



Shanghai University of Finance & Economics

2019 Summer Program

PSY 210 Social Psychology

Course Outline

Class Hours: 18:00-19:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: PSY 210

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions.

Course Description: Social psychology is the scientific study of the way people think about, feel, and behave in social situations. It involves understanding how people influence, and are influenced by, the others around them. A primary goal of this course is to introduce you to the perspectives, research methods, and empirical findings of social psychology. Topics to be covered include: social perception, social cognition, attitudes, social identity, prejudice and discrimination, interpersonal attraction, prosocial behavior, and aggression.

Prerequisite: PSYC 2010 Introduction to Psychological Science.

Course Objectives: This course will survey major topics in social psychology, including personality and individual difference variables relevant to those topics. The course is structured to promote depth of understanding, integration, and creativity. The major activities of the course are purposeful reading, lively discussion, and original writing. Successful students will complete the course with a solid understanding of major themes and methods in social and personality psychology.

Required Textbooks:

Readings in Social Psychology 8th ed. by Wayne A. Lesko, 2012 Allyn and Bacon

Grading & Evaluation:



Assignments (40%) – Midterm exam (30%) – Final exam (30%)

Grades will be distributed as 90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D; and below 60% = F.

Intermediary assignments will be posted throughout the course, to help students assess their needs and to ensure that all the important topics are well understood. Assignments are also an opportunity for students to ask questions concerning unclear notions, as the main objective is not to grade but to help everyone reach an optimal level of comprehension.

Midterm and final exams will target all topics previously covered in class. Lecture notes and assignments are important to succeed in the midterm and final exams, yet some questions will be specifically intended to stimulate students' critical thinking.

Attendance is extremely important for success in this class. It is expected that each student will commit fully to the assignments and readings required. Exams will cover the required texts as well as material presented or discussed in class.

Course Schedule

Week 1

Session 1: Course Introduction

Session 2: The field of social psychology

Session 3: Social Perception I

Session 4: Social Perception II

Week 2

Session 1: Social Cognition I

Session 2: Social Cognition II

Session 3: Attitudes

Chapter 4: Social Identity

Week 3

Session 1: Prejudice and Discrimination I

Session 2: Prejudice and Discrimination II



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Session 3: Interpersonal Attraction I

Session 4: Interpersonal Attraction II

Week 4

Session 1: Prosocial Behavior I

Session 2: Prosocial Behavior II

Session 3: Aggression I

Session 4: Aggression II