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| **PSYC 280: Social Psychology** | | | | |
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| Zoom Name | Dr. Sarah Shahed | | | |
| Class timings | T,R 9.30-10.45 | | | |
| Classroom | E105 | | | |
| Office Hours | Office hours: T,R 11:00- 12:00 (or by appointment)  Office: E 340 | | | |
| Course Material/Announcements | Uploaded on Moodle | | | |
| ***Course Information*** | | | | |
| Course Description | The course offers an introduction to social psychology; the scientific study of human social interactions and influence. It will explore how one’s thoughts, feelings and behaviors influence, and are influenced by other individuals in various social situations. The topics covered will include nature, scope, historical perspective and research methods, social perception, cognition and identity, interpersonal relationships, attribution, conformity, pro-social behavior, groups, leadership, attitudes, prejudice and aggression. Theories and findings will be related to everyday social issues and concerns.  Nature, scope, historical perspective and research methods, social perception, cognition and identity, interpersonal relationships, attribution, conformity, pro-social behavior, groups, leadership, attitudes, prejudice, and aggression. Theories and findings will be related to everyday social issues and concerns. | | | |
| Course Requirements | PSYC 100 is the prerequisite for this course. The students need to have basic knowledge of psychology in general. The students are encouraged to read the topic to be covered during the week before the class. Class participation is a must and the students are strongly encouraged to use English language in the class. They are encouraged to share information relevant to the topic, raise questions, give feedback and seek help if a certain point is unclear. Class participation is a graded activity for this course. | | | |
| Course Objectives | To enable the students to do the following:   * Have the basic understanding of how social psychologists explore human social behavior. * Have an introduction to the theories and principles that underlie Social Psychology. * Understand the research methods that are commonly used to understand social influence and interaction. * Confidently reflect upon the concepts and research findings studied in the course, and apply to their own social interactions and everyday life situations. | | | |
| Learning Outcomes | By the end of the course, the students will be able to:   * Think critically about psychological concepts, theories, and researches conducted in social psychology. * Students will demonstrate an understanding of major psychological theories and concepts related to social psychology. * Identify principles of Social Psychology operating in everyday life situations as well as the multiple sources influencing individuals’ social behaviors. * Carry out a mini social research study or a social experiment. | | | |
| Text Books & Reference Material/ Online sources | * Myers, D. G. *Social Psychology.* (10th edition). Mc Graw Hill. * A number of empirical research articles/ web links/ online sources will be used to supplement the textbook. * Video lectures by professionals/professors from online sources * Power point presentations   **Note:** New resources may be added. | | | |
| Course Policies | [**Attendance**](http://tmoodle.fccollege.edu.pk/moodle/mod/attendance/view.php?id=27877)**and Participation:**  Students are expected to attend all classes since this provides an opportunity to interact actively, ask questions and give  feedback. The students are expected to be punctual and arrive on time. A record of late arrivals will be made and reflected in the class attendance and participation marks. However, in case of online teaching, students facing connectivity issues will be facilitated. They will be allowed to remain in touch with the instructor via phone/ Whatsapp. Students, when participating/learning from home, are required to watch/listen to online lectures and do relevant readings. All students are required to watch online videos uploaded or played by the instructor. Class participation will be marked through various activities including, but not limited to, reflections and creative problem solving tasks besides participation in class discussions.    **Class Sessions:**Students are encouraged to actively participate in class as a huge proportion of their grade (15%) will be on class participation (this includes both [attendance](http://tmoodle.fccollege.edu.pk/moodle/mod/attendance/view.php?id=27877) and active involvement in class activities). It is suggested that the students attend each class and take notes carefully.    **Classroom Conduct and Behavior:** Students are expected to maintain discipline in class. Idle “side talking”, texting in class, or completing other assignments during class time is strictly prohibited. If you have a question or a comment in mind, please raise your hand and wait for the instructor to respond before you proceed.    **Quiz/Exam/Assignment:** There will be no makeup quiz or makeup examination (both for midterm and for final term exams). Assignments must be submitted on time and late work will be penalized (-1 for each day after the deadline)  **Presentations:**  The students will be given presentations on different topics assigned by the instructor. You are welcome to add creativity to your presentations but it must be relevant to the assigned topic. Presentation (in written form) must be submitted on the day of presentation before it starts. Late submissions will be subject to deduction in points. You are strongly encouraged to follow the APA style of writing.  **Reflective Writing Assignments:** You need to hand in reflection papers for this course. These reflection papers will be based upon your personal reflections upon the reading material.  **Academic Integrity:**  **Plagiarism**is a form of cheating and dishonesty. It refers to the use of words or ideas without acknowledgement of the  author or the source. This includes information from websites, articles, books, another student's paper, etc. If you copy  someone else’s words, or even paraphrase someone’s ideas without giving them credit, you are plagiarizing. You will  learn the method to give credit to the author in class. There is zero tolerance for academic dishonesty and/ or plagiarism  in this class. If a student is found guilty, the university policy of plagiarism will be applicable. The student may be  given an F grade and the case will be forwarded to the Academic Integrity Committee (AIC).  **Submission time:**  The students should make sure that they submit the work on time. Any assignment or project submitted  late will not be entertained. | | | |
