 positive, then you must submit negative COVID-19 test results prior to returning to any face-to-face interaction.

ARRIVE AT CAMPUS EARLY (at least 15 minutes early is advised).

- All people entering the IVC campus will need to pass a screening process, which will occur at the gates as your drive onto campus. You will need to take a short questionnaire and get your temperature taken (the screening is completely touchless and will take place while you remain in your car).

BRING A MASK TO CLASS (and always wear it).

- Be sure that your mask covers both your nose and mouth. If your mask is cloth, then wash it each day. If your mask is disposable, then use a new one each day.

GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR CLASSROOM.

- The IVC campus is mostly closed so you should not visit other areas or seek any face-to-face services. Services are available to students online and can be accessed through www.imperial.edu.

WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY (and use the provided sanitation supplies).

- Your classroom is equipped with cleaning supplies. Use them as needed.

BE SURE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE (stay at least 6 feet from other).

- The number of students in a classroom at any one time is very limited so you have plenty of space to spread and ensure that you stay at least 6 feet from others.

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS.

- There is no food service currently offered on campus.

Online Netiquette

What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.

Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!)].

How am I expected to act in an online “classroom” (especially Zoom)?

Attending a virtual meeting can be a challenge when there are many students on one conference call.

Participating in such meetings may count as class attendance, but disruptive behavior may also result in you not being admitted to future meetings. Follow the tips below for best results:

1) Be RESPECTFUL

- a. Your written, verbal, and non-verbal communications should be respectful and focused on the learning topics of the class.

2) Find a QUIET LOCATION & SILENCE YOUR PHONE (if zooming)

- a. People walking around and pets barking can be a distraction.

3) EAT AT A DIFFERENT TIME.

- a. Crunching food or chugging drinks is distracting for others.
- b. Synchronous zoom times are set in advance so reserve meals for outside class meetings.

4) ADJUST YOUR LIGHTING SO THAT OTHERS CAN SEE YOU

- a. It is hard to see you in dim lighting so find a location with light.
- b. If your back is to a bright window, you will be what is called “backlit” and not only is it hard on the eyes (glare) but you look like a silhouette.

5) POSITION THE CAMERA SO THAT YOUR FACE AND EYES ARE SHOWING

- a. If you are using the camera, show your face; it helps others see your non-verbal cues.
- b. You may be at home, but meeting in pajamas or shirtless is not appropriate so dress suitably. Comb your hair, clean your teeth, and fix your clothes, etc. before your meeting time to show self-respect and respect for others.

6) Be READY TO LEARN AND PAY ATTENTION

- a. Catch up on other emails or other work later.
- b. If you are Zooming, silence your phone and put it away.
- c. If you are in a room with a TV – turn it off.

7) USE YOUR MUTE BUTTON WHEN IN LOUD PLACES OR FOR DISTRACTIONS

- a. Pets barking, children crying, sneezing, coughing, etc. can happen unexpectedly. It is best if you conference in a private space, but if you cannot find a quiet place, when noises arise **MUTE** your laptop.

8) REMEMBER TO UNMUTE WHEN SPEAKING

- a. Follow your instructor’s directions about using the “**raise hand**” icon or chat function to be recognized and to speak, but make sure you have unmuted your device.
- b. Do not speak when someone else is speaking.

9) REMAIN FOCUSED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

- a. Especially when the camera is on YOU, we can all see your actions. Engage in the meeting. Look at the camera. Listen to instruction. Answer questions when asked.
- b. Do not use the Zoom meeting to meet with your peers or put on a “show” for them.

10) PAUSE YOUR VIDEO IF MOVING OR DOING SOMETHING DISTRACTING

- a. Emergencies happen. If you need to leave the room or get up and move about, stop your video.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property. There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

Plagiarism is to take and present, as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to correctly 'cite a source', you must ask for help.

Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials, or assisting others in using materials, which are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

How do I show academic honesty and integrity in an online "classroom"?

KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS CONFIDENTIAL.

You have a unique password to access online software like Canvas. Never allow someone else to login to your account.

COMPLETE YOUR OWN COURSEWORK.

When you register for an online class and log-in to Canvas, you do so with the understanding that you will produce your own work, take your own exams, and will do so without the assistance of others (unless directed by the instructor).

Examples of Academic Dishonesty that can occur in an online environment:

- Copying from others on a quiz, test, examination, or assignment;
- Allowing someone else to copy your answers on a quiz, test, exam, or assignment;
- Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you;
- Conferring with others during a test or quiz (if the instructor didn't explicitly say it was a group project, then he/she expects you to do the work without conferring with others);
- Buying or using a term paper or research paper from an internet source or other company or taking any work of another, even with permission, and presenting the work as your own;
- Excessive revising or editing by others that substantially alters your final work;
- Sharing information that allows other students an advantage on an exam (such as telling a peer what to expect on a make-up exam or prepping a student for a test in another section of the same class);
- Taking and using the words, work, or ideas of others and presenting any of these as your own work is plagiarism. This applies to all work generated by another, whether it be oral, written, or artistic work. Plagiarism may be either deliberate or unintentional.

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Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

How do I access services now that we are mostly online?

CANVAS LMS. Canvas is Imperial Valley College's Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.

Learning Services. In order to accommodate students and maximize student success during the COVID-19 Pandemic, all tutoring support is being provided through one Zoom link ([IVC online Tutoring](#)). When campus is open again, there are several learning labs to assist students. Whether you need support using computers, or you need a tutor, please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).

