

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: PSYC 2319
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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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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 | 100 | |
| ASSIGNMENTS/ATTENDANCE | | |
| WRITING ASSIGNMENT | 100 | |
| END OF SEMESTER PROJECT | 200 | |
| TOTAL | 1000 | |

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 8th 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

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>MLK DAY NO CLASSES</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 |
| 02/09 | | EXAM 1 | |
| 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 |
| 03/04 | | EXAM 2 | |
| 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>WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT DUE</u> | |
| 03/30 | SOCIAL SUPPORT | | CHAPTER 15 |
| 04/01 | | EXAM 3 | |
| 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 |
| 04/29 | | EXAM 4 | |
| 05/01 (FRI) | | END OF SEMESTER PROJECT DUE (BY MIDNIGHT) | |
| 05/04-05/07 | FINALS WEEK (FINAL OPTIONAL) | | |