| Assessment/ Course Evaluation | * The students will make class presentations (5-7 minutes) on topics allocated to them. * The marks of attendance and participation will be awarded according to the presence and contribution of the students in the classroom. Creative problem solving tasks and/or reflections will be used for gauging class participation. * The marks for attendance will be given according to the percentage of classes attended. Students are expected to attend at least 85% of the classes. * Creative problem solving tasks based on Social Psychological issues/ quizzes will be given. * The students will take a final written exam and/or will do a Social Psychology project. | | | |
| **Assessment/Grading Criteria** | Class attendance | | | 5% |
| Class discussion/participation | | | 10 % |
| Assignments/ Social experiments | | | 10% |
| Quizzes/ creative problem solving tasks for social psychological issues (there will be three quizzes/tasks of which the two best will be counted). | | | 10% |
| Mid term test | | | 20 |
| Presentation | | | 10% |
| Final Term exam/ Project | | | 35% |
| Total | | | 100% |
|  | **Grading System** | | |  |
|  | A | 4.00 | 93-100 | Superior |
|  | A- | 3.70 | 90-92 |  |
|  | B+ | 3.30 | 87-89 |  |
|  | B | 3.00 | 83-86 | Good |
|  | B- | 2.70 | 80-82 |  |
|  | C+ | 2.30 | 77-79 |  |
|  | C | 2.00 | 73-76 | Satisfactory |
|  | C- | 1.70 | 70-72 |  |
|  | D+ | 1.30 | 67-69 |  |
|  | D | 1.00 | 60-66 | Passing |
|  | F | 0.00 | 59 or below | Failing |
| **Course Plan** | **Week** | **Topics and resources** | | **Due** |
|  | Review of the course outline and Introduction to Social Psychology  Chapter #1 | | Class participation and Discussion |
|  | The Self in a Social World  Chapter #2 | | Class participation and Discussion |
|  | Social Beliefs and Judgment Group Influence  Chapter #3 | | Lecture, Class Discussion   * Quiz 1 |
|  | Behavior and Attitudes  Chapter #4 | | Class participation and Discussion   * Social Experiment |
|  | Social Influence  Genes, Culture and Gender  Chapter #5 | | Class participation and Discussion |
|  | Conformity and Obedience  Chapter #6 | | Class participation and Discussion   * Assignment |
|  | Persuasion  Chapter #7 | | Class participation and Discussion |
|  | Group Influence  Chapter #8 | | Class participation and Discussion   * Quiz 2 |
|  | Group Influence  Prejudice: Disliking Others  Chapter #9 | | Class presentations |
|  | Aggression: Hurting Others  Chapter #10 | | Class presentations   * Assignment due |
|  | Attraction and Intimacy: Liking and Loving Others  Chapter #11 | | * Class presentations * Quiz 3 |
|  | Helping  Chapter #12 | | Class presentations |
|  | Conflict and Peacemaking | | Class presentations |
|  | Social Psychology  in the Clinic  Chapter #14  Social psychological research. | | Class presentations |
|  | **CULMINATING PROJECT/ FINAL TERM** | | Final exam/  project submission |
| **Changes to the Syllabus:**  This syllabus was designed to convey course information and requirements as accurately as possible. It is important to note however that it **may** be subject to change during the course depending on the needs of the class and other situational factors. Such changes would be for your benefit and you will be notified of them as soon as possible. | | | | |
| **Please note:**  Dear student please understand that this information about the course will be an overall broad sketch to follow. Social Psychology is a very interesting and practical subject. If you are regular in your class, and are carrying out related academic work, then the course will be a pleasant learning experience for you. I will be pleased to offer any help or assistance in case any further clarification is needed.  *Please make a note that in case of any unavoidable, new or unexpected situations arising, the instructor reserves the right to modify the procedures, policies, and course outline mentioned in this document. The changes will be communicated by the instructor in advance.*  **Student Support Services**  [Student Counseling Services](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/ccc/campus-counseling-center/). Students can contact the [Campus Counseling Center](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/ccc/campus-counseling-center/) at 0331-444-1518 or email [ccc@fccollege.edu.pk](mailto:ccc@fccollege.edu.pk).  [Writing Center](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/faculty-of-humanities/writing-center/)  [Mercy Health Center](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/mercy-health-center/)  **Other Useful FCCU Policy Documents:**  [Sexual Harassment Policy](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Doc1.pdf)  [Anti-Corruption Policy](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Anti-corruption.pdf)  [Academic integrity](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/policy-on-academic-integrity/)  [Plagiarism Policy](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FCCU-Plagiarism-Policy.pdf)  [Academic Calendar](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/academic-calendar/) | | | | |