

PSY205 Social Psychology

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

Social psychology is the foundation course for many of the higher level psychology disciplines. The course explores the relationship between the individual and the social environment, including the groups they belong to and the way they think about themselves and how they are influenced by others. The topics include self and others perception, attributions, prejudice, social identity, compliance and conformity, interpersonal and intergroup relations. Emphasis is on the application of social psychological concepts and theories to everyday events and encounters.

Topics:

- Introduction to Social Psychology
- Understanding the Self in Social World
- Social Beliefs and Judgements
- Relationship between Behaviour and Attitudes
- Conformity and Obedience
- Persuasion
- Prejudice
- Aggression
- Interpersonal Attraction
- Helping Behaviour

Textbooks:

Social Psychology (e-Text) 14th Myers, D.G. McGraw-Hill
ISBN-13: 9781264364213

PSY205 Study Guide Jul15/Jan16 (UDC - SUSS) SUSS
ISBN-13: SG-1123

Learning Outcome:

- Develop a better understanding of the social behaviour of the self
- Describe the important theories and concepts of social psychology
- Examine how the basic principles and theories of social psychology apply to our daily lives.
- Discuss how the different types of interpersonal relationships that people are involved in their daily lives develop and affect us.
- Apply the theories of social psychology to explain various real-life social phenomena, such as conformity, prejudice, persuasion, aggression, and helping behaviour.
- Analyze how certain theories of social psychology apply to the local Singapore context, and/or may not apply universally to all cultures.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Daytime Class):

| Components | Description | Weightage Allocation (%) |
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| Overall Continuous Assessment | TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1 | 20 |
| | TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2 | 30 |
| Overall Examinable Components | ECA | 50 |
| Total | | 100 |

*The information listed is subject to review and change.