

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: PSYC 2319**  
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**Spring 2026**

**Department:** Behavioral Sciences  
**Discipline:** Psychology  
**Course Number:** PSYC 2319  
**Course Title:** Social Psychology  
**Available Formats:** conventional and online  
**Campuses:** Lubbock Downtown Center

**Course Description:** Study of individual behavior within the social environment. Topics may include socio-psychological processes, attitude formation and change, interpersonal relations, group processes, self, social cognition, and research methods.

**Prerequisite:** None  
**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

**Textbook:** *Noba Textbook Series: Social Psychology*. Champaign, IL: DEF Publishers.  
**Note:** See Instructor's Course Information for specific link to Noba textbook. Modules assigned will vary across sections.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students who have successfully completed this course are expected to be able to:

1. Define social psychology and related terminology.
2. Discuss the relationship between the person and the situation and its influence on attitudes, prejudice, aggression, prosocial behavior, and interpersonal relationships.
3. Describe the dynamics of group behavior in areas of social influence, such as altruism, conformity, obedience, deindividuation, leadership, intergroup relations, and conflict and cooperation
4. Identify and evaluate the current and historical research, and research methods of social psychology, including ethical considerations.
5. Apply social psychological principles to real-world issues.

**Course Evaluation:** See the Instructor's Course Information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance. However, all courses will have multiple exams and written work that is designated by the instructor of record.

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If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

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Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

## Instructor's Course Information: Dr. Harris (ADMIN 152)

Course Information: PSYC 2319\_001 Social Psychology

Mondays and Wednesdays: 1:00pm-2:15pm, Admin Rm 150

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 12:30pm-1:00pm & 2:15pm-3:15pm in Levelland (ADMIN Rm152)  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00am-11:00am & 2:15pm-3:15pm Downtown (DT 2013)  
Friday: 10:00am-11:00am (DT 2013)

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Textbook: *Noba Textbook Series: Social Psychology*. Champaign, IL: DEF Publishers.  
**This is a free OER textbook and a PDF version will be available on Blackboard.**

Additionally, the textbook can be accessed using the URL below.

URL: <http://noba.to/rtuvz7sm>

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Late Work and Missed Assignments: Work is due on the dates assigned and cannot be made up if missed. Assignments are due on the date assigned and there is a late penalty (minus 10 points) for each day the work is late.

Grading Policy/Procedure: Your grade will be based upon a percentage of the total points with (900-1000 points) 90%=A; (800-899 points) 80%=B; (700-799) 70%=C; (600-699 points) 60%=D; (< 599 points) 59% and below = F.

	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED
EXAM 1	150	
EXAM 2	150	
EXAM 3	150	
EXAM 4	150	
WEEKLY PARTICIPATION ASSIGNMENTS/ATTENDANCE	100	
WRITING ASSIGNMENT	100	
END OF SEMESTER PROJECT	200	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000</b>	

**ALL EXAMS WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE THROUGH BLACKBOARD.**

On scheduled exams days, there will be no in-person class held. Students can choose to take the exam from any location where they are able to access a computer. The exams will be available in Blackboard for a specific amount of time, they will be timed, once a student opens the exam they will not be able to close their browser until the exam is complete. The exam questions will be randomized so that no 2 students will take the same exam.

**Special Requirements:** If you miss an exam, you cannot make it up, but your optional CUMULATIVE final exam can be used to replace either your lowest score or an exam you missed. If you miss more than two exams, you will be asked to drop the class.

**Projects/Assignments:**

**Writing Assignment (100 points):** A topic will be presented related to social psychology which impacts our society currently. For example, a discussion paper might be introduced asking you to explore how social media impacts our sense of identity. Additional instructions and a rubric will be provided before the 8<sup>th</sup> week of class. The paper will need to follow APA writing guidelines. For more information about APA writing style, please consult:

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_format.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html)

**End of semester project (200 Points):** TBD

DATE	TOPIC	EXAM/ASSIGNMENT	RECOMMENDED READING
01/12	WELCOME/SYLLABUS		
01/14	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCH		CHAPTER 1
01/19		<u><b>MLK DAY NO CLASSES</b></u>	
01/21	HISTORY OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY		
01/26	RESEARCH METHODS		CHAPTER 2
01/28	RESEARCH METHODS		CHAPTER 2
02/02	SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE		CHAPTER 3
02/04	SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE		CHAPTER 4
<b>02/09</b>		<b>EXAM 1</b>	
02/11	DEVELOPMENT OF SELF (DofS)		CHAPTER 5
02/16	DofS: ATTACHMENT		CHAPTER 6
02/18	DofS: OBSERVATIONAL LEARNING		CHAPTER 7
02/23	DofS: CULTURE		CHAPTER 8
02/25	DofS: GENDER		CHAPTER 9
03/02	DofS: NATURE V. NURTURE		CHAPTER 10
<b>03/04</b>		<b>EXAM 2</b>	
03/09	SOCIAL COMPARISON		CHAPTER 11
03/11	SOCIAL COGNITION		CHAPTER 12
03/16-03/20		<i>SPRING BREAK</i>	
03/23	GROUP PROCESSES		CHAPTER 13
03/25	PREJUDICE, DISCRIMINATION, & STEREOTYPING		CHAPTER 14
03/27		<u><b>WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT DUE</b></u>	
03/30	SOCIAL SUPPORT		CHAPTER 15
<b>04/01</b>		<b>EXAM 3</b>	
04/06	PERSUASION		CHAPTER 16
04/08	CONFORMITY		CHAPTER 17
04/13	OBEDIENCE		CHAPTER 17
04/15	MOTIVES & GOALS		CHAPTER 18
04/20	AGGRESSION		CHAPTER 19
04/22	I/O PSYCHOLOGY		CHAPTER 20
04/27	I/O PSYCHOLOGY		CHAPTER 20
<b>04/29</b>		<b>EXAM 4</b>	
05/01 (FRI)		END OF SEMESTER PROJECT DUE (BY MIDNIGHT)	
05/04-05/07	FINALS WEEK (FINAL OPTIONAL)		