Library Services. Visit the Spencer Library's page on the IVC website for a wealth of valuable resources and online access to databases, e-books and more. Contact us so we can help you with instructional and research development skills (for those conducting research and writing academic papers). When campus re-opens, students also have access to tutoring services in the Study Skills Center as well as private study rooms for small study groups. There is more to our library than just books!

Career Services Center. The Career Services Center is dedicated to serve all IVC students and Alumni. Services include Career Assessments, Resume and Cover Letter Assistance, Interview Preparation, Internship Opportunities and Job Placement.

Child Development Center. The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Centers are on-campus demonstration lab programs that meet the educational, research, and service needs of the institution and community at large. The Preschool program (children three to five years of age) and the Infant/Toddler program (newborn to three years of age) is in buildings 2200 and 2300. Service is available to families who meet the California Department of Education qualifications for enrollment. The centers are open during COVID from Monday-Friday 7:15-5:30. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided through the California Adult and Child Food Program. Location: Buildings 2200 and 2300. Phone: (760) 355-6528 or (760) 355-6232. Application: <https://forms.imperial.edu/view.php?id=150958>

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

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. When campus is open, the DSP&S office is in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Student Health Center. A Student Health Nurse is available on campus, but you must make an appointment. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provides basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128, or when campus reopens, visit Room 1536 for more information.

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Mental Health Counseling Services. Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 for appointments, or when campus reopens visit Room 1536, for more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the **IVC Military and Veteran Success Center** is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students in three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie. The Center also serves as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. The goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. When campus reopens, the Center is in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, book grants, transportation assistance, individualized counseling, tutoring, and community referrals to eligible students. Our staff is available to assist and support students in navigating personal, psychological, academic, and/or career-related issues through empathy, cultural-competence, and a commitment to equity and social justice. Also under the umbrella of EOPS is the CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program, designed to serve single parents and assist with addressing issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program. For additional information about the EOPS or CARE Programs please contact our Program Office 760.335-6407 and/or visit our Program website www.imperial.edu/students/eops for eligibility criteria and application procedures. We look forward to serving you! - EOPS/CARE Staff

Student Equity Program

The Student Equity & Achievement Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. SEA addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, LGBTQIA+, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The SEA Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, Foster Youth Liaison, Formerly Incarcerated Liaison, and Military Affiliated Liaison, who provide direct services and referrals to students in need. SEA strives to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to enrollment, education, degree and certificate completion, and the ability to transfer to a university. SEA also provides outreach at local Imperial County high schools to ensure graduating seniors are successfully matriculated into the college and have a strong support system. Please visit us online for assistance at <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/> or call us at 760-355-6465 or when campus reopens, visit Building 401.

What if I cannot afford food, books, or need other help?

We have many resources that are available to you. Please tell us what you need by submitting your request(s) here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

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Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding student rights and responsibilities please refer to the IVC General Catalog available online at http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to help students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC Library Department provides numerous Information literacy Tutorials to assist students in this endeavor. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/library-department/info-lit-tutorials/>

Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar

DAY	CHAPTER	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE
02/15		Introductions – What to expect in the class	Introduction Discussion	02/20
02/17	1	Introducing Social Psychology	Class Discussion	02/20
02/22	2	The Self in a Social World	Class Discussion	02/27
02/24	2	The Self in a Social World	Test 1: Chapters 1 & 2	02/27
03/01	3	Social Beliefs and Judgements	Class Discussion	03/06
03/03	3	Social Beliefs and Judgements		
03/08	4	Behaviors and Attitudes	Class Discussion	03/13
03/10	4	Behaviors and Attitudes	Test 2: Chapters 3 & 4	03/13
03/15	5	Genes, Cultures, and Gender	Class Discussion	03/20
03/17	5	Genes, Cultures, and Gender		
03/22	6	Conformity and Obedience	Class Discussion	03/27
03/24	6	Conformity and Obedience	Test 3: Chapters 5 & 6	03/27
03/29	7	Persuasion		
03/31	7	Persuasion		
04/05	8	Group Influence	Test 4: Chapters 7 & 8	
04/07	8	Group Influence		
04/12	9	Prejudice	Class Discussion	04/17
04/14	9	Prejudice		
04/19		No Class – Spring Break		
04/21		No Class – Spring Break		
04/26	10	Aggression	Class Discussion	05/01
04/28	10	Aggression	Test 5: Chapters 9 & 10	05/01
05/03	11	Attraction and Intimacy	Class Discussion	05/08
05/05	11	Attraction and Intimacy		
05/10	12	Helping	Class Discussion	05/15
05/12	12	Helping	Test 6: Chapters 11 & 12	05/15
05/17	13	Conflict and Peacemaking	Class Discussion	05/22
05/19	13	Conflict and Peacemaking		
05/24	14	Social Psychology in a Clinic	Class Discussion	05/29
05/26	14	Social Psychology in a Clinic	Test 7: Chapters 13 & 14	05/29
05/31	15	Social Psychology in Court		
06/02	15	Social Psychology in Court		

06/07	16	Social Psychology and the Sustainable Future		
06/09	16	Social Psychology and the Sustainable Future	Test 8: Chapters 15 & 16	06/10

***NOTE:** This course outline should be considered tentative since some minor changes may be made according to the needs of class. If a date or assignment needs to be changed, I will announce via CANVAS before the date it is listed in the syllabus.*