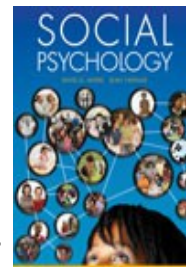


PSY 304 Social Psychology

Course Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of important concepts and major themes in social psychology such as social thinking, social influence, and social relations.

Recommended Textbook: The primary learning resource for this course is the textbook, *Social Psychology*, 11th Edition. The author is David Myers, Hope College. Softcover, 768 pages. ©2012 McGraw-Hill, ISBN-13: 9780078035296.



Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

1. Describe and assess the basic psychological theories, principles, and concepts explaining social cognition, attitude formation, decision making, group processes, pro-social behavior, aggression, conformity/obedience and stereotyping/prejudice.
2. Relate concepts in social psychology to situations in everyday life such as interpersonal and group relations.
3. Explain how human behavior is influenced by such social factors as groups, authority figures, in-group bias, gender roles, cognitive dissonance, etc.
4. Discuss the outcomes of various social situations through application of social psychology principles.
5. Relate major concepts and methods of the field to understand interpersonal and group relationships.

Structure: Learning resources have been divided into three sections, each with several Areas of Study. The Areas of Study correspond to a chapter of the recommended textbook.

PSY 304.1 Social Thinking

First Area of Study: Introducing Social Psychology

Second Area of Study: The Self in a Social World

Third Area of Study: Social Beliefs and Judgments

Fourth Area of Study: Behaviors and Attitudes

PSY 304.2 Social Influence

First Area of Study: Genes, Culture, and Gender

Second Area of Study: Conformity and Obedience

Third Area of Study: Persuasion

Fourth Area of Study: Group Influence

PSY 304.3 Social Relations

First Area of Study: Prejudice: Disliking Others

Second Area of Study: Aggression: Hurting Others

Third Area of Study: Attraction and Intimacy: Liking and Loving Others

Fourth Area of Study: Helping

Fifth Area of Study: Conflict and Peacemaking

Sixth Area of Study: Social Psychology in the Clinic

Seventh Area of Study: Social Psychology in Court

Eighth Area of Study: Social Psychology and the Sustainable Future

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Social Psychology Examination. The exam has four parts which correspond to the sections listed above.